



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS' MEETING

APRIL 7, 2021 9am





# WELCOME

**Michelle Russell**

Acting Director

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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**Floyd Holt**

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Government  
Infrastructure, Technology and Environmental Services

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

# Prince George's County Beautification Initiative FY21



# Overview

Continue to promote County pride among Prince Georgians by **encouraging positive behaviors, supporting enforcement, infrastructure, and policy changes that improve the environment**. This year's campaign takes a more targeted approach to reach audiences and areas impacted the most by litter and illegal dumping.



# Objectives

- Increase the number of residents participating in pro-environmental activities.
- Improve the perceptions about litter and illegal dumping in the County.
- Increase awareness about the value of a cleaner community and the role of every resident to keep the County clean.
- Educate Prince Georgians on how to report illegal dumping, and how to properly dispose of bulky trash items.

# Members of Your Community Are Making a Difference

## Student leadership on Prince George’s County environmental education



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Author: [wusa9.com](#)  
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Sometimes, you just have to do a job yourself. That's what Bill Walmsley did when he saw that his local wetlands were full of trash. So with garbage bags and a trash picker, he started to clean.

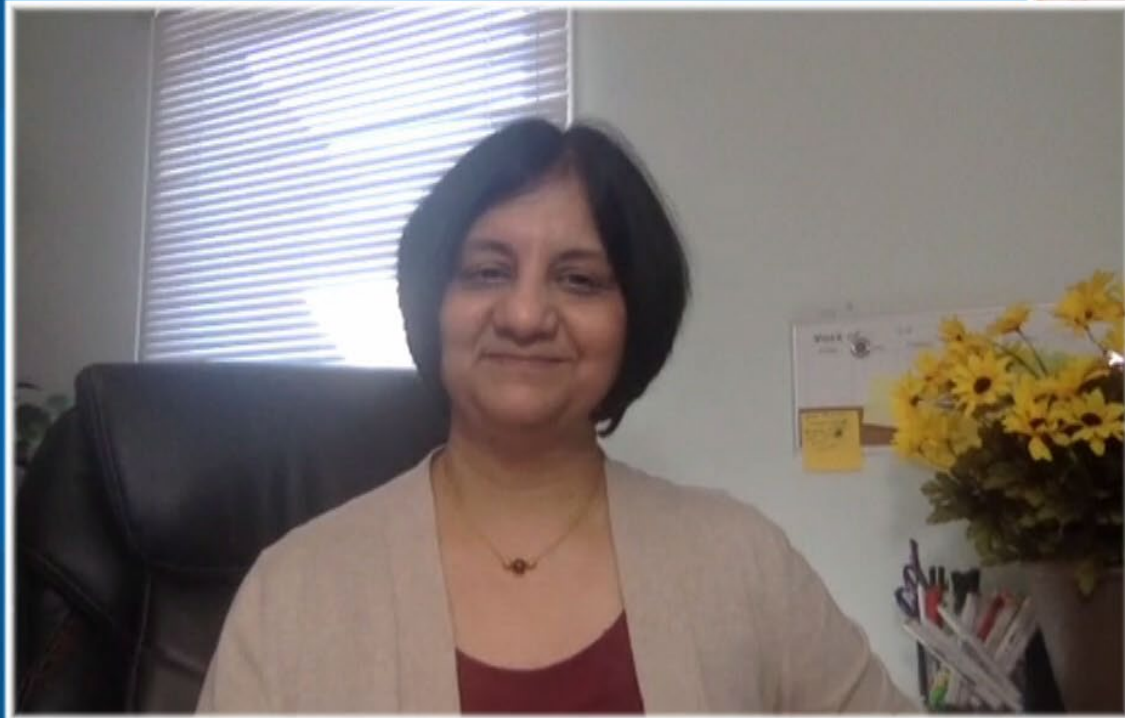
Bill was battling centuries of heavy pollution and litter. The Patuxent River basin is 900 square miles, covering much of the area between Baltimore and Washington DC. Consequently, urban sprawl has caused the health of the river and its surrounding wetlands to suffer. Despite the history of pollution in the area, the watershed is home to many [resilient and unique species](#). But who knows how long the creatures of the river will hold out—two-thirds of the brown bullhead catfish, an [environmental indicator species](#), have tumors.

