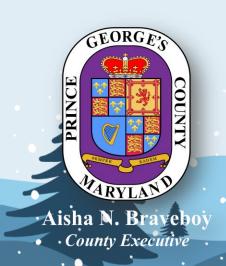




Winter 2025 Community Partners' Meeting

Department of Public Works and Transportation



December 4, 2025





DPW&T Welcome Message

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Stephen

Department of Public Works and Transportation Director, Michael Johnson, P.E.





Office of the Director

Presented by Special Assistant to the Director, Rodney Streeter





Clean and Green: Elevate the Scene!



Twice each year, Prince George's County invites residents to participate in a Countywide community clean up. The bi-annual event, "Clean and Green: Elevate the Scene," unites communities to combat litter accumulation across the County's public spaces to *elevate* our neighborhoods.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation hosts the event and provides:

- Logistical support
- Plastic gloves
- Mulch
- Litter grabbers
- Bags
- Safety Vests
- Trees, shrubs and bulbs (fall event only).





2025 Snow Summit



- DPW&T will bring together County agencies and community partners for the 2025 Snow Summit to help residents prepare for the upcoming winter season.
- This event is designed to provide information, resources, and insights into the County's coordinated snow and ice response operations.
- This year's Snow Summit will include virtual and in-person sessions, offered during the day and evening to provide more residents with an opportunity to participate.





The Vision Zero Strategy



- In 2019, the county launched Vision Zero Prince George's to make our streets safe for everyone by 2040 and eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all road users based on the USDOT Safe System Approach.
- From 2020 to 2022, more than 300 pedestrians and bicyclists
 were killed or severely injured in car crashes within Prince
 George's County. The County consistently has the most roadway
 fatalities of any county in Maryland and any jurisdiction in the
 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG).
- The Vision Zero Initiative is currently updating the Action Plan.
 Please take our public input survey to help inform our Action
 Plan as we move to the next stage in the action plan development process.





Public Input Survey



Office of Engineering and Project Management

Prince George's County, DPW&T

Presented by: Associate Director, Kate Mazzara







Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)



Is traffic speeding through your neighborhood as if it were a major highway? Does traffic cut through your community to avoid congestion on nearby major roads?

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program is designed to improve safety and mobility on residential streets by addressing speeding, cutthrough traffic, and other community-identified concerns.

It provides data-driven solutions that enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods.

How can my community participate in the NTMP?

- To request a study, please submit a request through your Homeowners Association (HOA).
- If you are not represented by a HOA, please submit your request through your Council representative.

Note: Residential streets must be a minimum of 1,500 feet in length to be considered for evaluation and potential installation of speed humps under the NTMP.



Roadway Improvements



Kilmer Street and surrounding area - Fall 2025

- Roadway Improvements involve several moving parts – planning, utilities, timing and construction.
 Projects move forward as funding becomes available.
- Check the Pavement Assessment
 Management System (PAMS) website
 to identify roads already in the
 pipeline. We understand some



neighborhoods
PAMS helps ensure
and based on clear

have been waiting a long time; projects are prioritized fairly criteria.

• For new concerns or requests, your first step is a PGC311 service request, which triggers an investigation of the location.

Note: DPW&T performs improvements on County-maintained roadways.











Office of Transportation

Prince George's County, DPW&T

Presented by William Proctor Chief, Transit Operations







Inclement Weather Transit Operations



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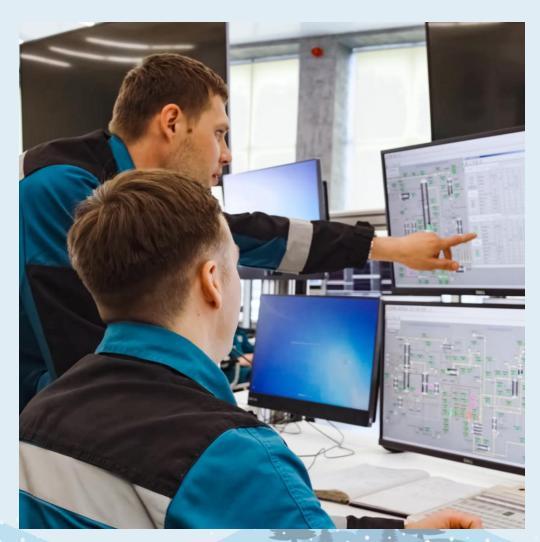
Operating a normal weekday schedule with services subject to some weather delays. Transit Services will operate Weekdays/Saturdays as appropriate. The Bus, Call-A-Bus, and the PGC Link may experience delays.

Limited

Weekday & Saturday schedule is unchanged. The County may restrict bus service. During limited services, buses may be detoured around roads prone to hazardous conditions, including many neighborhood streets. Passengers could experience increased wait times due to road conditions. Call-A-Bus will only operate dialysis appointments. PGC Link services may be limited.

Closed

Transit will not operate or will cease operations for a specified period. "Closed" services are considered emergency operations.





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Office of Highway Maintenance

Prince George's County, DPW&T

Presented by Associate Director, Wesley Thompson





Right of Way Operations



The Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM)

- Is responsible for maintaining County-owned rights-of-way and roadways.
- Two divisions manage right of way operations -Roadside Maintenance and Special Services.
- Both deliver year-round maintenance, repairs, and roadway service.



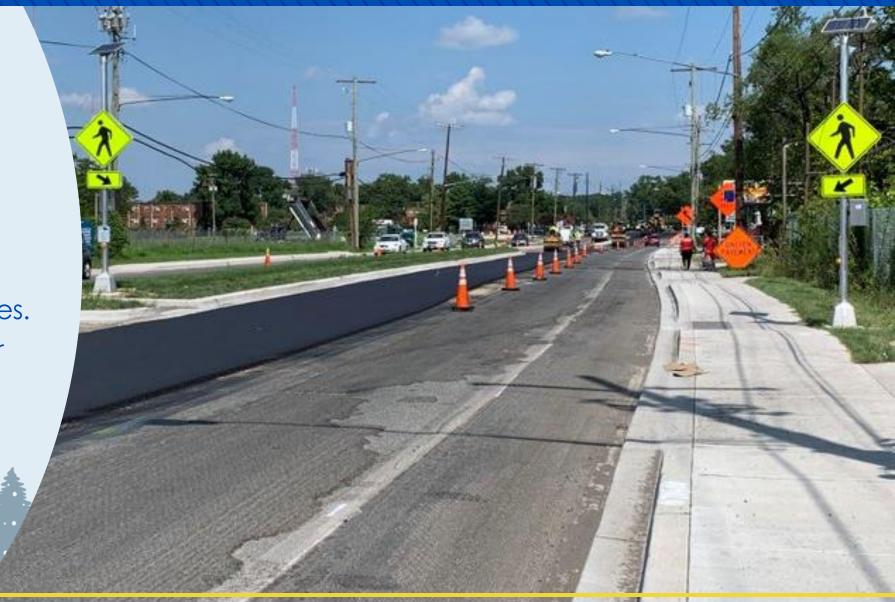


Roadway Repairs





- Asphalt patching and potholes.
- Maintaining safe and smooth travel for vehicles.
- Emergency repairs after storms or accidents.





