



September News from Howard County Recycling

Labor Day – Slide Schedule in Effect



There will be **NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS** on Monday, September 6th. Collections will **slide** and be made one day later that week.

Visit our [Holiday Slide Schedule](#) page for more information.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill and County offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 6th.

Yard Trim Collection Tips

Fall is approaching! Brush up on your yard trim collection knowledge.

YARD TRIM THREE WAYS



Residents in our **Feed The Green Bin** Food Scrap Collection areas can set out yard trim and food scraps together in their green bin. Visit **FeedTheGreenBin.org** for more information.

Any reusable bin (no County-issued recycling container) can be used for yard trim collection. Containers should be **lidless** and weigh **less than 40 lbs.**



Grass & leaves can be set out in paper yard trim bags. Brush & branches should be tied in **bundles less than 4'** in length. **No plastic bags** will be accepted!

Find all curbside collection guidelines on our [website](#).

Know Before You Throw – Lead Acid Batteries

Lead acid batteries are those typically found in cars, boats and motorcycles. By law, these batteries are banned from landfills and incinerators because their toxicity levels pose a harm to our environment.

Fortunately, these batteries are readily recyclable! Most battery retailers will recycle lead acid batteries upon replacement. For residents who choose to replace their own, old lead acid batteries can be dropped off at the [Residents' Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill](#).



What happens to them?

All three main components within the battery (lead, acid and plastic) are recycled. Once separated, the lead is smelted and poured into ingot molds in preparation to be sent to battery manufacturers. They are then used to produce new lead plates for new batteries. The sulfuric acid can be converted into sodium sulfate, to be used in the production of household products like laundry detergent and glass. The polypropylene plastic pieces are sent to a plastic recycler where they can be heated and molded into new battery cases.

In 2020, we recycled about **29.17 tons** of lead acid batteries!

Missing a Wheel?

Did a wheel on your recycling cart fall off or go missing?

Spare cart wheels are available at our office (9801 Broken Land Parkway) and Kendall Hardware (12260 Clarksville Pike) during business hours.



Don't want to DIY? Fill out our [online form](#) and an inspector will repair you cart wheel for you.

Questions? Comments?



Getting your questions answered just got easier!

Need to exchange a cracked cart?

Don't see an item on our [Know Before You Throw](#) page?

Have a suggestion for our website?

Our **NEW** [online form](#) let's you easily submit a request. We're here to help!

Submit a
request

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