### RECENT POSTS

Dawn Taft Has Gardening Advice  
Mar 26, 2021

Dylan Tuttle Proves Age is Just a Number

[Pgcproud.com](#)





# It's Easy Being Green

**IT'S EASY BEING GREEN**

SEE OUR COUNTY  
PART OF IT.  
PROUD OF IT.  
CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

My family is doing our part by using reusable bags! Let's work together to keep Prince George's County litter free!

LEARN MORE AT  
**PGCproud.com**

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**ES FÁCIL SER ECOLÓGICO**

SEE OUR COUNTY  
PART OF IT.  
PROUD OF IT.  
CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

¡Estamos haciendo nuestra parte recogiendo basura! ¡Trabajemos juntos para mantener el condado de Prince George libre de basura!

MÁS INFORMACIÓN EN  
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**You and your community can also get involved!**

Submit images of yourself and/or community participating in activities that will protect and preserve the environment with a chance to be featured on the campaign's social media channels, blog, or videos.

**Submit your content to  
[dbrown@lmdagency.com](mailto:dbrown@lmdagency.com)**





# ANIMAL SERVICES

**Rodney Taylor**

Associate Director

The adoption of homeless pets into new homes is a top priority for DoE.

If you are thinking about adding a new pet to your family, DoE asks you to adopt before you shop.

ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITY

Take the pledge to clean up after your pet and scoop that poop.



# SPAY/NEUTER GRANT

through the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)

A promotional graphic for the "SPAY TODAY" campaign. It features five animals: a bulldog, a kitten, a beagle, a cat, and a French bulldog. Two orange speech bubbles are overlaid. The first bubble says "FREE Spay/Neuter Surgeries". The second bubble says "for pets of County residents in low-income communities". At the bottom, there are logos for the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the Animal Services Division. Text at the bottom reads: "For more information and to find out whether you qualify, contact: Catherine Hernandez at (301) 780-7252" and "www.princegeorgespet4us.com". A small note at the bottom left says "\*funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture".

**SPAY TODAY**

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[www.princegeorgespet4us.com](http://www.princegeorgespet4us.com)

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- In an effort to reduce the issue of pet overpopulation PGCSAD has successfully obtained grants from MDA to provide spay and neuter services for cats and dogs at no cost to low-income County residents. We are currently in our fourth year of offering this service.
- To date, approximately 1,000 pets have been spayed and neutered through these grants, at no cost to the pet owners. In cases where rabies vaccination is not up to date that service is provided at no additional cost to recipients of the grant.
- "Spay Today-Keep the Litters Away!", our current campaign for 2021, will allow us to spay and neuter approximately 250 more animals.
- For more information and to find out whether you qualify, please contact **Catherine Hernandez at (301) 780-7252.**

## KEEP THE LITTERS AWAY



# FOSTER PROGRAM

## REASONS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT:

- For anyone who may not be able to commit to owning a pet for 10-15 years, fostering allows you to care for an animal on a short-term basis.
- You are helping to save an animal's life.
- Foster animals provide companionship, a sense of purpose and fulfillment, and fun!
- You are creating space in the shelter to accommodate other homeless animals.
- For more information on our foster program, please contact **Marilyn Perez, Foster Coordinator, at (301) 780-7202.**



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

**Jeff DeHan**

Associate Director

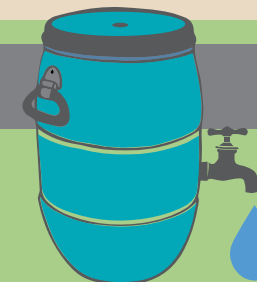
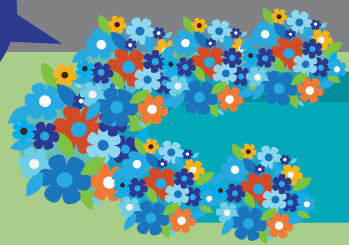
Help DoE  
reduce water pollution  
and clean local waterways  
by “greening” the  
environment around your  
home, business and  
community.



Install  
permeable  
pavement  
to filter rain  
water.

Use a rain  
barrel to  
collect rain  
water.

Build a  
Rain  
Garden.







# Clean Water Program

Building a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful County



## Achieved Thru:

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Clean Water Partnership
- Initiation of new or revised policies
- Promotion of emerging technologies
- Multi-Jurisdictional Involvement Anacostia Restoration

## Stormwater Management Division Mission Priorities

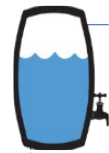
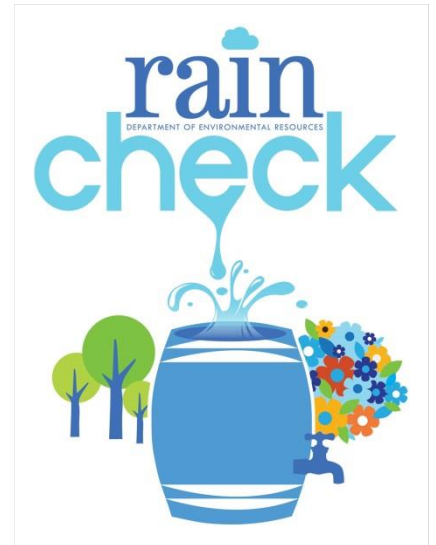
- Clean Water Act/NPDES MS4 Permit/WIP II
- Watershed Restoration / Urban Retrofit Program
- Rain Check Program
  - Rain Check Rebates, Alternative Compliance, Stormwater Stewardship Grants
- Investigation, Inspection, and Enforcement
- Pollution Prevention Planning Guidance for County Facilities
- Assisting Municipalities with Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping





# RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County residents, businesses, and non-profits can apply for **cash rebates** by adopting **stormwater management practices** that improve the quality of the County's waterways while beautifying our communities.



Rain Barrel



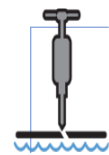
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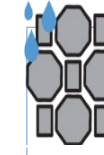
Urban Tree Canopy



Rain Garden



Pavement Removal



Permeable Pavement



Green Roof

## Rebate Amounts



*Residential:* **\$4,000** maximum rebate

*Commercial properties and multi-family dwellings:* **\$20,000** maximum rebate

## Rain Check Rebate Link

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/313/Rebates>



# STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

**CLEAN UP  
STORMWATER RUNOFF**



**SLOW IT DOWN.  
SPREAD IT OUT.  
SOAK IT IN.**

The Prince George's County **Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program** funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve neighborhoods, improve water quality, and engage County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County.

**Who can apply:** Non-profit organizations, municipalities, watershed organizations, education institutions, community associations, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and more.

For more information, visit the Chesapeake Bay Trust's website at [www.cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship-2](http://www.cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship-2).



# SUSTAINABILITY

**Dawn Hawkins-Nixon**

Associate Director

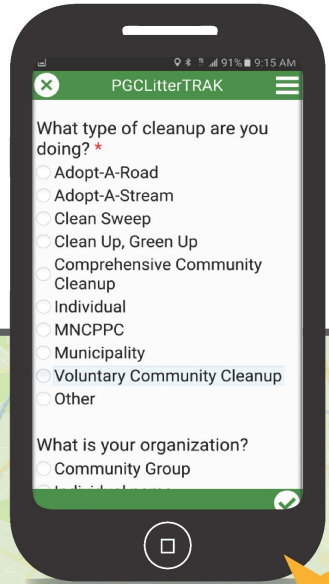


Volunteer to participate in a Community Clean Up.

Help keep Prince George's County green, clean and beautiful by reducing litter in County neighborhoods and communities.



# LEARN HOW TO USE... PGCLitterTRAK



PARTICIPATING IN A SPRING CLEANUP OF A STREAM, SCHOOL YARD, NEIGHBORHOOD, PARK OR WALKING TRAIL?

Before heading out, join us at a special learning session for PGCLitterTRAK. This easy-to-use smartphone app can be used by businesses, community groups and individual citizens to report their litter collection efforts, amount of trash collected and collection locations.

Participants **must have a username and password prior to training**. Sign up at: [bit.ly/littertrakregistration](http://bit.ly/littertrakregistration)

PGCLitterTRAK requires a username and password, which is available by registration only.



