

# CALVERT COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE



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# CALVERT COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING LOCATIONS

## **APPEAL LANDFILL**

401 Sweetwater Road, Lusby  
410-326-0210

Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **APPEAL CONVENIENCE CENTER**

200 Sweetwater Road, Lusby  
410-326-2611

Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **BALL ROAD CONVENIENCE CENTER**

1045 Ball Road, St. Leonard  
410-586-1262

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Sunday

## **BARSTOW CONVENIENCE CENTER**

350 Stafford Road, Barstow  
410-535-5206

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 7 p.m.

## **HUNTINGTOWN CONVENIENCE CENTER**

3666 Hunting Creek Road, Huntingtown  
410-535-4760

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Sunday

## **MT. HOPE CONVENIENCE CENTER**

96 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland  
410-257-3296

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

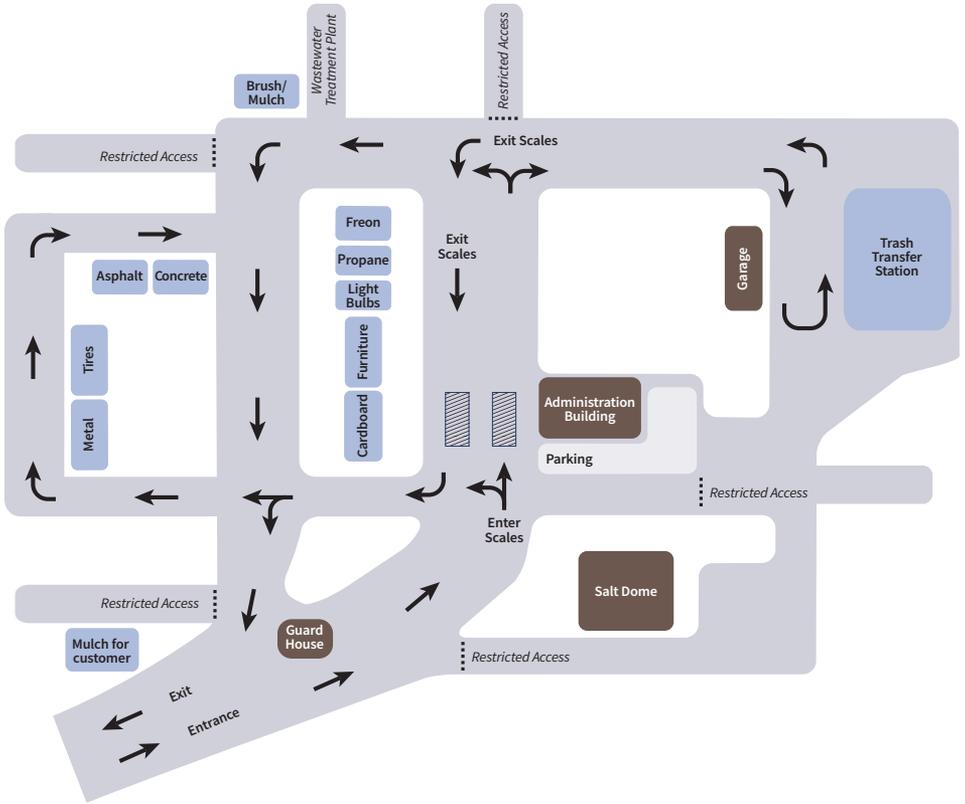
## **PLUM POINT CONVENIENCE CENTER**

2801 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown  
410-535-2405

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Sunday

# APPEAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY MAP

THIS FULL-SERVICE FACILITY ACCEPTS MOST TYPES OF TRASH. COUNTY RESIDENTS MAY DISPOSE OF BULK TRASH AND FURNITURE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE APPEAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY.



## TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT TO APPEAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY

- Map arrows show the direction of traffic.
- Watch for cross or stopped traffic at intersections and loading and unloading vehicles.
- Visitors may park at the Administration Building for permit applications or other assistance.
- Wait for instructions on when to enter the weigh scales and where to unload waste items.
- Be aware of potential hazards including trash, wet spots on the ground, unloading vehicles and heavy equipment.
- Children and animals **MUST** stay in vehicle.

# RECYCLING BINS

Each Calvert County household may receive up to two free recycling bins for use of separating recyclables for collection at the convenience centers or the Appeal Landfill. Residents must show proof of residency in the form of a photo ID or utility bill.

## Calvert County Residents

Recycling bins are available at any of the Customer Convenience Centers.



## Chesapeake Beach and North Beach Residents

Recycling bins are available at your town hall.

