

REDUCE

prevent waste

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place, this is called source reduction. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy - raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold.

Taking steps to reduce, impedes an item's entry into the waste stream - to be recycled, composted, incinerated, landfills.

-  Save money, buy less
-  Avoid packaging
-  Allow products to be used to their fullest extent



TALKING TRASH

Over the last few decades, the generation, recycling, composting, and disposal of *MSW has changed substantially. While solid waste generation has increased, from 3.66 to 5.98 pounds per person per day between 1980 and 2014, the recycling rate has also increased from less than 10 percent of *MSW generated in 1980 to over 43.5 percent in 2015 in Maryland.

Source:

<http://mga.leg.maryland.gov/Pubs/LegisLegal/2017-Waste-Management.pdf>

*Municipal Solid Waste

REUSE

better than recycling

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Instead of discarding unwanted appliances, tools, or clothes, try selling or donating them. Not only will you be reducing waste, you'll be helping others. This [Reuse Directory](#) can help you locate where to donate and purchase good used items that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

-  Prevent usable goods from going into landfills
-  Helps your community and those in need
-  Tax benefits may be available
-  Remember, yard sales, pawn shops, classified ads, auctions, and antique stores are also good sources for buying or selling reusable items.

TRY THESE small STEPS!

-  Buy used, its often less expensive
-  Take a reusable mug to work
-  Use rechargeable batteries
-  Reuse bags, bottles, & jars
-  Purchase refillable printer cartridges, pens, & pencils
-  Use the back of one-sided copy paper as note pads or print duplex
-  Buy reusable over disposable items
-  Consider cloth diapers
-  Use cloth napkins and silverware at meal times
-  Take reusable bags to the market
-  Purchase servicable appliances
-  Repair clothing & other items
-  Stop the junk mail, be removed from mailing lists
-  Reduce toxicity, use natural and/or homemade cleaning products
-  Request electronic bills and statements
-  Compost food waste in your backyard

RECYCLE

when you can

When you've done all you can do to avoid waste, recycle.

In Allegany County you can recycle: glass, aluminum and steel cans, #1 & #2 plastic containers, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, tires, oil, antifreeze, yard waste, electronics, major appliances,, plastic film (at retailers), and batteries.

-  Choose products made from recycled materials they typically consumes less energy and conserves raw materials.

Special recycling events are held for tires, household hazardous waste, and electronics. Sign up for event notifications at alleganygov.org.

The Allegany County **Mulch & Yard Waste Recycling Site** on 11700 PPG Road, Cumberland, MD accepts grass, leaves, and limbs (no larger than 4" in diameter). **DO NOT DUMP** stumps, roots, rubble, demolition, railroad ties, pallets, plastic bags, or garbage. Free mulch may be removed at no charge, no guarantee on quality or quantity.

How do I get rid of this?

Questions can be directed to Allegany County Recycling



301-777-5933 x 210  recycling@alleganygov.org

REUSE



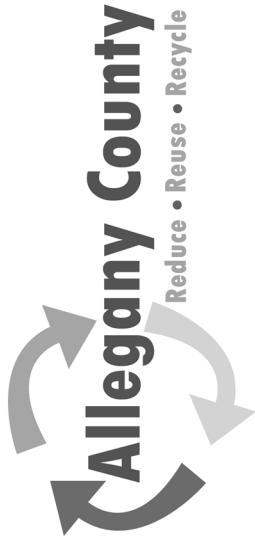
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REUSE DIRECTORY