This is the PGCLitterTRAK app

THURSDAY  
**APRIL 14**  
2021  
6 pm



For more information visit [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2607/PGCLitterTRAK](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2607/PGCLitterTRAK)

## Help DoE Clean Up Our County! PGCLitterTRAK Training April 14th

Sign up at: [bit.ly/littertrakregistration](http://bit.ly/littertrakregistration)

### Engagement Opportunities

Storm Drain Stenciling

Help Keep Our Streams Clean



For Information About Litter Reduction Programs  
Contact Tiaa Rutherford at [TRutherford@co.pg.md.us](mailto:TRutherford@co.pg.md.us)





# DoE Tree Planting Programs



**For More Information**

**Carole Ann Barth**

**[cabarth@co.pg.md.us](mailto:cabarth@co.pg.md.us)**

**240-532-1294**

## Why Plant a Tree?

- ✓ **Cooler Cities**
- ✓ **Cleaner Air**
- ✓ **More Butterflies**
- ✓ **Captured Carbon**
- ✓ **Reduced Runoff**





# FACT: WE ARE EXPERIENCING CLIMATE CHANGE NOW

AccuWeather

Record rainfall inundates D.C., parts of Maryland


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Adriana Navarro

September 10, 2020 · 2 min read

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Doug Kammerer

@dougkammerer

WEATHER ALERT! A Flash Flood Watch is in effect from 11pm this afternoon and evening as strong to severe storms are expected later today. You know we will be all of stay with #StormTeam4 all afternoon. See you at 4,5

Jack Moore | jmoore@wtop.com

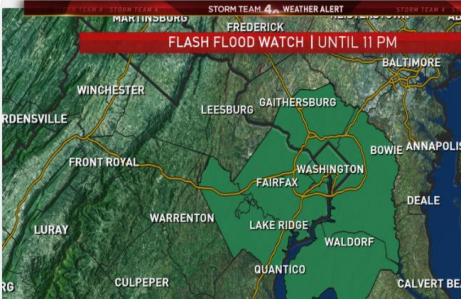
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STORM TEAM 4 WEATHER ALERT

FLASH FLOOD WATCH | UNTIL 11 PM



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July 2020 was record hot for N. Hemisphere, 2nd hottest for planet

Arctic sea ice melted to record lows

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August 13, 2020 —



July 2020 has tied for second-hottest July on record for the globe, according to NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information.

Prince George's County Climate Action Commission

# Fact Based & Actionable Climate Action Plan

Prioritizing Strategies Within Our Control



**Your Participation and Feedback is Critical to Our County**

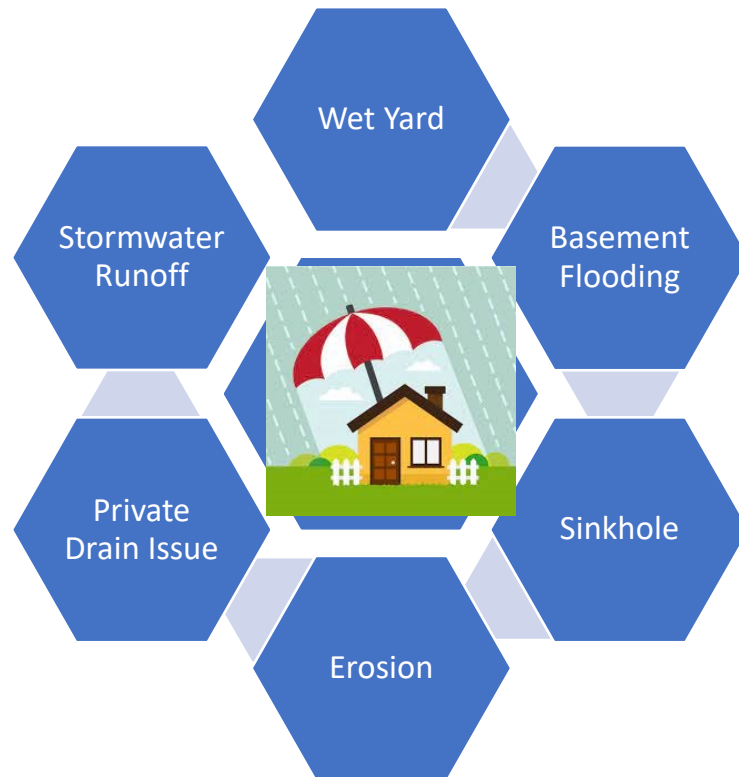
**Next Climate Action Commission Meeting: FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 1:00-3:00**

VISIT [ClimatePartners.org](https://ClimatePartners.org) & Our Virtual Open House at [CAP Virtual Open House](#)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Mary Abe at [mabe@co.pg.md.us](mailto:mabe@co.pg.md.us) or Call 240-539-0511



# FLOODING

## RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE Relief



## RIVERINE FLOODING (Know Your Risk & Protect Your Property)

**THE RISK IS REAL**

Everyone lives in a flood zone. In high-risk areas, you have a 1 in 4 chance of experiencing a flood over the life of a 30-year mortgage. But the truth is that you can live miles away from water and still be at risk of flooding. In fact, nearly 25 percent of flood insurance claims come from moderate- to low-risk areas. That's because it doesn't take a major body of water, or even a major storm, to cause a flood. Anything from new development to a slow-moving rainstorm can cause flooding. Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States, yet most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.

