There will be NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS on Monday, September 5. Curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash will SLIDE and be made one day later that week. Bulk item collection will slide with trash collection. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will not slide. Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill and County offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5.

Learn more about slide holidays

Start the School Year Off Right

Let’s make this school year even greener! Our HoCo Schools Recycle page is here to help. Test your skills with our Know Before You Throw sorting game, discover a new fundraiser (or two) and learn how to reduce your school’s waste!

Download our Cafeteria Posters

Take a tour!

Have you toured the Residents’ Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill? Our office offers tours weekdays between 10am and 2pm. Email or call our office to schedule. Can’t make the tour? Check out our virtual option!

Recycling Presentations

Recycling presentations (in-person and virtual) can be scheduled Monday-Friday. We provide classroom, cafeteria or assembly-style presentations. Contact our office to schedule.

Schedule a Presentation or Tour

Alpha Ridge Landfill Survey Results Continued

In our previous newsletter we shared the results of our Alpha Ridge Landfill survey! In case you missed it, results can be viewed here.

Last month we looked at two major recycling suggestions (Styrofoam & plastic bags). This month we’ll look at two other popular requests from our survey.

"Clamshell" Plastics

“Clamshell” plastics or plastics typically found in the produce and bakery aisles of the grocery store have been a difficult plastic for our county and many others to recycle. Although stamped with a #1, it is nothing like the easily recyclable #1 plastic bottles. Due to the way these “clamshells” are formed, they become a challenge to sort and recycle. At this time, our recycling processor, Waste Management, does not have a viable end market for these plastics and we are unable to accept them in our stream. For reuse ideas, check out this website!

More Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Our very popular Household Hazardous Waste Collection days are held each Saturday from April through November. We also offer one Saturday a month during the winter off-season. Most of the collected materials include oil-based paints, full aerosol cans, and flammable items like rechargeable batteries and gasoline. Due to the nature of these materials, trained chemists must be on site to identify each item brought in. This is quite an expense, costing an average of $4,000 per event. We understand the importance of continuing this program but are unable to expand at this time due to cost.

Download the results

Know Before You Throw - Appliances

Is that old appliance still working? Working appliances should always be donated. Old refrigerators and freezers may even be eligible for a refund through BGE's Appliance Recycling Program. Non-functioning appliances are readily recyclable at Alpha Ridge Landfill’s Residents’ Convenience Center or through a scheduled scrap metal pickup.
Did you know...

Residents with County-provided collection services are eligible for up to two scrap metal collections per year. Batteries must be removed from any lawnmowers, scooters, or other battery-operated devices.

Visit our [website](#) for guidelines and how to schedule.

Recycle or Donate Appliances

Alpha Ridge Landfill

Curbside Collections

Feed The Green Bin

Know Before You Throw

Bureau of Environmental Services

9801 Broken Land Parkway

Columbia, MD 21046

410-313-6444

Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Rd

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Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm