

# RECYCLE RIGHT IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK



**NEVER**  
put recyclables  
in plastic bags



Place recycling  
at the curb by  
7:00 a.m.

## YES!



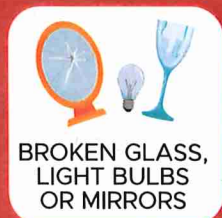
These  
can go  
in your  
cart/  
bin



## NO!



Throw  
these  
in the  
trash



WE WILL NOT COLLECT RECYCLING BINS WITH THESE MATERIALS INSIDE

For a Complete List of Do's & Don'ts, visit:  
**COLLEGEPARKMD.GOV/RECYCLING**



CITY OF  
**COLLEGE PARK**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

240.487.3590 publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov

## RECYCLING TIPS & FAQs

Recycling is a great way to reuse materials and help our environment. Follow these tips to make sure your recycling is collected and does not contaminate an entire load of recycling causing it all to go to the landfill!

Make sure to clean and rinse out your food containers - too much food contamination or food scraps can contaminate the entire load of recycling. If that pizza box is looking a bit too greasy, then it's best to throw it out or compost it. Caps, lids, tabs, and labels can be left on. Place recyclables loosely in your blue recycling cart.

Plastic bags and films are not accepted in the curbside recycling program because they get caught and damage the equipment at the recycling facility. However, these shopping bags can be recycled at most local stores like Giant, Shoppers Home Depot, Best Buy and Target. Your recycling will not be accepted if plastic shopping bags are found in your carts.

### Want to recycle your electronics?

Residents have three options:

1. Call the Department of Public Works at 240-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov) to schedule a special pickup. *FYI: Our electronics recycling vendor shreds all hard drives for extra security.*
2. During spring and fall cleanup days; bring electronics to the Department of Public Works during announced Saturdays only. Proof of City residency is required.
3. Free year-round drop off at the Brown Station Landfill hazardous waste facility - 11611 White House Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD. They are open Thursday - Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Proof of County residence is required.

### Why didn't they collect my recycling:

There are several reasons, but it's usually because the cart is contaminated with plastic bags, trash, food or Styrofoam. The crew will leave a door hanger indicating the problem, if you correct the problem, we will collect it the following week.

### Can I recycle used motor oil?

Yes, there is a designated receptacle at the Department of Public Works for used motor oil only.

**For more reuse opportunities, please see the other side of this sheet.**



# REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE!

Too many usable items get thrown away. Consider listing items you no longer want or need to a neighborhood listserve, NextDoor, freecycle.org or craigslist.org. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, read on to find ways to donate common items.

**Cars & Vehicles:** Cars and other vehicles (boats, motorcycles, RVs) can be recycled! Plus they don't need to be in running condition. For details including charities that will take them, please visit the MD Motor Vehicle Administration's page <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/registration/charities-dealers.htm>.

**Batteries** (single-use & rechargeable): Household batteries can be recycled at MOMs Organic Market and IKEA in College Park. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Home Depot and Lowes. Household batteries can also be recycled at the \*Prince George's County Hazardous Waste Facility.

**Car Batteries:** Some auto-parts stores will provide free recycling when you buy a replacement battery. Car batteries can also be recycled at the \*Prince George's County Hazardous Waste Facility.

**Books:** Greenbelt Public Library has a drop off container outside the back entrance for books that are in good shape. Various charities including GreenDrop, 8900 Baltimore Ave., and thrift stores also accept books.

**Construction & Building Materials:** Lumber and trim, bricks, masonry materials, cabinets, doors, tiles, tools, hardware and more can be taken to Community Forklift 4671 Tanglewood Dr, Bladensburg, MD 20710, and Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 12006 Plum Orchard Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

**Clothing & Household Goods:** GreenDrop store and Planet Aid bins are located throughout the City. GreenDrop accept donations daily at 8900 Baltimore Ave., Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. They accept new or gently used items including clothing & shoes, household items, kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances and electronics in working order (no CRTs), sporting goods, books, CDs & videos, and solid wood furniture.

**Eyeglasses:** Eyeglasses can be recycled through the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program. There are drop off boxes in the lobby at Public Works, 9217 51st Ave., and at MOMs Organic Market, 9801 Rhode Island Ave.

**Lights:** Compact fluorescent lights can be dropped off at Home Depot, Lowe's and IKEA. Christmas Lights can be taken to MOMs Organic Market (only during December/January). Fluorescent light tubes are accepted at Batteries Plus Bulbs in Laurel; they can also be taken to the \*Prince George's County Hazardous Waste Facility.

**Medicine** (unused or expired): Bring all unused, expired or unwanted medicines to the College Park State Police Barrack Q at 10100 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park (call 301.345.3101 with any questions). The University of Maryland's Police Department has occasional medicine drop off dates, please visit their website for more information.

**Metal Clothes Hangers:** Drop off at ZIPS Dry Cleaners, 7215 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740.

**Pet Food & Supplies:** Canned or dry pet food, and pet gear (carriers, crates, toys, towels, leashes, etc.) in good condition may be used by the City's Animal Welfare Committee. Bring items to the Department of Public Works, 9217 51st Ave, College Park.

**Plastic Bags:** Clean and dry plastic grocery bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap and dry cleaning bags can be taken to most grocery stores, Target, Best Buy and IKEA for recycling.

**Printer Ink Cartridges:** Inkjet printers and toner cartridges can be taken to Best Buy, MOMs Organic Market, Staples and Target for recycling.

**Styrofoam & Packaging:** Packaging materials including Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap can be taken to UPS stores.

**Block Styrofoam** from packaging or coolers are accepted at Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers, 1298 Cronson Blvd. Crofton MD; they have a large bin for drop offs located in the rear of the parking lot behind the building. In addition, the City holds a special recycling collection of block Styrofoam during the Cleanup Saturdays in April and October at Public Works, 9217 51st Ave.

**TerraCycle:** MOMs Organic Market has a recycling area that accepts cork, Brita filters, health and beauty packaging and other non-recyclable, or difficult-to-recycle waste like energy bar wrappers, drink pouches, snack bags and squeeze pouches.

*\*Prince George's County Hazardous Waste Collection Site is located at the Brown Station Landfill, 11611 White House Road in Upper Marlboro. It is open Thursday-Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Identification is required to show County residency.*