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Green Your Yard

Grasscycle to make your lawn healthier and your life easier!

What is grasscycling?

Leaving grass clippings on a mowed lawn. The clippings quickly decompose and make lawns greener, healthier, and sturdier.

What are the benefits of grasscycling?

- Protects waterways by slowing runoff from rain
- Protects and nourishes a lawn, allowing it to grow thicker and healthier without the use of commercial fertilizer
- Saves you time and effort to bag, empty, and dispose of clippings

How do you grasscycle?

- Set mower blade height to 3"
- Cut lawn before grass reaches 4" high
- Let grass clippings fall and stay on the lawn
- Mow at least once a week during peak growing season
- Mow only when grass is dry; wet grass clumps and can clog your lawnmower

What can you do with yard waste?

The Department of Public Works (DPW) collects yard waste year-round, not just October to January!

We will pick up five (5) bags of leaves every week on your trash collection day, at the same place your trash is collected. Place yard waste in plastic bags (preferably clear or labeled), paper bags, or bundled. We do not take tree branches larger than 4 inches in diameter or longer than 3 feet.

Yard waste may also be brought to one of [DPW's Citizens' Convenience Centers](#). The best way to take care of leaves is to compost or go over them with a mulching mower.



Event Notice

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

All materials must be in original containers. Please note that latex paint is NOT hazardous and can be dried out and disposed of with your regular trash.

**Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3
9a.m. to 7 p.m.
NW Citizens' Convenience Center
2840 Sisson Street**

For more information, please visit our website at:
<http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>



Please, NO Plastic Bags

You can use anything to hold your recyclables, *except* for plastic bags!

Plastic bags can be recycled at many grocery stores.

Find one near you at:

<http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/s01/s01dropoff.html>



FAQ: Why Can't I Use Plastic Bags?

Although plastic bags seem like a convenient way to set out recyclables, they actually make single stream recycling less efficient! Plastic bags get stuck in the sorting equipment, meaning the process has to be shut down for the bags to be cleaned out. Placing recyclables loose in a bin, cardboard box, or paper bag keeps the machinery moving!

Proper Disposal Guide

Curbside Recycling

- Clean paper - all colors and types
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes without liners and frozen food packaging)
- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks)
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Narrow-neck plastic containers
- Wide-mouth plastic containers including empty prescription bottles (lids and caps do not need to be removed) and plastic drinking cups
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Clean milk and juice cartons

Municipal Trash Can

- Deli and salad bar containers
- Soiled aluminum foil
- Take-out food containers
- Plastic rings
- Food scraps

Convenience Center

Convenience Centers 1-5 Accept the Following Materials to be Recycled

- Electronics
- Clean Styrofoam (Sisson St location ONLY)
- Rigid Plastics such as milk crates and laundry baskets
- Used motor oil
- Tires without rims
- White goods such as stoves and refrigerators

[Click here](#) for a complete list and map of convenience center locations.

