January News from Howard County Recycling

New Year’s Day - Closures

The week of New Year’s will have REGULAR curbside collections of trash, recycling, yard trim and food scraps.

Alpha Ridge Landfill will CLOSE at 2:00pm on Friday, December 31st.

County offices and Alpha Ridge Landfill will be CLOSED on Saturday, January 1st.

Learn which holidays slide

Important Note for Historic Ellicott City and Nearby Communities

Residents within this boundary who normally receive Saturday trash collection will slide back and occur on Friday, December 31. Learn more on our Historic Ellicott City Trash & Recycling page.

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.

Merry Mulch Begins

Our annual Merry Mulch season will run from December 26 - January 15. Help keep thousands of trees out of the landfill. All collected trees will be sent to the Alpha Ridge Landfill Composting Facility where they will be composted and mulched.

For residents with curbside yard trim collection, trees can be set out on their yard trim collection day. Several drop-off locations will also be available around the County. Please be sure to remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands and plastic bags.

Learn more

View the Map

Curbside Yard Trim Closes

Curbside Yard Trim collection is provided to most homes in Howard County and runs from April through mid-January.

2022 Yard Trim Season

Curbside Yard Trim will end on January 14, 2022 and will resume on March 28, 2022. Residents in our Feed The Green Bin food scrap collection program receive year-round collection and continue setting out Food Scraps and Yard Trim after January 14.

See if you're in our Feed the Green Bin Area

Compost Better in the Cafeteria

Does your school collect food scraps for composting from its cafeteria? Check out our new video to help brush up on your clean-up skills!

Not in the program? If your school is located in our Feed the Green Bin food scrap collection zone, you may be eligible! Complete our interest form for more information.

Learn more

Detangle String Light Recycling

Nominate a Green Business or Organization!
Award applications are NOW OPEN for 2021

The Howard County Recycling Division will be awarding local businesses and community organizations for their environmental efforts, projects and programs during calendar year 2021.

Nominations are available online and must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11.

Awards will be presented at the 15th annual Howard County GreenFest on Saturday, April 9th at Howard Community College.

Nominate a local business or organization:
- 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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