Tree Services



BEFORE



- Tree trimming to maintain sight lines and clearances
- Removal of hazardous or stormdamaged trees
- Vegetation management along roadways
- Supports safety, visibility, and storm damage prevention









Litter & Debris Removal



Regular roadside litter pickup.

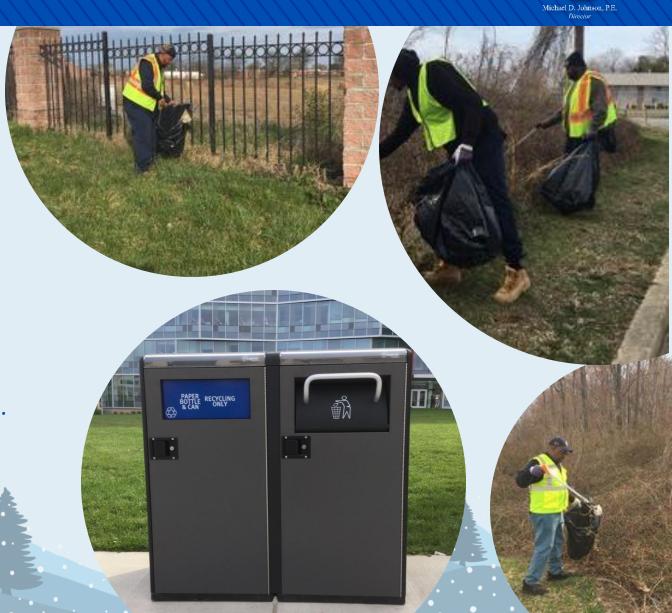
Removal of storm debris and fallen branches.

 Partner with Department of Environment (DOE) to service and maintain Big Belly cans throughout the County.

• 99 in service as of November 2025

• Support 311 service requests and community reporting.

Enhance community appearance and safety.





Street Sweeping





- Routine sweeping to remove debris and sediment
- Reduces pollution entering storm drains
- Improves roadway safety and appearance
- Seasonal adjustments for sand, and winter residue



Snow and Ice Control 2025 - 2026 Snow Season Readiness





Accomplishing the Work



❖Snow District 1

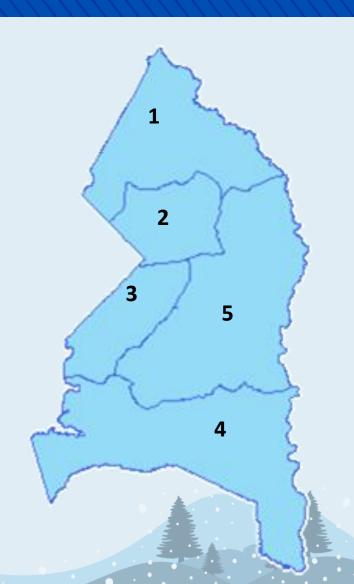
❖Glenn Dale Maintenance Shop7317 Northern Avenue, Glenn Dale

❖Snow Districts 2, 3 and 5

❖D'Arcy Road Maintenance Facility 8400 D'Arcy Road, Forestville

❖Snow District 4

❖Brandywine Maintenance Shop12911 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine





Snow Plan One Plan – Five Operations



SNOWFLAKE Operation

Salting operation of icy spots, hilly areas and bridges

DPW&T ONLY Operation

Salting operation with less than 2 inches of snow

MODIFIED Operation

Plowing operation of 2-4 inches of snow

FULL Operation

Multiple day plowing operation with greater than 4 inches of snow predicted

BLIZZARD Operation

Snow accumulation that must be removed from the roadway with heavy equipment





Snow Fighting Equipment





Snow Trucks Planned

2025-2026 Season

County Fleet: 156

Contractor: 171

Total: 327



Personnel



DPW&T Participation

Snowplow Operators: 160

Snow District Staffing: 88
Management and Administration:

Route Inspectors: 51

Equipment Maintenance: 13

Logistics: 12

Command Staff: 30

Vendor Inspection and Oversight: 12

Total: 315

Total 400



Sister Agency Participation

Landfill Snowplow Operators: 15

Mechanics: 6

M-NCPPC, Parks and Recreation: 54

Snowplow Operators: 36

Route Inspectors: 10

Support: 8

PIE: 10

Total: 85



Service Priority



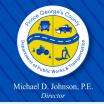
- 1. Pretreat primary and collector roads prior to snow event
- 2. Plow and treat primary and collector roads during snowfall
- 3. Move to plow and treat residential roadways after snowfall ends
- 4. Cul-de-sacs and dead-end roadways
- 5. Clear all roadways to "Complete" condition

12-hour shifts/24 hours a day





Communicating Road Conditions



- Snow Districts report road conditions to the Command Center twice per operational period. Information is collected from drivers and inspectors.
- 2. Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) staff track and report the status of individual trucks and overall progress of operations.
- 3. Command Staff move resources or, if applicable, call-in additional snow resources.
- 4. Public Information Officers use social media, County Website, PGC Alert, and Community Partners e-mail blast to keep the residents informed of progress and instructions.



Important Reminders



- Remove vehicles from roadways and cul-de-sacs.
 - Whenever possible, park in driveways or designated off-street areas. This allows snowplow operators to clear streets more effectively and helps restore safe travel conditions sooner.
- Stay informed using available technology.
 Please monitor County updates through the DPW&T website,
 County social media channels and local news outlets for real-time information on road conditions, snow emergency declarations, and service updates.
- Driveway snow placement is unavoidable.
 Snowplows must push snow to the right side of the roadway. As a result, snow may accumulate in front of driveways. Crews cannot prevent this while maintaining roadway safety.

- Do not stop or approach plow operators.
 For your safety and theirs, please do not flag down operators or block their path. If you have concerns, questions, or service requests, contact 311 or DPW&T directly.
- Keep children and pets away from the roadway during plowing.
 Snowplows have limited visibility. Keeping the roadway clear ensures everyone's safety.
- Avoid shoveling snow back into the street.
 This creates hazards and may require crews to return and re-clear the roadway, delaying service to other neighborhoods.
- Clear sidewalks and walkways adjacent to your property.

