RECYCLE COACH NOW AVAILABLE

Imagine having the answers to all your household waste questions at your fingertips! Which container do I put this item in? Is tomorrow my pick-up day? When do I bring oil-based paint in for collection?

Waste Management Services is pleased to announce that we’ve partnered up with the largest recycling education network – Recycle Coach. This app is designed to provide informative and educational communication regarding recycling, trash, yard waste, and more in an instant. A few features include:

- Curbside Collection Schedule Reminders
- Holiday Schedule Updates
- Event Schedule for Household Hazardous Waste events and outreach events
- Interactive Educational Campaigns
- “What Goes Where” search tool

The “What Goes Where” feature is a searchable database of thousands of items that provides information on proper disposal. Providing the collection requirements and instructions ensures customer service at the curb, the County Recycling Centers, and the Landfill.

Now more than ever, it’s imperative to “Recycle More Recycle Right” and with its convenience and user-friendly platform, we’re confident Recycle Coach will play a significant role in that success. The Recycle Coach™ app is free to download and it is available from The App Store and Google Play. More information is available on the desktop site at https://recyclecoach.com/anne-arundel/.

We’d love to hear your review! Send comments and questions to the Recycling and Waste Reduction Division at pwлага22@aacounty.org.

COVID-19 UPDATE - Operating Status

Avoid non-essential visits to the County Landfill and Recycling Centers.

- ONLY ten vehicles are permitted to enter and use a Recycling Center at any one time.
- ONLY bring waste that requires immediate disposal.
- Use curbside collection for your household recyclables, yard waste, and bagged trash; avoid putting out old furniture, mattresses, or similar bulk items.
- Wait until after State restrictions are lifted to bring us material that can’t be collected curbside.
2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Schedule

The Bureau of Waste Management Services organizes several days throughout the year for residents to drop-off hazardous chemicals from the home. Two events each are held at the Northern and Southern Recycling Centers and two events are held at the Millersville Landfill.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the April 4th, May 9th, and June 6th Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events were cancelled in accordance with State prohibitions on large gatherings. Residents are asked to visit www.aacounty.org for information and updates on the remaining scheduled events.

Unless used and disposed of according to directions, some household chemicals may present a threat to the environment. Special handling is required to dispose of them properly. Materials collected are recycled or disposed in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. A licensed private company under contract to the County provides these services.

Things to Know Before You Go

During the events, trained personnel will ask you to remain in your car while they unload the HHW from your trunk. To make unloading safe for staff and fast for you: Tightly secure all container lids to avoid leaks and spills then set your HHW in plastic totes or boxes to contain accidental spills during transport.

- Call 410-222-7951 before an event if you have any drums of material.
- Transfer unwanted fuel into travel-safe gas cans so staff can empty them and return them back to the owner for reuse.
- Keep materials in their original packaging, when possible, and label any material that had to be packed in alternative containers. Never mix different types of HHW in one container.
- Secure your material in your vehicle’s trunk, backseat or truck bed, to keep it safely away from passengers during transport.
- Make sure items can be easily accessed. Never cover or block your materials under other items like trash or yard waste. https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days

Anne Arundel County began collecting household hazardous waste in 1988. Since then, the program has served over 85,500 customers, removing 7,377,548 pounds of toxic chemicals and household/boating products from the waste stream.

You can help reduce the cost of this program by:

- Avoid purchasing hazardous household materials
- Using up what you buy
- Giving away what you cannot use
- Using safer alternatives

Drop-off hours are from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** (at all locations and all dates).

Program is for Anne Arundel County Residents **ONLY**.

Commercially registered vehicles, including rentals, and commercial waste are **not accepted**.

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Subcell 9.2 Construction Update

The second phase of Cell 9 development began on February 24, 2020, under the County’s approved Capital Improvement Program. This is the second 15-acre portion of the overall 85-acre Cell 9 disposal area located along the southern side of the County’s facility. When completed in the Spring 2021, the project will provide approximately 1.6 million cubic yards of waste disposal capacity. Based on our current rate of filling, the Subcell 9.2 disposal area is expected to last for approximately 5 years.

Currently, the construction activities include excavating approximately 600,000 cubic yards of sand and clay materials to “shape in” the disposal area. Once the soil excavation work is completed, we will begin the process of lining the landfill subcell with clay and geosynthetic materials.

To get additional updates on Subcell 9.2 construction, please watch for our next quarterly newsletter.

Grass-cycling

Cut it high and let it lie!

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends leaving grass clippings on your lawn rather than collecting and bagging them to reduce the amount of waste that is collected and processed. Grass-cycling enhances the natural health of your lawn. Grass clippings increase the soil’s organic matter, along with its ability to retain moisture and nutrients, resist erosion, and maintain cooler temperatures during the summer. Clippings should be no more than one inch long in order to fall through the grass into the soil.

Easy Grass-cycling Tips to Improve Your Lawn this Season:

- Mow high and leave grass clippings on the lawn. Mowing higher helps the lawn crowd out weeds, and results in more grass blades, more upright growth, better shade tolerance and deeper roots.
- Use a mulching mower. They leave clippings in an even layer that blends in with your lawn.
- Grass clippings are 75 - 85% water - so you can water less by leaving them on your lawn. They also return nutrients to the soil and can generate up to 50% of your lawn’s fertilizer needs.
- Grass-cycling reduces the amount of organic material you dispose, which helps the environment and saves money.
- Have you tried composting? Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste can be composted in your own backyard!

Effective April 1, 2020, recycling cart services for repairs and deliveries are suspended due to COVID-19. Please consider using a reusable container marked with a visible “X” for your recycling needs. For more information, please call Customer Service Team at 410-222-6100, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Effective April 1, 2020, Bulk Metal Collection is suspended due to COVID-19. For additional information, please contact our Customer Service Team at 410-222-6100, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.
Operating Hours

The current operating schedule for the Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility is:

Monday – Saturday  8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Check our website www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management for dates that our facility is closed.

Please feel free to contact us at any time. We want to hear from you, especially if you have a concern.

Stephen Krajcsik – Operations Administrator
Michael Porath – Disposal & Maintenance Manager
Rich Bowen – Recycling & Waste Reduction Manager
Anita Grayson-Evans – Community Services Manager

Please refer any questions or comments to these individuals at 410-222-6108 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Outside of business hours, for emergencies call 410-222-8400 and for inquiries please contact us using 311 by visiting our website or using the 311 app.