

## You Can Recycle Even More!

In addition to the items you can recycle at home, you can recycle other items at Montgomery County's Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, Maryland 20855.

### Facility Hours of Operation:

**Monday – Friday:** 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Saturday:** 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) for a complete list of acceptable materials and instructions.

### Examples of acceptable materials:

- Antifreeze and motor oil
- Automobile and boat batteries
- Automotive tires
- Clothing, textiles, and shoes
- Computers, televisions, and other electronic items
- Cooking oil
- Propane and helium tanks
- Usable construction materials
- Household hazardous waste (HHW)
  - Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
  - Oil-based paint
  - Paint thinners and solvents
  - Household rechargeable batteries
  - Mercury thermometers
  - Cleaning products
  - Pesticides and herbicides
  - Photographic chemicals
  - Unwanted fuels such as gasoline

For more information on HHW, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste).

**Furniture:** To find out how to arrange pick-up for a donation of usable furniture, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/useitagain](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/useitagain).



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# RECYCLING MADE EASY



## in your apartment or condominium



Montgomery County Recycles!

## Reduce and Reuse

Find ways to reduce the amount of waste generated and disposed of as trash when you shop, work and play. This includes taking a close look at what you buy, where you buy it, how you buy it (use reusable bags!), how well you use it, and what you do with it when you no longer need it (donate!). Not only will you be conserving natural resources, but you will be saving money as well.

## Recycle

Montgomery County requires all residents and businesses to recycle commingled materials, mixed paper, scrap metal, yard trim and Christmas trees. Each multi-family property in the county must have on-site recycling programs for these materials. The County's Division of Solid Waste Services will work with your property manager to develop a program that makes recycling easy and convenient for everyone.

Apartment-sized recycling bins are available to help you recycle in your unit. Bring recyclables to the recycling collection area for your building, and put them in the containers marked for recycling. If you use plastic bags to collect your recyclable materials, please do not place the bags in the recycling containers.

## Close the Loop!

When shopping, purchase items made from recycled materials or wrapped in recycled packaging. Look for the "made with recycled content" symbol. When you buy recycled products, you help make Montgomery County's recycling program a success by creating demand for recycled materials.



## Why Recycle?

We all have a responsibility to use our resources wisely. Recycling conserves energy, saves precious natural resources, reduces pollution, and reduces the amount of trash sent to County disposal facilities. By recycling, you contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment and a more sustainable economy. And, Montgomery County has a goal to reduce waste and recycle 70 percent of all waste generated in the county by 2020.

Did you know...

- The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can will power a television for three hours. And, manufacturing aluminum cans with recycled aluminum uses 95 percent less energy than manufacturing using virgin ore.
- Recycling one ton (2,000 lbs) of paper saves 17 trees. Most cereal boxes are made of 100 percent recycled paper.
- Plastic is made from natural gas or petroleum — recycling it conserves these resources.
- The typical glass container is made up of as much as 70 percent recycled glass.
- Glass and metals such as steel and aluminum never wear out — they can be remanufactured into new products as many times as they are recycled.

**Why throw away something  
that can be recycled into  
a new product?**

Call your property manager or visit the TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) Program website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) for more information.



**YES!**

# Recycle More Now!

## Glass Bottles and Jars

- Clear, green, and brown food and beverage glass bottles and jars
- Examples: soft drink, beer, juice and wine bottles; spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, and pickle jars
- Remove lids from bottles/jars before placing lids in the recycling container

## Plastic Bottles, Containers, Trays, and Lids

- Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, caps, pails, buckets, and flower pots
- Plastic durable reusable containers and lids
- #1 PET clamshell containers, trays, deli containers, domes, cups and lids
- Examples: juice, water, soft drink, prescription pill, cooking oil, salad dressing, shampoo, toilet cleaner, detergent and bleach bottles; yogurt, mayonnaise, potato salad, and margarine containers and lids; kitty litter and ice cream pails and lids; and plastic nursery/flower pots

## Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans and Foil Products

- Non-hazardous empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans and bi-metal (steel/tin) food and beverage containers
- Aluminum foil and foil products
- Examples: sardine, soup, vegetable and pet food cans; aluminum foil, foil cookware (such as pie plates and lasagna pans), and foil TV dinner trays; cooking oil spray, deodorant, hairspray and shaving cream aerosol cans
- Lids are recyclable. Please secure lid inside can if possible.

Please empty and rinse all containers and foil products. Labels are okay.

**NO!**

- No broken glass or mirror or window glass
- No drinking glasses, cups, plates, or cookware
- No ceramics or light bulbs
- No automotive parts
- No household metal items such as pots, pans, or furniture. Recycle these items separately as scrap metal.
- No Styrofoam™/polystyrene products (#6 plastics)
- No plastic utensils, bowls, or plates
- No automotive product containers (such as motor oil, antifreeze, or brake fluid)
- No pesticide containers
- No plastic wrap or bags (Plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.)

## Mixed Paper

- Milk/juice cartons, juice and drink boxes, frozen food boxes and produce boxes
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes (remove liner) and other paperboard boxes
- Unwanted mail, receipts, and envelopes (plastic windows are OK)
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)
- Hard/soft cover books and telephone books
- Office/computer paper
- All other clean, dry paper

Use a paper bag for easy mixed paper storage in your home.

- No plastic bags
- No packing material such as Styrofoam™/polystyrene
- No photographic or carbon paper
- No paper/cardboard contaminated with food (pizza boxes), paint, chemicals, or kitty litter
- No foil gift wrap, paper towels, napkins, or tissues

## Scrap Metal (Metal and predominantly metal items)

- Examples: Household items (such as irons, pots, pans, lamps, and hangers), appliances (such as refrigerators/freezers, washers/dryers, humidifiers, air conditioners, and toasters), metal bed frames, cabinets, furniture, fencing, tools, and pipes
- Check with your property manager to find out how scrap metal is collected and recycled at your property.
- If you purchase a new appliance, ask the store if they will remove and recycle the old appliance.

- Do not place scrap metal in trash or commingled materials recycling containers.
- No vehicle or automotive parts, including engine blocks
- No paint cans
- No oxygen or propane tanks or other containers under pressure

## Christmas Trees

- Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and garland before recycling.
- Talk to your property manager to find out dates and collection areas for Christmas tree recycling.

- No trees with root balls
- No trees in plastic bags