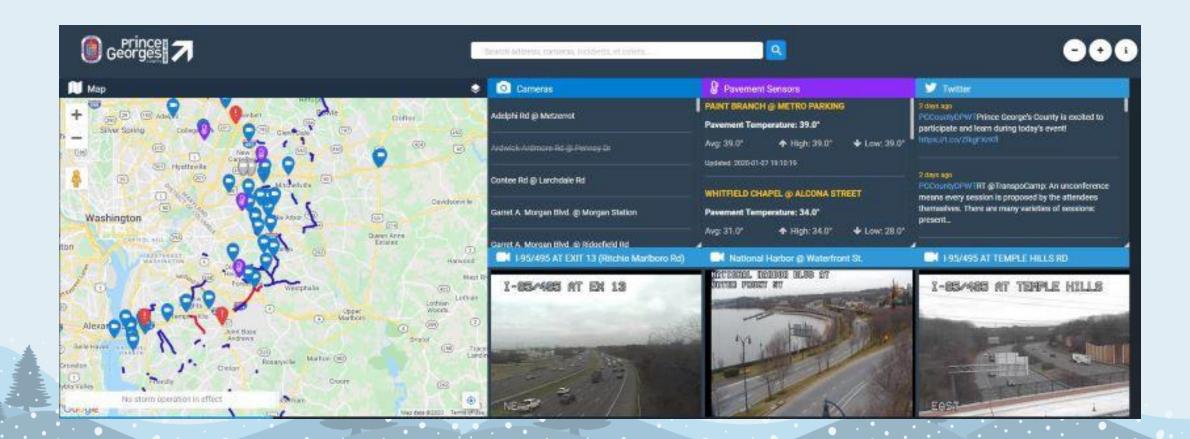
 Residents and businesses are encouraged to help keep pedestrian paths safe after snowfall.



PGCTrip.com



- View County and State Highway Administration live traffic cameras
- View current pavement temperatures





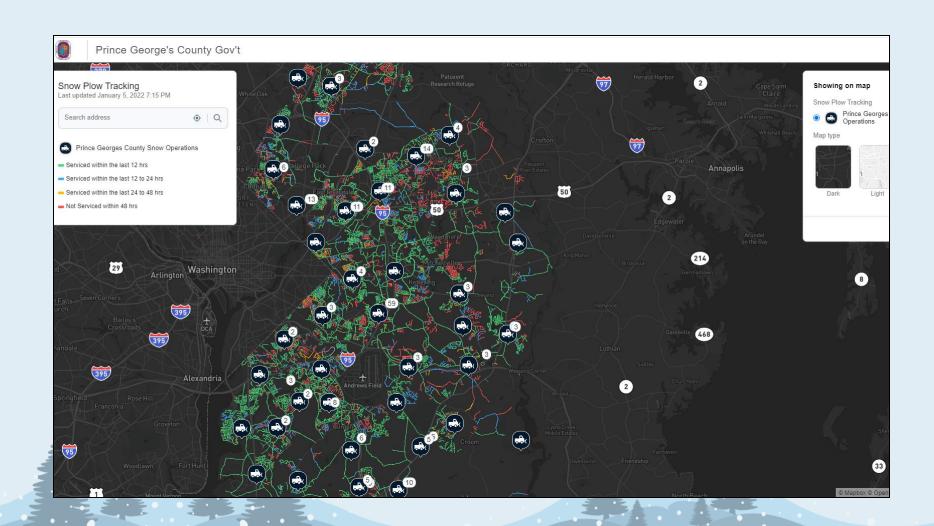
Prince George's County Snowplow Tracker



The DPW&T Snowplow
Tracking website is
designed to display
County roadway
treatment status during a
winter snow and ice
event.

- Residents can check the progress of snowplows in their area.
- Information is updated every 15-minutes

pgctracksnow.com



Stay connected with us!

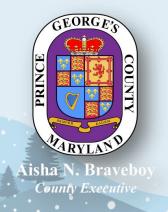
Follow us @PGCountyDPWT to stay up to date!















DPIE Presentation

Presented by Avis Thomas-Lester Public Information Officer, DPIE





Melcome

Community Partners
Winter 2025

Message from the Director

Hello, Community Partners!

As we move toward the holidays, we ask that you continue to keep your property and business in a safe and code-compliant manner. Apply now for any permits you may need to have for winter or spring projects.

Make sure to keep your family safe. Don't leave heaters, candles, fires, Christmas trees or holiday lights unattended. Keep toys and decorations out of walkways. Be careful on ladders as you decorate. See more in the Holiday Safety slide in this presentation.

We hope this holiday season is the best ever for you and yours!







Key Agency Contacts

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Deputy Director LaMont Hinton

Deputy Director Mary Giles

Business Development Chief Charles Cooper

Communications Mgr. **Avis Thomas-Lester** DPIEPIO@co.pg.md.us

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Permitting and Licensing — Vincent Parker, Associate Director

Processes building and site plan permits; issues licenses

Building Plan Review — Nabeel Waseem, Associate Director

Reviews plans for residential and commercial projects

Site/Road Plan Review — Rey de Guzman, Associate Director

Reviews/approves site and roadway plans for proposed development and road improvement projects

ite Road Plan Review

Inspections — Behdad Kashanian, Associate Director

301-636-2080

Regulates construction, development and grading through inspection and enforcement of codes **Inspections**

Enforcement — Valerie Cary, Associate Director

301-883-6168

Investigates code violations; conducts inspections at residential, commercial and industrial properties **Code Enforcement**

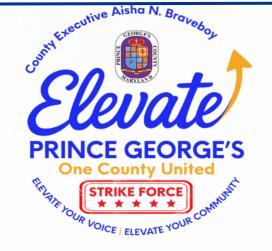
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Enforcement Division: Project Elevate — Strike Force 311

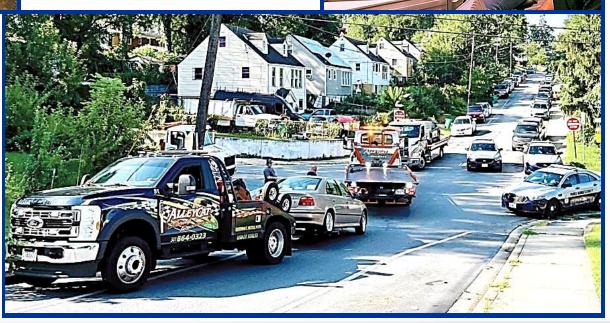




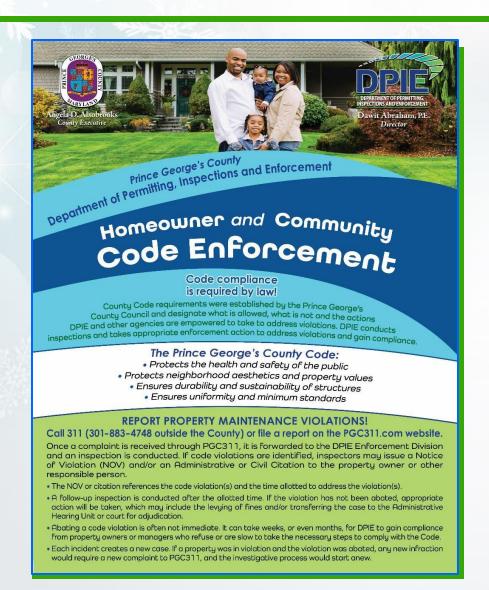


DPIE has addressed outstanding nuisance violations on hundreds of properties:

- Nine illegal street food vendors were shut down and the sites cleared in Langley Park.
- 20 Illegal vehicles were towed from a residential street in Riverdale.
- Several properties in violation from Beltsville to Brandywine were cleaned and liens placed.
- DPIE is working to bring shopping centers in violation into compliance.



New "Homeowner and Community Code Enforcement" Guide



Frequent Code Violations Handled by



For additional information, visit the DPIE website at http://dpie.mypgc.us.

- Operating a business out of a residence. You may not run a restaurant, prepare food for sale, sell goods, store imported products, etc. Some businesses may operate with a Use and Occupancy Permit (U&O), including a two-chair hair salon, barber shop and nall salon.
- Operating a rental properly without a license, including short-term, single-family or multifamily rentals or rooming houses.
- 3. Running an unlicensed day care, adult care or elder care facility.
- 4. Performing automotive work on a driveway, street or yard.
- Doing unpermitted construction or allowing others to do construction without the appropriate permits and inspections on your property.
- Accumulating trash, debris and open storage on your property, including old appliances, junk cars, unused construction materials, tires, broken furniture, etc.
- 7. Dumping unused household items, junk and debris in your yard, on private property, or in parking lots.
- 8. Parking inoperable or unregistered vehicles on private property. (The Revenue Authority investigates illegal and inoperable vehicles on residential roads and unregistered cars parked on the grass.)
- 9. Parking disallowed commercial vehicles on residential properly.
- 10. Failing to cut grass and weeds, prune plants, pick up branches and clear debris regularly. Grass and weeds over 12-inches tall are a code violation!
- Falling to repair peeling paint, loose siding, ragged gutters and downspouts, broken windows, sagging doors, etc.
- Leaving abandoned properties unsafe and unsecured. The same code requirements apply to abandoned or unused properties as occupied structures. Upkeep is the owner's responsibility!
- 13. Raising livestock chickens, roosters, pot-bellied pigs, some exotic pets, etc. in a County residential zone. Only domestic pets are allowed. Check requirements in municipalities.
- 14. Street vending. You may not sell food, clothing, art or other items from your yard, on public sidewalks or roadsides. Public vending is allowed in some designated areas with a permit.
- 15. Failing to clear snow and ice within 48 hours after the end of a snow/ice incident. Property managers and homeowners of properties abutting public sidewalks are required to remove snow and ice.
- 16. Operating a business without a U&O. A U&O is required to operate any business in the County. Any change of use or change of ownership of a business requires a new U&O.
- 17. Playing music or making noise louder than 55 decibels after 11 p.m. and 65 decibels during the day. At 55 decibels, you can't hear music playing inside your home on the outside. If you can hear the sound outside, it is too loud, and you should turn the volume down immediately. There are free online apps that can help you measure decibels of sound.

REPORT NOISE VIOLATIONS TO PGC311 OR COUNTY POLICE NONEMERGENCY AT 301-352-1200.

Maximum Allowable Noise Levels (dBA) for Receiving Land Use Categories			
Day/Night	Industrial	Commercial	Residentia
Day	75	67	65
Night	75	62	55

Many Home-Based Businesses Are Illegal in Prince George's County



Any enterprise you operate for income at the place where you live (including apartments, condos, town houses or detached houses) is a home-based business. Operating a legal business requires a license or permit from DPIE.

Illegal Home-based Businesses

- You may not run a restaurant/eatery or sell cooked or uncooked food at home.
- A Use and Occupancy Permit is required to operate a two-chair hair salon, barber shop or nail salon.
- You may not convert your single-family home into a multifamily dwelling by renting rooms.
- You may not operate an unlicensed day care, adult care or elder care center.
- You may not operate an auto repair shop.
- You may not operate an import/export business.

Some Home-Based Activities Violate Code



Illegal Home-based Events

- You may not have paid parties or operate a pop-up club.
- You may not sell food, drinks or alcoholic beverages.
- You may not rent your home for banquets, wedding receptions, etc.

How Does DPIE Address Noncompliance?



Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB)

- The NAB hears complaints that allege acts that disturb the public peace or endanger the health, life or safety of residents, workers or visitors in the County.
- Cases are referred by the police department, fire department, health department, DPIE, and other government agencies. Citizens may not report cases directly to the NAB.
- If the board finds a nuisance exists, it will order the activity to cease and may assess a \$1,000 fine.



Administrative Hearing Unit (AHU)

- The AHU handles complaints about unlawful vehicles, open storage, trash and debris, tall grass and weeds, unpermitted construction and short-term rental violations.
- Complaints are reported through 311 and routed to DPIE, where they are investigated, and violation notices and/or citations issued. Respondents may request a hearing within 30 days, hearings are scheduled within 30 days of the request, and decisions are rendered within five days of hearings by hearing officers.

Permitting and Licensing Division: When Is a Permit Required?



Improving your kitchen

Renovating a bathroom



Building a chairlift, ramp or deck

Adding an addition

Erecting a fence taller than 4 feet

Constructing a large shed, carport, garage or driveway, and more

Visit the DPIE website at dpie.mypgc.us or call 301-883-2050 for information.







Helpful Homeowner Permit Links

- Residential permits page
- Walk-Through Permit
 Process/Virtual Permit
 Center (VPC) page
- Projects eligible for VPC list

Remember to Permit Your Projects!

Demystifying Residential Permitting

- Before submitting a permit request, review DPIE's Homeowner
 Residential Permitting Guide.
- DPIE has developed the <u>Homeowner Residential Permitting</u> <u>Guide</u> to demystify the permit process, explain the process, and serve as a guide on how to successfully pull permits in Prince George's County for residential homeowners.

HOMEOWNER RESIDENTIAL PERMITING CUDE A Homeowner Guide to Permitting and the Virtual Permit Center (VPC) Process

Municipalities Responsibilities

DPIE shares responsibility for some tasks with the municipalities

Municipality	Building	Mech. & Electrical	Health	Plumbing Permits and Inspections	Grading	Zoning	Sign Permits	U&O	Commercial and Industrial Property Maintenance	Single Family Housing	Single Family Rental	Multifamily Apartments (3 or more units)
Berwyn Heights	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	Town	Town	Town	DPIE
Bladensburg	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	Town	DPIE	DPIE
Bowie	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	City	City	City	City
Brentwood	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	Town	Town	Town
Brentwood, North	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE
Capitol Heights	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE
Cheverly	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	WSSC	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	DPIE	Town	Town	Town
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^{*}DPIE's Health Section is responsible for conducting health inspections for all municipalities including the City of Laurel and state college campuses.

