December News from Howard County Recycling

Christmas Day - Closures

The week of Christmas will have REGULAR curbside collections of trash, recycling, yard trim, and food scraps. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will close at 2:00pm on Friday, December 24th. County offices and Alpha Ridge Landfill will be CLOSED on Saturday, December 25th.

Learn which facilities close

Special Household Hazardous Waste Days

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off is closed for December, but there will be 3 special collections this winter:

- Saturday, January 8
- Saturday, February 5
- Saturday, March 5

The 2022 HHW season will resume the first Saturday of April.

Visit our HHW Page

Harvest Heap Recap

Our inaugural Harvest Heap Pumpkin Collection was a great success! Thank you to those who participated in a drop-off event or composted pumpkins in our Feed The Green Bin food scrap collection program.

The results are in: we recycled about 8,000 pounds of pumpkins from Howard County!

Don’t forget: pumpkins and other organic/compostable material can be dropped off at the Residents’ Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill year-round! Look for the Hungry Green Hippo container.

Learn more

Compost Facility Tour

Join us for an upcoming tour of the Composting Facility at Alpha Ridge Landfill:

Tuesday, December 7th at 11:00am

For questions, contact Jeff Dannis.

Sign up for the tour

Low-waste Holiday Tips

Have a Greener Holiday Season

**Reduce**

- Choose homemade or consumable gifts over store-bought
- Request minimal packaging when purchasing gifts
- Decorate a large houseplant instead of buying a real tree

**Reuse**

- Repurpose holiday cards in a holiday card collection
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**Recycle**

- Drop-off your holiday tree through the Howard County Recycles program
- Non-paper holiday cards, gift cards, and gift wrap can be recycled through curbside collection
- Broken glass holiday displays can be recycled through mail-in a drop-off program

Howard County Recycles 410-313-6444

Missing a Wheel?

Did a wheel on your recycling cart fall off or go missing?
Spare cart wheels are available during business hours at:

- Bureau of Environmental Services (9801 Broken Land Parkway)
- Kendall Hardware (12260 Clarksville Pike)

Don't want to DIY? Fill out our online form and an inspector will repair your cart wheel for you.

Know Before You Throw

- Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Curbside Collections
- Feed The Green Bin
- Know Before You Throw

Bureau of Environmental Services
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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