



SOLID WASTE UPDATE

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Are You Making Good Use of Collection Error Stickers?

We know that stopping to tag a resident's container with a collection error sticker can be time-consuming. However, error stickers have been proven to be an effective way to reduce improper set-out.

Collection crews should place error stickers on set-outs that have obvious problems and **leave them**. Error stickers ensure that residents know why their household trash, recycling or yard material was not collected. It also teaches them how to set their materials out correctly for their next collection day.

Through education and enforcement, we can ensure that crew members remain safe, recycling is not contaminated, and yard material is set out properly. If you need collection stickers, please contact your assigned collection supervisor or visit the scale house at ESL, CAF or WAF.

COLLECTION CORNER

Separate Yard Material Collection Resumes in April.

Beginning April 1, yard materials will be collected separately for recycling from Baltimore County residents with "Y" days on their schedule. These separate yard material collections will occur from April through as late as December 14.

County regulations require that yard materials set out for separate "Y" day collection **must** be placed in heavy-duty paper lawn and leaf bags or bundled with non-plastic string. For these set-outs, plastic bags will not be accepted.

Yard materials acceptable for recycling collection include grass, leaves, vines, twigs, shrubbery trimmings, branches and limbs. Branches and limbs will be collected only if they are no larger than 3 inches in diameter and no longer than 3 feet.

If a resident's schedule has no "Y" days, their yard materials will continue to be collected with trash year-round.

<p>YARD MATERIALS COLLECTION ERROR NOTICE</p> <p>Sorry! We wanted to take your materials today, but there was at least one problem from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials were placed out for collection in plastic bag(s) or trash container(s) Trash or a mixture of trash and yard materials was set out Branches and limbs were set out incorrectly (length must not exceed 3 feet and diameter must not exceed 3 inches; must be tied with non-plastic string) Wrong materials set out for this collection day <p>Please set out your yard materials correctly for your next scheduled yard materials collection.</p> <p>You can check your program guide (based on County regulations) or the County website for more information. baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation Bureau of Solid Waste Management solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.gov 410-887-2000</p>	<p>TRASH COLLECTION DAY ERROR NOTICE</p> <p>Sorry! We wanted to take your materials today, but there was at least one problem from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Container(s) had a lid permanently attached by rope, wire, chains, springs, or other means Wrong materials set out for this collection day Unacceptable material was set out Material placed out for collection was in a red, pink, or yellow bag <p>Please set out your trash correctly for your next scheduled trash collection.</p> <p>You can check your program guide (based on County regulations) or the County website for more information. baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation Bureau of Solid Waste Management solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.gov 410-887-2000</p>	<p>"SINGLE STREAM" RECYCLING ERROR NOTICE</p> <p>Sorry! We wanted to take your materials today, but there was at least one problem from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials were placed out for collection in plastic bag(s) or plastic bags were placed out with recyclables Container(s) had a lid permanently attached by rope, wire, chains, springs, or other means Container(s) not clearly marked for recycling use only Trash or a mixture of trash and recyclables was set out Wrong materials set out for this collection day <p>Please set out your recyclables correctly for your next scheduled recycling collection.</p> <p>You can check your program guide (based on County regulations) or the County website for more information. baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation Bureau of Solid Waste Management solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.gov 410-887-2000</p>
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RECYCLING NEWS



The Recycling Division has been busy conducting tours of our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Cockeysville. Staff member, **Trevor Hummel** received a nice note of appreciation along with a photo of his tour with students from The Park School of Baltimore.

“Trevor, Thank you for giving us a tour yesterday. As a county resident who frequently drops off at the other side of the facility, I was super impressed by the operation just over the hill. That was a really cool experience, and I appreciate you making it happen (and allowing us to take photos!).” - John Apostolo



Staff members also had the opportunity to promote home composting and answer recycling questions for attendees at the annual Spring Home and Garden Show in Timonium.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Currently there are job openings in the Bureau, listed below. Click on the link to see salary, closing dates and other available openings.

Engineer IV - Disposal
Equipment Operator
Laborer II
Landfill Equipment Operator
Production Operator (Non Merit)
Solid Waste Supervisor
Solid Waste Truck Driver (Non-Merit)

MONTHLY RIDDLE

Submitted by Bureau retiree Steve Lippy:

They have no bodies, but you could say they have tails and heads. What are they?

You can email your answer to **Rashida White** at rwhite@baltimorecountymd.gov.

The answer to last month's riddle (*What item binds two people yet touches only one?*) is a wedding ring. Kudos to **Brian Small** and **Lynne Beck** for responding with the correct answer.

Correction to January's riddle: Pine trees do have leaves. The needles are their leaves. Who knew?

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