Business Development Section (BDS) Expansion



DPIE Director Dawit Abraham (third from left) enhanced the BDS team with two new positions to meet the increasing requests of local entrepreneurs for assistance in opening small businesses.

Who We Are

 The Business Development Section (BDS) helps entrepreneurs and business owners navigate the permitting, licensing, construction and inspection processes.

Our Mission

 To spur economic growth and regulatory compliance through collaboration between businesses and government.



BDS Assistance to Businesses

- Guidance to the Business Community
 Assistance with permits, inspections, and licenses, including the permit applications process and preliminary design review.

 Schedule a DPIE business consultation today!
- Permit Expediting Program for Small Businesses (NEW)

Offered at no cost other than standard permit fees, this service is perfect for tenant fit-outs or expansions. Permit processing and engineering plan review will be completed within 10 business days for each review cycle. This program is geared to local businesses looking to occupy 5,000 square feet or smaller light commercial structures. Visit the BDS webpage for details.

Business Closeout Survey (NEW)
 At the end of your permitting experience, we offer a brief survey to allow you to share your thoughts to help us continue to improve our services.



Partnership Building

Be connected to construction resources, agencies, and business networks and receive invaluable information on compliance, permitting, and development during DPIE consultations.

A Dedicated Team

The BDS recently expanded its team by two new engineering tech/business specialists to provide more help to businesses! The BDS and Customer Success Unit are committed to helping you move successfully through every step of the regulatory requirements.

New: Permit Rapid Response Team (PRRT)

HERE TO HELP YOUR PROJECT

Do you need the permits expedited for your major, high-impact development project? The Permit Rapid Response Team (PRRT) can help! The new process replaces the former Mega Projects Suite, making permitting for your major projects easier and faster.

Key Aspects

- The Permit Rapid Response Team expedites the permitting process for 5–10 high-impact projects.
- Projects must be nominated and accepted by DPIE. Eligible projects include commercial, office, retail, and mixed-use developments that are considered high-impact due to the quality of development and their potential for job generation.





Develop Your Projects Faster and Elevate Prince George's County!

THE DPIE PERMIT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM Here to Help Your Project Develop!

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Examples of nominated projects include:

- National Capital Business Park, Upper Marlboro
- New Carrollton Metro
- Discovery District, Riverdale
- Elion LP, Brandywine

- Cheverly Hospital Redevelopment
- Redevelopment of Six Flags, Upper Marlboro
- Redevelopment of Washington Commanders Stadium
- Host biweekly permit meetings with stakeholders during the permitting stage.
 - Participating agencies include DPIE, M-NCPPC, PGSCD, WSSC, the Health Department and MSHA.
 - Each agency must appoint high-level staff with decision-making authority.
 - Permit applicants must hire third-party/peer review engineers for engineering permit reviews.
 - Permit applicants must bring the development team, design professionals, third-party/peer reviewers, and permit expediters to engage in the relay and rapid response approach.
 - Permit applicants must provide/update a permit tracker with submittal dates, permit issuance dates, and agency permit numbers.
- Hold monthly construction-phase meetings with project developers, construction contractors, architects/engineers, DPIE inspectors, and permitting staff, third-party inspectors, etc., as needed.

Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement



Inspections Division: Why Are Inspections So Important?



- Construction Inspections guarantee
 that permitted projects are constructed
 according to requirements to protect
 the safety of the public and the
 environment.
- Uninspected construction may lead to hazards such as the use of substandard material, noncompliance with manufacturers' specifications and deficient building projects.
- Inspectors identify and address deficiencies during construction to negate possible adverse effects on residents and the environment.

Frequent Unpermitted Construction Projects



These projects all require permits:

- Building additions and finishing basements
- Installing kitchens in basements or additions
- Making interior renovations and subdividing rooms
- Installing decks, patios and gazebos
- Constructing secondary structures (sheds, garage, etc.)
- Rerouting water onto another property
- Erecting fences over 4-feet tall
- Changing grading (moving soil) and building retaining walls
- Cutting down trees
- Extending driveways

Avoid Illegal Construction Unpermitted Construction Hammers Unsuspecting Home Buyers

Unscrupulous "flippers" purchase properties cheap, make shoddy repairs or changes without the required permits and inspections, then sell them to unsuspecting buyers who later experience problems.

Protect yourself before you buy:

- Hire a certified independent inspector to inspect the home and identify any problems with construction.
- Visit the DPIE website to check for any permits that have been pulled for work on the property.
- Walk away from any house with unpermitted construction or make the seller fix the problems and secure the appropriate permits and inspections before you sign on the dotted line.
- Notify DPIE so the seller can be held accountable. County Council legislation helps authorities take action against flippers.



Access the following resources on the DPIE website:

- Find out when a permit is required:
 https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1501/Residential-Building
- Check permits by address:
 https://dpiestatus.princegeorgescount ymd.gov/Site/Public/Citizens/ActivityS earch.aspx. When entering the street name, use the first term.

 For example, search Chancellors Drive using "Chancellors."
- Request copies of permits through the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA): https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2763/Methods-for-Submitting-MPIA-Request

For more information, call the Permits Office at 301-636-2050, ext. 5 or visit **Permits Online**.

Be proactive! Take action BEFORE you buy!



Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal Inspection Program

- Owners, managers and tenants of residential and commercial properties abutting sidewalks near County-owned roadways are responsible for removing snow and ice within 48 hours after it has accumulated to 2 inches or more.
- Those not removing snow/ice from sidewalks within 24 hours will receive a reminder notice.
- Those not clearing the sidewalks within 24 hours of the reminder may be issued a citation for a fine of \$100.



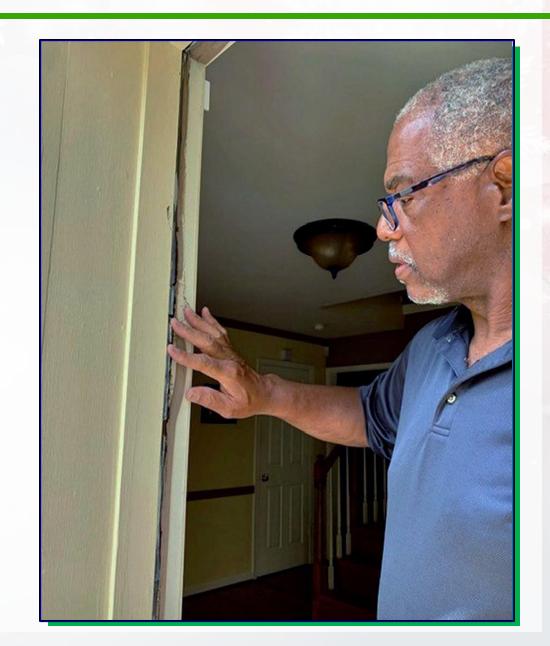
- After the first notice, a fine of \$100 per day will be assessed until the snow/ice is cleared. The County may remove the snow and assess the owner if the snow is not cleared.
- Be a good neighbor! Clear your sidewalks and assist neighbors who are unable to remove snow/ice from their properties.

