

RECYCLE

Citizens are encouraged to recycle as much household waste as possible. Please take recyclable materials to these convenient locations in Washington County:

Green recycling bins

(Open 24/7)

- **Boonsboro: Park-n-Ride** *(State Highway Admin.)*
Corner of Md. Rt. 67 & Alt. U.S. 40
- **Clear Spring:** Community Park
- **Funkstown:** Town Park
- **Hagerstown:**
 - Shopping Center: Dual Hwy. & Cleveland Ave.
 - South End Shopping Center: Maryland Ave.
 - Food Lion: Eastern Blvd
 - 835 West Hillcrest Rd.
 - Washington County Hospital lot: Baltimore & Mill Sts.
- **Keedysville:** Red Byrd Restaurant
- **Maugansville:** Ruritan Club
- **Sharpsburg:** Beside Fire Hall
- **Smithsburg:** Behind Fire Hall



You can recycle...

- **PAPER PRODUCTS** – newspapers, junk mail, magazines, phone books, flat sheets of corrugated cardboard **less than 2-ft. sq.** and box board, such as cereal & tissue boxes. (All paper products must be clean.)
- **COMMINGLED CONTAINERS & LIDS** – food and beverage cans; clear, green & brown glass bottles; No. 1 & 2 plastic bottles ONLY. (The number is located in a triangle, usually printed on the bottom of the plastic container.)

Recycling No-Nos... paper contaminated with food, oil or grease; paper heavily coated with plastic; foam packaging; plastic bags of any kind, including plastic grocery bags; large plastic buckets or barrels; plastics numbered 3-7; window glass or ceramics; wire or metal scrap; recyclable material from businesses.

For more information, contact

Washington County Recycling Office, 240-313-2790 or 240-313-2796 (Mon-Fri 8 am to 3 pm)
http://www.washco-md.net/enviro_man/solid_waste/recycling.shtml

Solid waste facilities in Washington County

Forty West Landfill: 12630 Earth Care Road, located off U.S. Rt. 40, mile west of Huyetts Crossroads, 240-313-2790. Open M-S 7-3

Residential Convenience Centers: (Permit is required for waste but not for recycling.)

- **Dargan**, 2201 Dargan School House Road, 301-432-4103. M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-3:30.
- **Hancock**, 6502 Hess Road, 301-678-5949. M-Sat 7-3:30.
- **Greensburg**, 13125 Bikle Road, 301-824-3266. M-F 7-4:30, Sat 7-3:30
- **Kaetzel**, 2926 Kaetzel Road, 301-432-2066. M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-3:30

Where to recycle other materials:

- **All county facilities (at left) also take:** batteries (small rechargeable); used motor oil & antifreeze (5-gal. max.)
- **Forty West Landfill also takes:** auto batteries, refrigerators, air conditioners, water coolers, tires, scrap metal, yard waste, television sets and computers.
- **Town of Boonsboro**, 6927 Monroe Road facility, takes: used motor oil and yard waste, M-F 7-2 and the 3rd Sat. of each month from 8-noon. (Obtain free permit at Town Hall, 301-431-5141.)

50 ways to save the environment *(Courtesy of www.JustGive.org)*

In your HOME: 1) Recycle everything: newspapers, bottles and cans, etc. 2) Don't use electrical appliances when you can easily do task by hand, such as opening cans. 3) Use cold water in the washer whenever possible. 4) Reuse brown paper bags to line your trash can instead of plastic bags; reuse bread and produce bags. 5) Store food in reusable containers, not plastic bags. 6) Save wire hangers and return them to the dry cleaners. 7) Donate used items to a charitable organization or thrift shop. 8) Don't leave water running needlessly. 9) Turn your heat down and wear a sweater. 10) Turn off the lights, TV, or other electrical appliances when you are out of a room. 11) Flush the toilet less often. 12) Turn down heat and turn off water heater before you leave for vacation. 13) Recycle your Christmas tree.

In the YARD: 14) Start a compost pile. 15) Put up birdfeeders, birdhouses, and birdbaths. 16) Pull weeds instead of using herbicides. 17) Use only organic fertilizers. 18) Compost your leaves and yard debris, or take them to a yard debris recycling site. 19) Take extra plastic and rubber pots back to the nursery. 20) Plant short, dense shrubs close to your home's foundation to help insulate your home against the cold. 21) Use mulch to conserve water in your garden; don't water your lawn.

In the CAR: 22) Keep your car tuned up and your oil changed; don't idle. 23) Carpool, if possible. 24) Use public transit, when possible. 25) On weekends, ride your bike or walk instead. 26) Buy a car that is more fuel efficient and produces lower emissions. 27) Recycle your engine oil. 28) Keep your tires properly inflated. 29) Keep your wheels properly aligned. 30) Save trash and dispose of it at a rest stop; save bottles and cans to recycle.

In the OFFICE: 31) Recycle office and computer paper, cardboard, etc. 32) Use scrap paper for informal notes to yourself and others. 33) Print or copy on both sides of the paper. 34) Use smaller paper for smaller memos. 35) Reuse manila envelopes and file folders. 36) Use dishes, glassware and coffee cups instead of disposable dishes and cups.

At the STORE: 37) Avoid buying food or products packaged in plastic or Styrofoam containers since they cannot be recycled. 38) Think twice about buying "disposable" products; they end up in the landfill. 39) Buy paper products instead of plastic if you must buy "disposables." 40) Buy energy-efficient appliances. 41) Don't buy products, such as Styrofoam, that are hazardous to the environment or manufactured at the expense of important habitats, such as rainforests. 42) Buy locally grown food and locally made products when possible. 43) Don't buy products made from endangered animals.

In your LIFE: 44) Join a conservation organization, such as the Sierra Club or Center for a New American Dream. 45) Volunteer your time to conservation projects. 46) Give money to conservation projects. 47) Switch to a vegetarian diet or reduce the number of meat-based meals you eat each week. [Raising animals for food consumes vast quantities of natural resources.] 48) Encourage family, friends and neighbors to save resources. 49) Learn about conservation issues in your community or state. Write your legislators and let them know where you stand on the issues. 50) Teach children to respect nature and the environment. Take them on hikes or camping. Help them plant a tree or build a birdhouse. Pick up litter.