



Maryland  
Department of  
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## Baltimore City Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Web Site: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>

### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ For calendar year 2019, Baltimore City had a 21.55% recycling rate +5% source reduction credit =26.55% waste reduction rate.

### Residential Program

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#### *Curbside*

- ▶ The City has curbside, single stream recycling every week. The amount of recyclables that may be set out is unlimited.
- ▶ Residents are required to put recyclables at the same location where trash is left for collection.

#### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are eight City-operated drop-offs that accept single stream recycling.

#### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Processing is contracted to private companies.

#### *Other Materials*

- ▶ Scrap metal is collected at all drop-off centers.
- ▶ Antifreeze is collected at the Northwest Sisson Street Residential Drop-Off Center only during Household Hazardous Waste Collection events April through October.
- ▶ Motor oil is collected at the drop-off centers year-round.
- ▶ Christmas trees are shredded for mulch if brought to the Northwest Sisson Street Residential Drop-Off Center during the designated time period.
- ▶ Oyster shells are accepted at the Northwest Sisson Street Residential Drop-Off Center
- ▶ Food scraps are collected for composting at the five residential drop-off centers. Accepted materials include: fruits, vegetables, egg shells, grains and bread, coffee grounds.
  - <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/foodscrapdrop-off>

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ Household Hazardous Waste is collected at the Northwest Sisson Street Residential Drop-Off Center at 2840 Sisson Street the first consecutive Friday and Saturday of every month from April through October. A wide variety of materials are accepted. (Trash, water-based paint, unknown or unlabeled materials, acids, asbestos, ammunition, explosives, fire extinguishers, fireworks, industrial waste, medical waste, propane tanks, and radioactive materials are **not** collected).

### *Electronics*

- ▶ *Electronics* are accepted at five drop-offs.

## **Commercial Program**

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- ▶ City trash and recyclables pick-up is available to businesses that do not generate more than three (32-gallon) trashcans per pick up (96 gallons total).
- ▶ Efforts include outreach to City businesses to provide special recycling collections.

## **Public Buildings**

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- ▶ The five largest City office buildings, housing 4,000 employees, are recycling mixed paper, high-grade office paper and aluminum cans.
- ▶ All city library branches and fire stations are eligible to recycle through the City's program.
- ▶ All of the schools in Baltimore City are eligible to participate in the City's recycling program.

## **Disposal**

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- ▶ The landfill tipping fee is \$67.50. Most waste is processed through the Wheelabrator waste-to-energy facility where tipping fees range from \$32.50 to \$65.00.

## **Financing/Budget**

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- ▶ The solid waste program is financed through general funds.