For more information, call 301–883–6168.

Winterize Your Home

Take the following steps to keep your property clean and safe during the cold weather season.

- Check the seals around windows and doors.
- Check caulking around sinks and tubs.
- Clean clothes dryer lint traps and vent ducts.
- Clear downspouts and clean out gutters.
- Focus on interior home safety issues.
- Deep clean interior spaces, including under appliances.
- Replace HVAC filters.
- Clear areas around heaters.
- Check and install holiday lights and decorations.
- Clean and organize garages and lube doors.

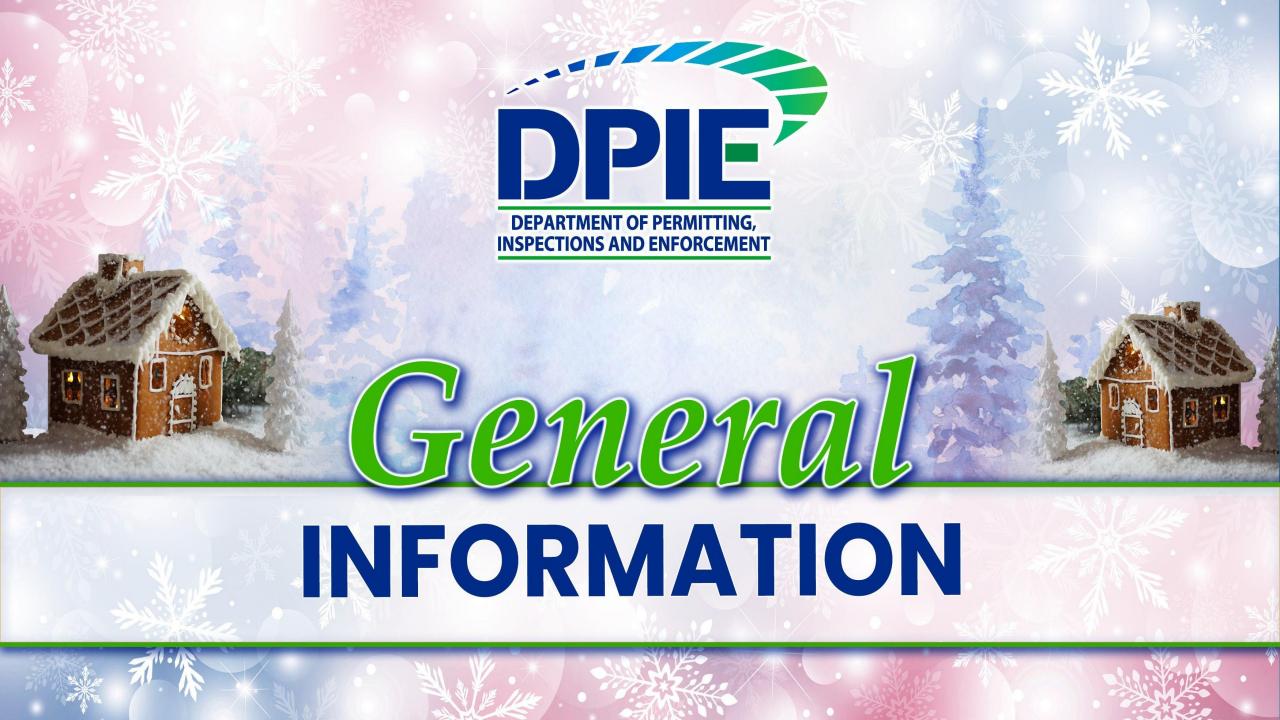


Holiday Safety

The National Safety Council (NSC) offers these holiday safety tips:

- The <u>Consumer Products Safety Commission</u> (CPSC) recommends keeping poisonous plants, such as mistletoe and holly berries, away from children.
- Make sure your artificial tree is "fire resistant" and kept 3 feet away from heat sources.
- Keep breakable ornaments and those with small parts out of the reach of children.
- Use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. Turn off lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Always <u>choose the right ladder</u> for hanging lights and performing other tasks.
- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down and out of reach of children. Use flameless candles when possible.
- Never leave candles or fireplaces burning unattended and use screens on fireplaces when a fire is lit. Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year.
- NSC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home, except oil-less fryers. Follow the <u>U.S. Fire Administration turkey fryer guidelines</u>.
- The <u>foodsafety.gov</u> website provides some valuable <u>holiday food safety tips</u>.
- The CPSC recommends toys that do not have small parts for children under age 3 because of the risk of choking. Avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet for children under 10. Include a helmet when gifting bikes or riding toys.





Accessing Information from DPIE

Many of DPIE's records are searchable at no cost or delay to the requester.

- History by Address
 - To search for permits by property address or permit history before 2023 in our legacy ePermits system, visit: **Permit Search (princegeorgescountymd.gov)**. If you would like a copy of a permit, request one using the MPIA form.
- Inspection History

To search for inspection history by permit number before 2023 in our legacy ePermits system, visit: <u>Inspections History</u> **By Permit Number (princegeorgescountymd.gov)**.

- LookSee Property Explorer
 - To research permits and properties in Prince George's County, use <u>LookSee</u>. The portal allows you to view Momentum information related to permits, licenses, inspections, and enforcement by entering the full application/permit number or property address.
- Application Tracker Check the Status of Plan Reviews
 - DPIE's Application Tracker is a tool in our Momentum system that gives users a snapshot of where a permit application is in the plan review process. To use Application Tracker, enter your Application Number into the **DPIE Application Iracker** portal and see your plan review progress. Each review has a status listed at the bottom of the page (Pending, Under Review, Completed, Hold for Corrections, Out to Applicant).
- Data Prince George's
 - <u>Data Prince George's</u> provides data on communities, County Government, finance, public safety, urban planning, education, health and the environment.

Request information about code violations, liens, rental licenses, site plans and other documents using the MPIA form.

DPIE Public Information Office

DPIEPIO@co.pg.md.us

- Serves as the information liaison between DPIE and the public.
- Publishes e-newsletter called <u>DPIE Developments</u> and periodic bulletins.
 Sign up at <u>Subscribe My PGC</u>.



- Access news and information at dpie.mypgc.us on the <u>Public Information</u> page.
- For flyers and PowerPoints, click DPIE's Resources → <u>Publications</u> → <u>PowerPoints</u> on our website.