## RECYCLING RESOURCES

### CALVERT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION

[www.calvertcountymd.gov/Recycle](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/Recycle)

Learn more about our local recycling, the Appeal Landfill, convenience centers, household hazardous waste, waste prevention and more.

Learn more about Appeal Landfill tipping fees and payment methods:

[www.calvertcountymd.gov/Locations-Hours-Fees](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/Locations-Hours-Fees)

### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

[www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us)

MDE promotes waste reduction, recycling and the conservation of natural resources. Visit the recycling section for the state recycling data, information, publications and more.

### MDRECYCLES.ORG

[www.mdrecycles.org](http://www.mdrecycles.org)

This website features listings of collection and donation sites for a wide range of items, from appliances to video games.

### RECYCLE COACH

[www.calvertcountymd.gov/RecycleCoach](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/RecycleCoach)

This recycling resource provides a search engine for drop-off locations of recyclable materials in Calvert County, accepted recyclable materials, event schedules, and educational content.

### U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[www.epa.gov/recycle](http://www.epa.gov/recycle)

The federal agency features comprehensive resources for reducing, reusing and recycling materials.



# PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

Free shredding events are held throughout the year. There are separate events for residents and businesses to dispose old tax returns, bills, files and other confidential documents and unneeded paper. Residents must show proof of residency in the form of a photo ID or utility bill. All paper is to be removed from binders and plastic bags. Paper from businesses will not be accepted at resident paper shredding events. Event dates, locations and further details can be found online at [www.calvertcountymd.gov/ShredEvents](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/ShredEvents).

Also Accepted	Not Accepted
✓ Paper Clips	✗ Binders
✓ Staples	✗ Binder clips
✓ Spiral-bound items	✗ Plastic bags



AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS

# OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING

Oyster shell drop-off carts are stationed at the Appeal Landfill and all county convenience centers. Residents and businesses can drop off used oyster shells as well as clam and mussel shells. The shells should not be bagged. The shells provide the best material for baby oysters to attach to as they grow. Each recycled shell can provide homes for 10 new oysters. Known as a keystone species, oysters serve as the kidneys of the bay. One oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day.



The Oyster Recycling Partnership (ORP) will pick up bulk shells from businesses, certify amounts and issue receipts. To date, ORP picks up from more than 340 restaurants across the Mid-Atlantic Region. ORP does not pick up from individual residences.

*Not accepted: Plates, utensils, paper or napkins.*

# PAPER RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS



Newspaper



Catalogs



Junk mail



Magazines



Advertisements



Cardboard  
boxes



Telephone  
books



Gift wrapping  
paper



Detergent  
boxes



Shredded  
paper



School papers



Hard-cover  
and soft-cover  
books



Clean food  
cartons and  
juice boxes

Shredded paper must  
be bagged, not loose.  
Cardboard should be flattened.

# COMMINGLE RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Glass bottles, jugs and jars
- Metal and aluminum cans, empty aerosol containers and aluminum foil
- Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, food and beverage containers numbered 1-5 and 7  
*(lids and labels are acceptable)*

All acceptable food and beverage types of items can be mixed together. All commingled items must be loose; do not place in plastic bags. Do not mix commingle recycling with paper recycling.





# PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE



Styrofoam egg cartons



Used pizza boxes



Bubble wrap



Waxed drinking cups



Wax paper



Used paper plates



Used napkins or tissues



Juice box pouches



Pressure-treated wood



Painted/stained wood



Drinking glasses



Glass dishes and plates



Mirrors



Pottery or ceramics



Paint cans



Plastic bags



Plastic food containers



Plastic cups or eating utensils



Styrofoam items\*  
(including clamshell)



Paint or chemical aerosols

*\*At the 2019 Maryland General Assembly's legislative session, Chapter 579 was passed banning the use of food service products composed of expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly referred to by the trademark name Styrofoam. For more information, visit [mde.maryland.gov](http://mde.maryland.gov) and search 'EPS Ban'.*

## OTHER ITEMS WE DO NOT RECYCLE:

- window glass
- windshields
- latex paint
- plastic film
- plastic pans
- waxed boxes



## BULKY RIGID PLASTICS RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT APPEAL AND BARSTOW  
CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Plastic milk and soda crates
- Empty buckets and drums
- Laundry baskets
- Lawn furniture
- Coolers
- Flower pots
- Five-gallon water bottles
- Pallets
- Toys



**Styrofoam is not accepted. Rigid plastic must be separated from commingle containers and other recyclable materials.**

## METAL RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT APPEAL LANDFILL AND ALL  
CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Washers
- Dryers
- Lawn mowers
- Water heaters
- Aluminum siding
- Metal desks, shelves and cabinets
- Grills
- Bicycles
- Other metal materials

