

# Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility **Community Newsletter**

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## Are You A **Recycling Pro?**



This Community Newsletter was prepared by Anne Arundel County, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Waste Management Services.

Its purpose is to provide information about current and future operations at the Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility, and related activities that may interest our neighbors.

# <u>Subcell 9.3 Construction—Update</u>

Construction of Cell 9, Subcell 9.3 is proceeding as planned and has been highlighted in previous Community Newsletter Articles. This is the third 15-acre portion of the overall 85-acre disposal area on the southern side of the Millersville Landfill property.

Over the past several months, the contractor has made significant progress on constructing the bottom liner

system, consisting of (from bottom to top):



- 18 inches of recompacted clay
- secondary geomembrane liner
- geosynthetic leak detection layer
- primary geomembrane liner
- geosynthetic leachate collection layer
- 24 inches of leachate collection aggregate with collection piping

The clay layer and the secondary liner and leak detection layer were completed in June and the prima-

ry liner and leachate collection layer should be completed by the end of August. Installation of the leachate collection piping and aggregate drainage material is scheduled for September, with all phases of the liner construction to be finished in early October. Check back for our construction update (and hopefully "Open Day") in a future newsletter.

# Millersville Landfill Cell 9 Volume Enhancement Update

As detailed in previous newsletter articles, the County is in the process of seeking approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to increase the capacity of the Cell 9 disposal area without changing its overall 84-acre size. These enhancements include increasing the height, steepening the side slopes, modifying methods used to construct stormwater controls and incorporating alternative materials into its final closure capping system. clude:

- Phase I Report: Cell 9 Vertical Expansubmitted to MDE in November, 2023.
- Phase I Public mation Meeting held on May 23, 2024
- Phase I Permit Application approved by MDE on June 6, 2024
- Phase II Report: Geological and Hydrological Information submitted to MDE on October 1, 2024
- MDE comments on the Phase II Re-

port received on January 15, 2025

County response to MDE comments submitted April 16, 2025

The Department of Public Works website includes a detailed description of the project, including the Phase I Public Informational Meeting presentation, MDE's letter of June 6, 2024 approving the Phase I application, the Phase II Report, MDE comments on the Phase On-going permitting activities in- II report and the County's response to comments. As this process continues, additional information and notifications of public particision, Application for Permit Modification pation events will be posted on the website for public review.

> Please visit Anne Arundel County Public Works News at https://www.aacounty.org/ public-works/news/cell-9volume-enhancements scan the QR code for additional information concerning this initiative.



**Public** Works News!



# **Recycling in Anne Arundel County**

Each year, we challenge elementary and middle school students to create artwork inspiring everyone to recycle more, whether they're at home, school, work, or out and about. We're incredibly proud of all the schools that participated in this year's contest!

Please join us in celebrating these talented students and their fantastic work, which was made possible by the dedication and support of their teachers. Please visit our Facebook Page at Facebook.com/ AnneArundelRecycling to view all contest participants and announcements.



Elementary School Recycle More, Recycle Right Poster Contest First Place: Quaterfield Elementary

Middle School Recycling 3-D Sculpture Contest First Place: "The Forest's Voice' by Yoshia L., Arundel Middle School



#### Recycle at the Curb

The Bureau of Waste Management Ser- The Bureau extends recycling options Recycling isn't just for home; it's also each week. For trash, there's a limit of from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. four containers per week.

Additionally, residents can place up to three large trash items at the curb on their normal curbside collection day.

Please note that large trash items cannot be made of metal or glass, or can they be too large for two people to safely lift for disposal. Examples of accepted large trash items include a loveseat, a box spring, a mattress, or a TV. Please note, construction debris and building materials are not accepted for curbside collection. For large metal items or appliances like refrigerators lawnmowers, a special collection must be scheduled. Visit www.aacounty.org/ public-works/waste-management/ curbside-collection/bulk-item-pickup to arrange collection. These items are collected by a specialized bulk metal truck, so please do not place them at the curb with your normal curbside collection.

### **Recycle Beyond the Curb**

vices (Bureau) offers curbside collection beyond curbside collection with our services for over 172,000 homes each three convenient County Recycling Cenweek for trash, recycling, and yard ters. These centers are located in Northwaste. Curbside customers can place an ern (Glen Burnie), Central (Severn), and unlimited amount of accepted curbside Southern (Deale) parts of the County, recyclables and yard waste at the curb and operate Monday through Saturday

> Our County Recycling Centers accept a wide array of materials, including:

- Appliances and Refrigerators
- Propane Tanks (1 lb and 20 lb)
- Clean, Dry Plastic Bags and Film
- **Automotive and Marine Batteries**
- Clothing and Textiles
- Oyster and Clam Shells
- Scrap Metal
- Tires
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- And many more!