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For service requests or to report violations, call **311** or **301–883–4748** (outside of the County) or access the website at **PGC311.com**.



Contact DPIE Communications Manager/PIO

AVIS THOMAS-LESTER

DPIEPIO@co.pg.md.us

for more information.

Visit the DPIE website at dpie.mypgc.us





DOE Presentation

Presented by Linda Lowe
Public Information Officer, DOE







ANNOUNCING

DoE Renames divisions – Updates vision, mission statement, and slogan

To better reflect the scope and responsibilities of teams within DoE, the following divisions will adopt new names, effective December 1.

STRATEGIC SERVICES

Strategic and Administrative Services Division (SASD)

Associate Director Rushane Jones

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Sustainable Waste
Management Division (SWMD)

Associate Director
Marilyn Naumann

SUSTAINABILITY

Flood Management and Environmental Resilience Division (FMERD)

Associate Director

Dawn Hawkins-Nixon

department of the environment



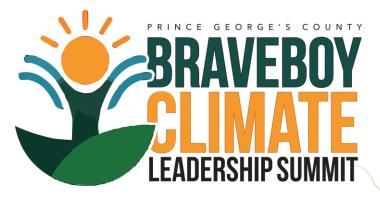






Braveboy Climate Leadership Summit Brings Together More than 300+ Leaders

On November 20th, Prince George's County celebrated a transformative milestone in its climate leadership journey with the inaugural Braveboy Climate Leadership Summit, expertly hosted by County Executive Aisha N. Braveboy at Bowie State University. This landmark event brought together more than 300 influential leaders from various sectors, including government officials, business executives, academic experts, and committed community representatives, for a full day packed with insightful discussions, collaborative workshops, and actionable strategies aimed at advancing the ambitious Climate Action Implementation Strategy Plan for the County.





HOW FULL IS THE SHELTER?

Critical: ADOPT/FOSTER NOW!

High









Despite its adoption successes, the Prince George's County Animal Services and Adoption Facility is in CRITICAL need of finding loving, homes for its dogs, especially its larger and senior dogs.

For more information and to see pets ready to be adopted, visit

www.princegeorgespets4us.com.



DIY: Prince George's County law states "all domestic animals, except livestock, are prohibited from being kept outdoors when the effective outdoor wind chill index is 32 degrees Fahrenheit."

on your car hood **before** starting the engine to give them a chance to escape. Cats like to seek shelter from the cold and can be under the hood of your car.

For their own safety, ensure your four-legged family members are kept warm, and their paws are clear, and report animal cruelty incidents to 301-780-7200.

Learn more tips to care for our animals during winter and County laws at bit.ly/coldtipsforpet.

COMMUNITY RABIES, MICROCHIP & LICENSING CLINIC A BIG SUCCESS!

On Sunday, November 16th, we proudly offered rabies vaccinations, microchipping, and pet licenses to hundreds of dedicated pet owners in our community.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible staff, passionate volunteers, and supportive community members. Your commitment to the health and wellbeing of pets makes a real difference!

Don't miss out on future clinics—visit our website for the latest updates and information: princegeorgescountypets4us.



PET PARENTING CLASSES

Next Workshop: Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 12 p.m.

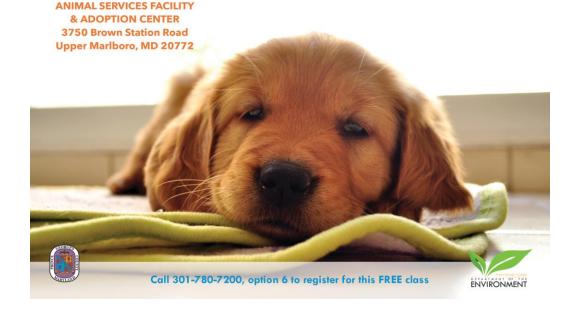
Learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend for its lifetime. Topics such as time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social, and more will be covered with Q&A.

Classes meet the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m., throughout 2025!

To secure attendance and register for this FREE class, please RSVP to <u>ASDcommunityoutreach@co.pg.md.us.</u>



Learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend for its lifetime. Time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social. all topics that will be covered during this 1-hour presentation with Q & A to follow. Meets the first Saturday of each month at noon.

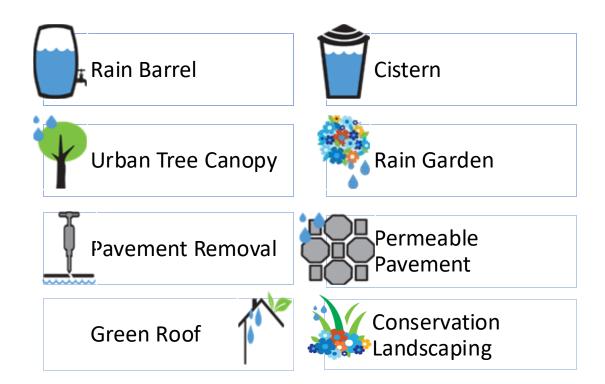




PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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 and build climate resilience to localized flooding while beautifying our communities.



Rebate Amounts



Residential: \$6,000 maximum rebate

Commercial properties and multifamily dwellings: \$20,000 maximum rebate

Over **1,368** rebates have been awarded to individual property owners for a total of **\$1,476,154** in cash rebates.

For more information, visit Rain Check Rebate bit.ly/PGCraincheckrebates (case sensitive)

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM



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.



DoE Helps Beautify Municipalities with Tree Plantings

DoE supports the CEX's beautification initiatives and demonstrates our community investments made possible by the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Urban Tree Grant. The plantings were installed at Veterans Park in District Heights and the Modoc Lane Passive Park in Forest Heights.