**Propane cylinders up to 100 pounds are recycled separately (DO NOT place in roll-off containers).**



## FREON APPLIANCES RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT APPEAL LANDFILL  
ONLY



**\$10 resident/commercial fee per appliance (cash or check)**

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Water coolers

**Do not cut tubes on freon appliances as it may release the refrigerant gas, which is a known ozone-depleting compound.**

# AUTOMOTIVE AND INDUSTRIAL FLUIDS RECYCLING

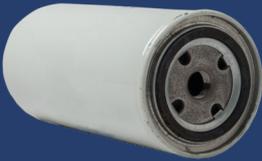
AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Motor oil
- Transmission oil
- Diesel fuel and kerosene
- Hydraulic oil
- Oil filters
- Anti-freeze



## DISPOSAL TIPS

- Drain oil into a clean, dry plastic or metal container or empty oil bottles. Do not use paint cans, detergent bottles, etc.
- Do not mix oil with any other liquids (brake or power steering fluid, gasoline, solvents, antifreeze, cooking oils, etc.).
- Oil can be mixed with small amounts (less than five gallons) of diesel fuel or kerosene; these can be poured in the motor oil tank. NO gasoline or 2-cycle mixed. Any fluids mixed with gasoline must be disposed of as household hazardous waste (see pages 20-21).



- Take your container to one of the customer convenience centers and pour it into the oil recycling container.
- Drain the filter of its oil and drop it into the oil filter container.



AVAILABLE  
AT APPEAL  
LANDFILL ONLY

# BUILDING MATERIALS

We accept concrete, brick, cinderblock and asphalt at the Appeal Landfill. These are chargeable materials. Asphalt must be separate from other materials.

# BATTERY, CELL PHONE AND PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Batteries: Automotive and marine  
6 to 24-volt  
Lead-acid
- Rechargeable: Tool batteries  
Button batteries  
Sizes AAA through D  
1.5 to 24-volt
- Cell phones
- Laser and inkjet printer cartridges



# ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS



- Computers
- Cable/satellite boxes
- Stereos
- Televisions/monitors
- Printers
- Battery backups
- Fax machines
- DVD players
- Scanners
- And more

# TEXTILE RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS

- Fabrics
- Shoes
- Bed linens
- Clothes
- Belts
- Purses/handbags
- Stuffed animals
- Drapes/curtains
- Tablecloths

Clothing and other materials must be dry and fairly clean. They cannot be damp or smell like mildew.

Proceeds from recycled textile items help support the Calvert County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program.





### **OIL-BASED PAINT DISPOSAL**

County residents may dispose of mineral spirits and oil-based paints, stains, solvent, thinners and removers at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events. Paint from commercial painters will not be accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events.

### **LATEX-BASED PAINT DISPOSAL**

Latex paint is nonhazardous and may be disposed of along with regular household trash. For small amounts of latex paint, remove the paint can cover and let it air dry to a solid before disposal.

For larger amounts, mix the paint with kitty litter, sand or an oil-absorbent product and let it dry. The mixture should have the consistency of thick oatmeal or peanut butter. Once the paint is a solid (dry), replace the lid on the paint can for disposal at a customer convenience center. Paint hardeners are also available to instantly harden old latex paint for disposal.

For more information about paint disposal, contact the Appeal Landfill at 410-326-0210.



# YARD DEBRIS RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT APPEAL LANDFILL ONLY



- Leaves
- Bushes/shrubs
- Trees/tree limbs
- Christmas trees\*

Trees and branches must be no longer than six feet.

There is a charge to recycle yard debris, calculated by weight.

*\*Real Christmas trees are collected at all convenience centers free of charge from Dec. 26-Jan. 31 only. Decorations, stands, metal frames and lights must be removed. Trees and wreaths may not be placed in plastic bags.*

**PLEASE  
DO NOT  
RECYCLE**



- Painted/stained wood
- Pressure-treated wood
- Furniture

# LIGHTBULB RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT  
ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE  
CENTERS

- Fluorescent tubes
- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury light bulbs
- Sodium light bulbs
- Security, flood lights and more



## COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT (CFL) TIPS

- CFLs use up to 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer.
- CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing.
- If a CFL breaks in your home, certain clean-up procedures should be followed.
- For clean-up and disposal information, visit [www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling](http://www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling).

# ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLES

AVAILABLE AT  
APPEAL LANDFILL  
ONLY

- Thermometers and thermostats containing mercury

AVAILABLE AT  
ALL CUSTOMER  
CONVENIENCE  
CENTERS

- Cooking oil



# NEEDLES, LANCETS AND OTHER SHARPS



**DISPOSAL AVAILABLE AT ALL CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

Used needles should NOT be thrown in the trash unless they are in special sharp containers. Please DO NOT place them in a recyclable bottle or can.

