

# Recycle. More. Often.

ALL your paper, plastic, metal and glass containers should go in your recycling container.

**Household recycling and trash  
MADE SIMPLE**



## Welcome

In an effort to better communicate with residents, we're launching a newsletter full of helpful information about our program and ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We hope you find this information useful and look forward to your feedback. Please share with your friends and neighbors. If they aren't recycling (or not as much as they could be) encourage them to do more. Recycling is a vital activity that helps reduce the need for landfill space. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

## Paper, Plastic, Metal, Glass. Oh my!

In a lifetime, the average American throws away 600 times their adult weight in garbage. In Anne Arundel County 29,000 tons of the materials residents disposed of as trash could have been recycled. Let that sink in.

Does one can in the trash instead of recycling really matter? Think about this – a TV can run for 3 hours on the energy saved from 1 recycled aluminum can. Aluminum beverage cans are 100% recyclable over and over again. *Forever.*

How can one plastic bottle really make a difference? When producing plastic products from recycled materials, 66% of energy is saved over using raw material. For every plastic bottle that is recycled, four are not.

One ton of recycled paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of



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[www.recyclemoreoften.com](http://www.recyclemoreoften.com)  
[www.aacounty.org/dpw/wastemanagement](http://www.aacounty.org/dpw/wastemanagement)  
[www.facebook/annearundelrecycling](http://www.facebook/annearundelrecycling)

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landfill space. Valuable natural resources should not be buried in a landfill. Of the 108,000 tons of trash that residents disposed of last year, 27% could have been recycled in our programs. That means Anne Arundel County could have EARNED revenue that SAVED our landfill space.



We encourage you to look for opportunities to recycle more from your home. To help inspire more recycling at home, consider turning a trash can into a recycling container in rooms outside of the kitchen. We've created a sticker to help. Visit [www.recyclemoreoften.com](http://www.recyclemoreoften.com) and click on Recycling Sticker in the menu on the left of your screen.



**When you need help with a collection issue call Customer Service at 410-222-6100.**

Aluminum can be recycled over and over again. Forever.



## Curbside Bulk Collection

Discarding your larger items is easier than ever! Large plastic items, like kid's indoor or outdoor playsets, hard plastic kiddie pools or plastic storage containers can be placed at the curb next to your yellow recycling cart on your regularly scheduled collection day.

If you have metal items, like an old stove, washer/dryer, refrigerator, or metal shelving, you can call our Customer Service number at 410-222-6100 to schedule collection of these items at the curb.

Up to three (3) trash items like mattresses, couches, chairs or wooden shelves can be placed next to your trash container on your regular collection day as well. Please consider donation of

reusable items first.



## Recycling on the Go

The season is nearly upon us when we spend less time at home and more time enjoying the outdoors. Some of those activities may include picnicking and visiting our local parks, nature trails and waterfront attractions. Recycling on the go is just as important as recycling at home. When you find yourself in a new place, look for recycling bins and utilize those when they are available. Not all locations use yellow to signify recycling, so remember to look for a recycling symbol or read the receptacle before placing your items for disposal in it.

## Be a Recycling Star!



Calling all Anne Arundel County high school aged artists, stylists, fashionistas, and recycling rock stars! PROM SEASON is here and the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works' Recycling and Waste Reductions Division is seeking your creative concept for formal wear. Here's the catch - *the finished product must be made with recyclable materials!* For more information check out the Contest page on [www.recyclemoreoften.com](http://www.recyclemoreoften.com) The deadline for applications is April 29th, 2016.



## Grass cutting season is here!

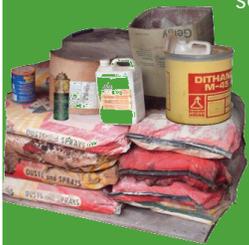
Our best advice when it comes to grass cutting is "cut it high and let it lie." If you decide to collect your grass clippings for disposal at the curb, please consider using a brown paper lawn bag instead of plastic. Composting with plastics can be expensive and time consuming. The ground plastics have to be separated from the yard waste during the composting process, while paper bags will compost right along with the leaves and grass clippings.

## Got (old) Chemicals?

Did you know Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) per year? The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in basements, garages or sheds. The best way to deal with HHW is to avoid creating it. Purchase only what you need, use all of it up or donate to a friend or charity, and use safer alternatives. If you still have HHW that you need to dispose of, utilize one of the County's six (6) Household Hazardous Waste events to properly dispose of materials labeled as toxic, poisonous or dangerous on the label. For safe and quick disposal always read labels for safe handling instructions, keep products in their original containers, place



several small containers together in a non-returnable box for quicker processing and DO NOT mix products. Transfer large amounts of fuel into travel-safe gas cans so staff can empty them and return them to the owner for reuse. See the 2016 HHW Schedule below for event dates and locations.



## Textile Recycling

We are proud to introduce Textile Recycling to our Recycling Centers. Residents can now recycle the following items:

- Fabrics
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Bed Linens
- Stuffed Animals
- And more...

For a complete list of accepted items, visit our website. All materials must be dry and fairly clean. They cannot be damp or smell like mildew.

Items placed in the new Textile collection bins will be separated by usability. Reusable items will go to thrift stores throughout the US and other countries to be used as second hand clothing or recycled for rags or basic fiber to create new products.



**Anne Arundel County began collecting HHW in 1988.**

If all 300 million Americans *reused* just one T-shirt, 210 billion gallons of water and 1 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> would be saved.

## 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

Date	Location
April 9, 2016	Millersville Landfill, 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD 21144
May 14, 2016	Southern Recycling Center, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale, MD 20571
June 11, 2016	Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060
July 23, 2016	Millersville Landfill, 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD 21144
September 17, 2016	Southern Recycling Center, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale, MD 20571
October 22, 2016	Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Earth Day is  
April 22nd!