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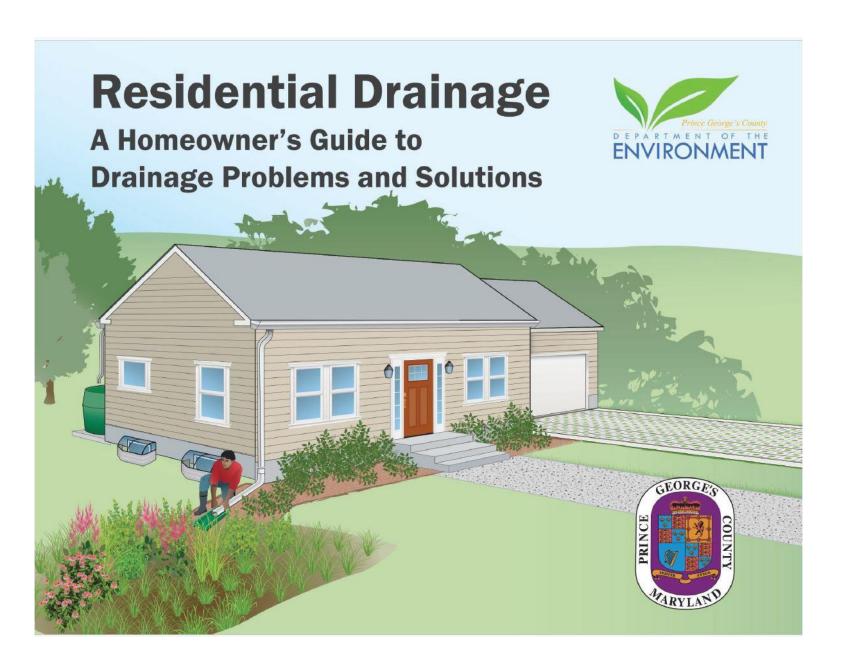
Prince George's County Climate-Smart Local Producers Pilot Program – Please monitor Department of Environment's website for Preliminary Intention to apply Information

CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES GRANT

Financial, Technical, and Marketing Assistance for County Growers!

The Climate-Smart Commodities Grant was awarded to the Prince George's County Dept. of Environment (DoE) in partnership with Prince George's Soil Conservation District, University of Maryland Extension, Bowie State University, and the Prince George's County Food Equity Council.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), this grant will provide direct financial, technical, and marketing support to County growers for implementing climate-smart agricultural or forestry (CSAF) practices over a three-year period and prioritizes historically underserved producers. There is no minimum farm size requirement.



Homeowner's Guide to Drainage Problems and Solutions

A manual to help property owners evaluate and assess runoff and drainage on their properties and to identify practices to manage drainage problems they might be experiencing



WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and Friday, Dec. 26, Jan. 2 Collections Slide One Day; All other collections remain on schedule





Compost your Pumpkins

GO GREEN THIS HALLOWEEN AND COMPOST YOUR PUMPKIN.

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) is pleased to announce pumpkin collection will begin in the fall. In addition to pumpkins, dried corn, hay and straw will also be picked-up for composting along with yard trim.

TO PARTICIPATE

Place items curbside by 6 a.m. on Mondays for pickup. Pumpkins, dried corn, hay and straw MUST be placed in the provided 32-gallon green wheeled cart. Alternatively, paper lawn/leaf bags can be used. Pumpkins must be free of inorganic materials such as candles, wax, artificial lighting, loose decorations, etc.

Residents may also drop off pumpkins and other yard trim at:

Brown Station Road Residential Convenience Center

* Please make sure yard trim is disposed of IN the Yard Trim Container on site.

3501 Brown Station Road

Monday - Saturday and holidays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday: Closed

Celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15, 2025 by taking the pledge to reduce, reuse and recycle at www.kab.org/programs/america-recycles-day







For more information, contact PGC311 at 3-1-1 or visit mypgc.us/compost. We're pleased to announce that pumpkin collection has started! In addition to pumpkins, residents may set out dried corn, hay, and straw for pickup with regular yard trim collection—all of which will be composted and transformed into nutrient-rich soil at the County's Organics Composting Facility.

Residents may also drop off pumpkins and other yard trim at the Brown Station Road Public Convenience Center in Upper Marlboro during regular operating hours.





In celebration of America Recycles Day/National Recycling Day on November 15, and in support of the County's ongoing efforts to promote recycling and waste diversion, DoE is hosting its annual Waste Diversion and Recycling Awards Ceremony.

This is your chance to nominate individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to advancing, practicing, or promoting recycling, composting, and waste reduction.

A 2025 nomination form must be submitted for all nominees, along with all relevant and supporting documentation, by midnight on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Visit environment.mypgc.us for more information on the awards.

The recent E-Waste Household Hazardous Waste collection event was held on the parking lot of the Largo Government Center, 9200 Basil Court on November 8th.

The event was a resounding success, with over 13,541 pounds of E-Waste and household hazardous waste, as well as 1,882 pounds of Electronics, collected at the event.

Over 328 residents took the opportunity to properly dispose of their materials.

The next event is scheduled for January XX, 2025.

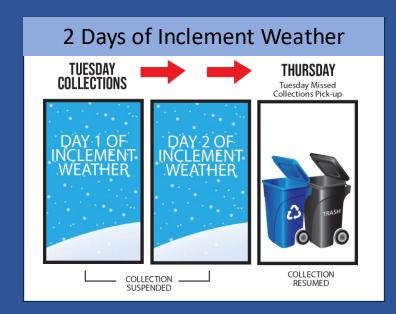
Thank you to everyone who helped to Clear the Curb! For more information about Clear the Curb mobile events, visit mypgc.us/clearthecurb.

E-Waste and Household Hazardous EVENT AT LARGO GOVERNMENT CENTER

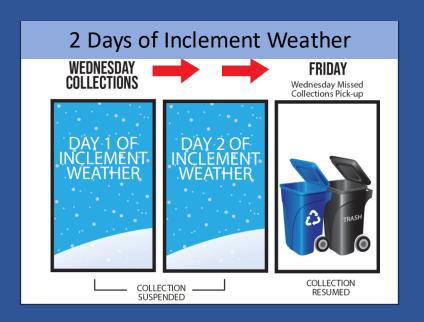














Remember all collections can occur anytime from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Scheduled bulky trash collections suspended due to weather will be collected within seven (7) days.



SOLARIZE PRINCE GEORGE'S CAMPAIGN OFFERS SOLAR ENERGY GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS

APPLY TODAY!



Homeowners, as proved by <u>SDAT</u> in the County, can get a **\$5,000** grant from the County for a new solar system*. Combine it with up to \$7,500 (\$750/kW) from the Maryland Solar Access program if you qualify for that too.

Homeowners in an Energy Resiliency Community (ERC)** can get a **\$10,000** grant*. They can also combine that with up to \$7,500 (\$750/kW) from the Solar Access program if they qualify for that too.

Income-qualified homeowners who meet Maryland criteria for the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) Solar Energy Equity grant, could instead get their solar panels **completely free** from MEA. Ask us about it or reach out to MEA directly.

*Funds are limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

** Enter your address on our website to see if you are in an ERC

SEE MORE ON HOW TO APPLY AT ENVIRONMENT.MYPGC.US/SOLAR

Questions? Email us at CleanE@co.pg.md.us or call 301-883-5810 (M-F, 9-5)

CLIMATE & ENERGY

Prince George's County is excited to launch Solarize Prince George's, a new campaign that makes it easier and more affordable for homeowners to go solar. Through the County's Solar Energy Grant Program, eligible residents can receive up to \$10,000 toward the cost of installing rooftop solar panels—helping lower energy bills, increase home resilience, and support cleaner air for our communities.





BEAUTIFICATION













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Thank You