*** donations MUST be CLEAN, in GOOD condition, and in WORKING ORDER ***

accepted items	organization code	accepted items	organization code
Accessories (hats, gloves, etc.)	3, 6, 8, 14, 16, 18	Garden Equipment, Landscape Tools, & Plant Containers	1, 3, 5, 7
Antiques & Collectables	3, 6, 16	Hangers	9, 16
Appliances (large - washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves)	2, 5, 9, 15	Holiday Decorations	5, 6, 7, 9
Appliances (small, coffee pots, toasters, irons)	3, 5, 14, 15, 16	Household Items	3, 5, 6, 14, 16, 18
Art Items (pictures, frames, pottery)	3, 6, 14, 16	Linens	3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 16, 18
Art Supplies	3, 5, 8, 16	Medical Equipment & Supplies	1, 5, 7, 11
Baby Items (cribs, playpens, etc. - NO car seats)	3, 5, 16, 18	Music (CD, Records) & Movies (DVD)	3, 5, 8, 16
Bicycles	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 18	Musical Instruments	3, 5, 16
Books	3, 15, 16	Office Supplies & Equipment	1, 3, 5, 7
Buckets	1, 3, 5, 7, 15, 16, 18	Packing Material (bubble wrap, air pillows, packing peanuts)	12, 19
Building Materials	1, 5, 7, 15	Paint	1, 3, 5, 15, 16
Cleaning Supplies	3,5,7,10,15,16,17,18,21	Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper)	1,3,5,8,10,15,16,17,18,21
Clothing - Adult	3, 5, 6, 14, 16, 18	Pet Supplies (food, kennels, carriers, litter boxes)	1, 3, 5, 7, 15
Clothing - Children's (preemie - teen)	3,5,6,9,13,14,16, 18, 20	Printer Cartridges	1
Computers, Electronics, & Copy Machines	1, 7	School Supplies	5, 9
Craft Supplies	3, 5, 8, 9, 16	Sewing Machines	3, 5, 16
Curtains & Rugs	5, 6, 7, 14, 16	Sports Equipment	3, 5, 16
Dishes	2, 3, 6, 14, 16	Stuffed Animals	1, 3, 6, 7, 15, 16
Exercise Equipment	3, 5, 6, 9	Toiletries	3, 5, 10, 16, 17, 18
Eyeglasses	3, 11, 18	Tools	1, 3, 5, 7
Food -Non-Perishable	5, 8, 10, 18, 21	Toys (games, puzzles, plastic toys)	3, 6, 7, 16
Food - Perishable	5, 18, 21	Vehicles	1, 5, 6, 7, 18
Furniture	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 16	Video Games	3, 8, 16

Please call ahead to be sure your items are needed at the time of donation.

Organization Name	Telephone	Website/ Email	Notes
1 Allegany County Animal Shelter	301-777-5930	www.alleganyanimalshelter.com	
2 Archway Station	301-777-1700x2117	www.archwaystation.net	
3 Barkin' Basement	301-777-0826	barkinbasementthriftshop.com	
4 Bikes for the World			Saturday before Memorial Day at Canal Place - small donation required
5 Bruce Outreach Center	301-268-3007	4godsolovedyou@gmail.com	
6 Goodwill	301-729-9404	www.horizongoodwill.org	
7 Heart Of The Earth Sanctuary and Rescue Inc.	240-727-6004		
8 Hope Station	240-362-7168		
9 HRDC Head Start & Early Head Start	301-783-1822	www.alleganyhrdc.org	
10 Interfaith Food Pantry Cumberland	301-777-7882		
11 LaVale Lion's Den	301-729-4166	www.lavalelions.com	
12 Mail Room	301-729-8622		
13 Our Lady of the Mountains Parish	301-777-1750	www.olmcumberland.org	
ONLY children's clothing in very good condition and clean is accepted. Free Children's Clothing Room open every Wednesday morning.			
14 Past Perfect	240-964-8051	www.wmhs.com/foundationauxiliary.html	
15 Safe Shelter	240-522-7416	safeshelterinc@hotmail.com	
16 Salvation Army	301-777-7600	www.salvationarmyusa.org	
17 St. Paul's Lutheran Church	301-722-6604	www.stpaulcumberland.org	
18 Union Rescue Mission	301-724-1585	aziler@urmcumberland.org	
19 UPS	301-724-4200		
20 Welsh Baptist Church	301-689-6332	www.welshbaptist.com	
Free clothing available to the public on the first Thursday evening of the month, or by appt. Call to arrange for a drop-off or pick-up.			
21 Western Maryland Food Bank	301-722-2797	www.wmfoodbank.org	

If an organization or business would like inclusion in the next edition or is interested in being added, please request a questionnaire from the Recycling Office

Allegany County Recycling Office 301-777-5933x210 recycling@alleganygov.org