We encourage you to visit your local County Recycling Center to learn more and to recycle items that go beyond your curbside recycling cart!

### Recycle on the Go

easy to do when you're out and about!

All Anne Arundel County Parks receive recycling collection service from the Bureau. The next time you're enjoying a walk through a park, remember to use the recycling bins provided.

The Bureau also supports local businesses with our Small Business Recycling Only program. This program provides recycling services to more than 150 small businesses in Anne Arundel County that generate a similar amount of recyclables as a typical home.

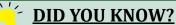
To learn more about this program please call the Recycling and Waste Reduction Division office at 410-222-7951, our Recycling Team is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30



### Want to increase your recycling efforts, but not sure where to start? Here are four easy tips to help increase recycling at home!

- Prevent accepted curbside recyclables from accidentally being thrown away! Place a labeled recycling bin next to each trash can in your home.
- Recycle loose, skip the bags! When placing accepted recyclables in your curbside recycling cart, make sure they are loose and not in any plastic bags. Plastic bags or plastic film are not accepted for curbside recycling!
- Skip the tanglers. Items like hoses, wires, cables, and cords are not accepted for curbside recycling due to these items wrapping around equipment and causing major issues at the sorting facility.
- Flatten your cardboard boxes like cereal boxes, shipping boxes, and cardboard packaging to save space in your recycling cart.





- The Bureau owns, operates and maintains a fleet of trucks, heavy equipment and dumpsters that are used to load, transport, process and dispose of materials. Our fleet includes over 290 trucks and equipment valued at approximately \$24 million.
- 2. The County collects over 7,000 tons of clean concrete, brick and block (i.e., rubble) annually at the landfill and recycling centers. These materials are repurposed to construct all weather haul roads on the landfill to ensure safe travel to the disposal area.
- 3. With the severe thunderstorms that we've experienced this summer, our facilities will close temporarily when lightning is observed and will reopen approximately 1/2 hour after it leaves the area. Sorry for the inconvenience, however, this helps to protect our employees as well as the customers that use our facilities.
- 4. Free backyard composting kits are available for pickup by residential curbside customers at the Central Recycling Center, Southern Recycling Center, and the Recycling and Waste Reduction Division office. Call the Recycling and Waste Reduction Division at 410-222-7951, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm to learn more!
- Electronics are accepted for recycling year-round at all Bureau facilities. Bring your computer cables, old VCRs, printers, and more to our facilities to be recycled – but remember to never place electronics in your yellow curbside recycling cart!



# **DPW Info and Upcoming Events**

Our Recycling Program Specialists had a busy spring attending community events throughout the county. With fall quickly approaching, we have more community events on our calendar. Have a recycling question, or maybe need help settling a recycling debate? Stop by our outreach table at one of our future events for some cool recycling swag and useful program information.

Recycling Specialists participated in these earlier events:

- DPW Open House at Bureau of Utilities Operations Complex, May 3rd
- River Days Festival at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, May 17th
- River Days Festival at Annapolis Maritime Museum Park, June 14th

We hope to see you at a future community event!

Recycling Specialists will be participating in the following events:

- National Night Out Events at Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts on Tuesday, August 5th
- Children's Day at Anne Arundel County Fair on Friday, September 12th
- River Days Festival at Fort Smallwood Park on Saturday, September 13th



To learn more about community events in your area visit Facebook, www.aacounty.org/news-events/events, and other community websites.

### **HHW EVENTS**

There are two Household Hazardous Waste Events coming up this fall. These events are for materials that are flammable, toxic, corrosive, reactive and can pose risks to human health and the environment.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste:

- Oil based paints and solvents
- Pool Chemicals
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Aerosol cans
- Automotive fluids

Many items not accepted at household hazardous waste events are accepted daily at your local Recycling Centers.

#### This includes:

- Latex or water based paints
- Lead acid batteries
- Propane Tanks
- Motor oil and antifreeze

#### Household Hazardous Waste Events Remaining in 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

September 13, 2025 - Heritage Office Complex - 2666 Riva Road, Annapolis MD 21401 October 25, 2025 - Heritage Office Complex - 2666 Riva Road, Annapolis MD 21401

Drop off hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

No commercially registered vehicles, including rentals and Uhaul vehicles. Be prepared to show an Anne Arundel County drivers license/registration or utility bill Household Hazardous waste materials are ONLY accepted on the scheduled Saturdays listed.

Please call the Recycling Department at 410-222-7951 for questions pertaining to items which may be brought to the household hazardous waste collection events.



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# **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 <u>www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management</u> 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.



