

# Why Recycle?



# Alpha Ridge Landfill

# Recycling in Howard County



Howard County  
MARYLAND  
Recycles  
410-313-7678  
www.howardcountymd.gov/recycles.org

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**2350 Marriottsville Road**  
**Hours: 8am to 4pm, Monday - Saturday**

The ARL Convenience Center is free for Howard County residents; just show your driver's license.

- Antifreeze
- Appliances
- Automobile batteries
- Carpet & padding\*
- Clothing & textiles
- Compressed gas tanks
- Cooking oil
- Electronics (items with a plug or batteries)
- Food Scraps (FeedTheGreenBin.org)
- Household hazardous waste  
(Saturdays only April-November)
- Mattresses & box springs
- Metal (scrap)
- Motor oil
- Reusable building materials
- Rigid plastics (lawn furniture, playhouses, coolers, etc.)
- Styrofoam™
- Tires
- Yard/Wood waste

\*Fee applies

For a map of the Convenience Center and more details about Alpha Ridge Landfill, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/ARL.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ARL.htm)

## Questions?

410-313-6444

[help@HowardCountyRecycles.org](mailto:help@HowardCountyRecycles.org)

[www.HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HowardCountyRecycles.org)

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## It's Simple

Place your recyclable paper, plastic, cans, glass and cardboard together in the same container. No need to remove lids or labels, but please make sure containers are empty.

## To Reduce Trash

Every item that is reused or recycled is one less item in the trash. Also consider:

- Donating to Goodwill or Salvation Army
- Exploring online classifieds
- Customer take-back programs for CFLs, electronics and batteries. Check out Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, My Organic Market, Staples, etc. for program details.

## Your Contribution Matters

- American's generate 4.5 lbs of trash everyday!
- Recycling 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours.

Source: EPA

## Holiday Slide Schedule

No collections will be made on the following holidays:

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|------------------|------------------|
| New Year's Day   | Labor Day        |
| Memorial Day     | Thanksgiving Day |
| Independence Day | Christmas Day    |

For a holiday listed above and the rest of that week, ALL trash, recycling and yard trim collections will slide to the next day. For a chart of your holiday collections, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/HolidaySchedule.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/HolidaySchedule.htm).

# Recycling Guide for County Collections

**YES**

**NO**

## Paper

- drink boxes
- milk cartons
- newspaper and inserts
- white or colored paper
- food and snack boxes
- hard and soft cover books
- greeting cards
- non-foil gift wrap
- catalogs and magazines
- junk mail
- phone books
- bagged shredded paper
- three ring binders

## Paper

- paper towels
- tissues
- napkins
- food-soiled paper plates or cups
- foil gift wrap
- ice cream containers
- wax paper
- laminated paper

## Plastic

- bottles (milk jugs, soda, detergent, salad dressing, cooking oil, shampoo, liquid soap, spray products, etc.)
- tubs
- jars
- trays
- disposable cups and plates (non acrylic)
- flower pots
- toys
- buckets

## Plastic

- styrofoam™ (take to Alpha Ridge for recycling)
- plastic clam shells (packaging for electronics, toys, batteries, berries, baked goods, etc.)
- CDs, DVDs or jewel cases
- acrylic plastic
- motor oil containers
- pesticide bottles
- VHS tapes
- plastic electronics
- juice pouches
- crinkly wrappers from snacks and chips

## Cans

- aluminum and steel cans (drink, food, and pet food)
- EMPTY aerosol cans (hairspray, whipped cream, etc.)
- aluminum foil
- pie and cake pans

## Cans

- propane cylinders
- beach or lawn chairs
- pots and pans
- scrap metal

## Glass

- bottles
- jars

## Glass

- window glass
- drinking glasses
- mirrors
- ceramics
- crystal
- cookware
- light bulbs

## Cardboard

- flatten all boxes to less than 4' x 6'
- bundling is preferred but not required
- bundles should be no higher than 6 inches

## Cardboard

- styrofoam™ inserts
- food-soiled boxes

**Please leave lids & caps on containers.**

**No yard trim or trash in your recycling container.  
Nontransparent bags of recyclables will not be collected.  
Place carts and items within 5 feet of the nearest public road.**



# Recycle Outside The Bin

## Plastic Bags

Plastic bags & stretch film should be returned to stores for recycling. Why? They damage equipment at the curbside recycling processor.

## Get Rid of Stuff

Visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/WhatShouldIDoWith.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/WhatShouldIDoWith.htm) to find reuse and recycling options for almost everything!

## Bulk Item & Scrap Metal Collection

Please consider reuse options first! Pick up of bulk trash items or scrap metal must be scheduled. Call 410-313-6444 or visit [HowardCountyBulkPickup.org](http://HowardCountyBulkPickup.org)

## Styrofoam™

Foam packaging, clean food trays, cups, containers and egg cartons marked with can be recycled at Alpha Ridge Landfill. No foam peanuts, insulation or other non-foam #6 containers. [www.howardcountymd.gov/Styrofoam.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Styrofoam.htm)

## Household Hazardous Waste

HHW items can be taken to the Alpha Ridge Landfill on Saturdays ONLY in April-November. [www.howardcountymd.gov/HHW.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/HHW.htm)

## Composting

The County provides free bins for backyard composting. [www.howardcountymd.gov/Composting.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Composting.htm)

## Yard Trim Recycling

Use paper bags or reusable containers for curbside yard trim collection or Alpha Ridge drop-off. [www.howardcountymd.gov/YardTrim.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/YardTrim.htm)

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