**WHY YOU NEED FLOOD INSURANCE**

FloodSmart.gov  
1-800-427-2419

FEMA  
FEMA F-683  
Catalog No. 09107-2  
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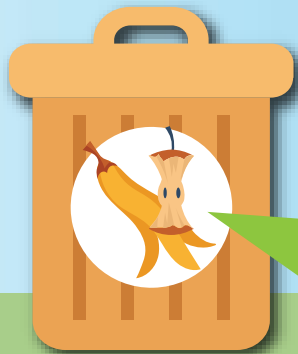




# RESOURCE RECOVERY

**Marilyn Naumann**

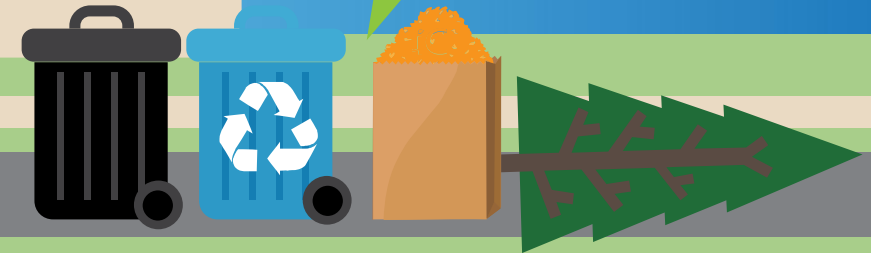
Associate Director



Your yard trimmings and food scraps are providing FREE mulch for County residents, and LeafGro and LeafGro Gold compost.



Use brown paper bags for your yard trimmings and avoid putting plastic bags in your recycling toter.



# RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS

**Carts must be placed at curbside by 6:00 am on your regularly scheduled collection day. Collections continue until 8:00 pm.**

- Residents should secure their trash bins and wheeled carts to prevent litter and possible damage to the containers. Make sure your lid closes completely.
- No single container should exceed 60 pounds.
- Bring your cart in as soon as possible after collection to reduce the risk of your cart blowing down the street.
- Once collections are completed, check the area to see if any materials may have inadvertently been left behind and toss in the appropriate waste receptacle for the next collection cycle.
- Residents who purchase additional carts should mark those trash carts with the word **TRASH** and your house number to identify your container. There is no limit to the number of containers that may be used.





# RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS

**Carts must be placed at curbside by 6:00 am on your regularly scheduled collection day. Collections continue until 8:00 pm.**

- All recyclable items are placed in the same container. Recyclables are collected without the need to sort or separate. **Plastic bags are NOT accepted.**
- A box or any receptacle (other than the county issued trash can) marked with an "X" or the word "Recycling" may be used as a recycling collection container.
- Residents may request a yellow bin to capture overflow materials that do not fit in their cart.
- Corrugated cardboard boxes will be collected with their contents.

**\*\*Remember to rinse all food and beverage containers before placing them in your cart.\*\***

For more information, visit [bit.ly/residentialrecyclingpgc](https://bit.ly/residentialrecyclingpgc)



# RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

- Contamination is **COSTLY** – in down time and money.
- Processing stops, laborers are idle; equipment repairs are expensive.
- Causes a back log of recyclables on the tipping floor.
- Reduces productivity and revenue.
- Contaminants in the bales diminishes the value of recyclable materials, and causes materials to be rejected by end markets.



**\*\*Remember, when in doubt leave it out!\*\***

## TOP 5 RECYCLING MISTAKES



- PLASTIC BAGS
- CHIP or SNACK BAGS
- CANDY WRAPPERS



- GARDEN HOSES
- ROPES
- CORDS



- BATTERIES
- ELECTRONICS
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- BALLOON HELIUM TANKS
- SMALL PROPANE TANKS



- CLOTHING
- WIRE & PLASTIC CLOTHES HANGERS



- DIAPERS
- TISSUES
- HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

To view a list of acceptable and non- acceptable recyclables, visit [bit.ly/wastetoolkit](https://bit.ly/wastetoolkit)



# YARD TRIM COLLECTION

Weekly curbside collection of yard trim/waste is collected year-round on **MONDAY ONLY!**



- Yard trim/waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches, brush and Christmas trees.
- Yard trim/waste may be placed in heavy-duty paper bags or heavy-duty trash cans with handles and a secure lid. Cans must be clearly labeled "Yard Waste" or "Yard Trim" to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes are not acceptable containers.
- Limbs collected curbside must not exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Bundles of limbs, bags and/or cans of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 pounds. Wet grass and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds.
- Bamboo is not accepted as yard waste/trim. Bamboo should be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and placed with household trash for collection.

For more information, visit [bit.ly/PGCyardtrimcollection](https://bit.ly/PGCyardtrimcollection)







# CURBSIDE BULKY TRASH

**Bulky Trash Collection is provided by appointment only.**

Appointments may be scheduled by visiting [bulkytrash.princegeorgescountymd.gov](https://bulkytrash.princegeorgescountymd.gov) or by contacting 3-1-1.

- Once you have been given an appointment date, there can be no changes/additions to the pickup.
- Place items at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Do not put bulky items out prior to the night before the appointment date.
- Please ensure there is nothing blocking access to the items scheduled for pickup. Blocked items will not be picked up.
- Mattresses and box springs are required to be completely covered or encased in a protective plastic covering. Mattresses and box springs delivered to the landfill by residents are not required to be covered in protective encasement.

To view a list of acceptable and non- acceptable items, visit [bit.ly/PGCbulkyacceptable](https://bit.ly/PGCbulkyacceptable)



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
- 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## LOCATION

Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill

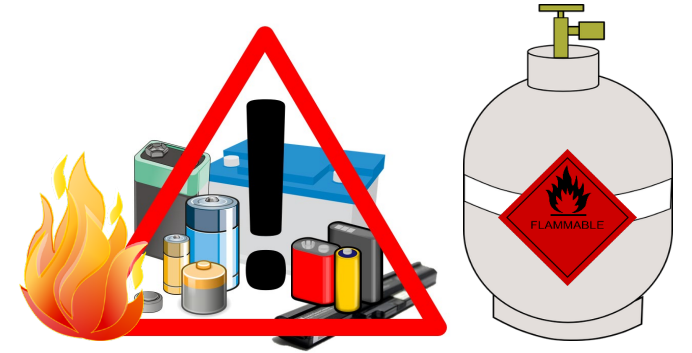
**11611 White House Road**

**Upper Marlboro MD 20774**

***Use the White House Road entrance.***

- Materials must be dropped off at facility
- Residential materials only.

**\*\*Incorrect disposal of  
batteries or propane tanks can  
cause fires or explosions!\*\***



## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Acid Car Batteries

Automotive Fluids and Fuels

Cleaning Agents

Cooking Oil

Driveway Sealers

Fire Extinguishers

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Gas Grill Propane Tanks

Helium Balloon Tanks

Household Batteries

Insecticides, Herbicides, and  
Fertilizers

Mercury and Other  
Hazardous Materials

Oil-Based Paints

Photographic Chemicals

Poisons

Smoke Detectors

Solvents, Varnishes, and  
Stains

Swimming Pool Chemicals

For more information, visit [bit.ly/hwaste](https://bit.ly/hwaste)





Visit our website during the month of April to learn how you can celebrate **Earth Day** while staying at home...

[bit.ly/ResourceRecoveryDivision](https://bit.ly/ResourceRecoveryDivision)

**No matter where you are,  
you can make a difference!**

**mulch madness**  
A source reduction event  
20<sup>th</sup> annual  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
SAVEDAY  
APRIL 16

This mulch is primarily derived from the Christmas tree collections. For more information, please call County Click 3-1-1.



...will be available to load into pickup trucks.

Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility  
6550 S.E. Crain Highway,  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
(From Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road to Facility)

Learn to reduce water usage, prevent soil erosion and reduce the use of herbicides in your home gardens by applying mulch.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

- Prince George's County residents only
- Only non-commercial vehicles, 3/4 ton maximum weight
- No business vehicle signage will be permitted, all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site

**SOURCE REDUCTION TIPS**

- Use mulch to suppress weed growth and provide nutrients.
- Grass cycle: Use a mulching mower to finely shred your mowed grass and leave it on the lawn.
- Start a backyard compost pile.

Citizens and residents transporting mulch by car should use their own containers and shovels or pitchforks.

**DUE TO COVID-19**









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