Needles must be disposed of by using “SHARP” containers. These containers are specially designed to collect the needles and prevent them from sticking solid waste workers and others.

Mail-back containers are also available for home use to dispose of needles safely. You can also check with your local pharmacy for other devices that render needles safe.



## MEDICATION DROP-BOX LOCATIONS

In addition to county-sponsored quarterly household hazardous waste collection days, residents can dispose of unused and/or expired medications any time at the following drop-off box locations:



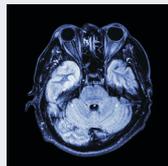
Calvert County Sheriff's Office, 30 Church Street in Prince Frederick  
Drop-box is located on the porch to the left of the front entry



Maryland State Police Barrack, 210 Main Street in Prince Frederick  
Drop-box is located on the sidewalk near the front door

## X-RAY & MRI FILM

**ACCEPTED AT  
APPEAL LANDFILL ONLY**



# TIRE RECYCLING

AVAILABLE AT APPEAL LANDFILL ONLY

Drop off all of your used tires at the Appeal Landfill. Tires may be left on the rim. There is a charge to recycle tires. Tires cannot have water or dirt in them when recycled.



- Automobile
- Farm Equipment
- Truck and Light Truck
- Inner Tubes
- Off-Road
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle

## BULK ITEM PICK-UP

The Calvert Solid Waste Division offers county citizens free bulk item pick-up services. There is a limit of up to three items per scheduled pickup, indoor furniture and appliances ONLY. The items MUST be placed at the end of your driveway or property, where your mailbox is or would be located. This service is for residents only; no businesses please. Items are picked up on a first-come, first-served basis.

To schedule a pick-up, call the Appeal Landfill at 410-326-0210 or visit online at [www.calvertcountymd.gov/BulkPickup](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/BulkPickup).

### The following are eligible for bulk item pick-up:

- Air conditioners (\$10 charge)
- Refrigerators and freezers (\$10 charge)
- Beds and mattresses
- Water heaters and tanks
- Shelving units
- Other large household appliances and furniture



### The following items CANNOT be picked up:

- Recreational and commercial equipment
- Lawn mowers and similar equipment
- Game tables and arcade machines
- Bicycles and toys
- Carpet
- Play equipment
- Heat pumps
- Televisions
- Exercise equipment
- Outdoor furniture
- Grills
- Pianos

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS



Calvert County holds Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days on specific Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events are held rain or shine. Take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of certain household products that may contain corrosive, toxic, dangerous, poisonous, ignitable or reactive ingredients. You may also dispose of old or unneeded medicines.

Improper disposal of household hazardous waste products can pollute the environment and pose a health threat. Do not place these materials in the trash or pour them down the drain.

During Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, Calvert County residents may bring hazardous waste for FREE disposal. There are no limits as to how many materials residents may bring to this event. Residents will need to provide proof of residency to participate. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED AT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS:

- Acids
- Adhesives, glues, epoxies
- Auto and floor care products
- Brake fluids
- Cleaners (ammonia, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, etc.)
- Explosives (ammunition, fireworks, flares, etc.)
- Fertilizers, weed killers
- Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides
- Gasoline, diesel fuel
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Medicines
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, switches)
- Oil-based paints and polyurethane
- Paint strippers (acetone, toluene, etc.)
- Paint thinners (including mineral spirits, turpentine)
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Science chemicals
- Solvents
- Stains
- Varnish
- Wood preservatives (creosote, sealer, etc.)



## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

- 30-, 50- and 85-gallon containers without prior approval
- 2-4-5 TP silvex
- Asbestos products
- Latex paint
- Dioxin
- Ketones
- Infectious waste (syringes, lancets, etc.). See page 17.
- PCBs
- Radioactive materials (including old glow-in-the-dark watches and old smoke alarms)

# BUILD YOUR OWN COMPOST PILE

Save money, save resources, improve your soil and reduce your impact on the environment by recycling your organic waste material with composting. Adding compost to your garden provides soil with diverse nutrients and microorganisms that improve plant growth. You can add vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, sawdust, twigs, tissue paper, eggshells, hair and cotton to name a few.

## 10 EASY STEPS TO HOME COMPOSTING

1. **Select a location.** An area as small as 3' x 3' x 3' will do.
2. **Build or buy a compost bin.** You can purchase a ready-made compost bin or build one yourself.
3. **Fill your compost bin.** All organic matter can be composted. DO NOT compost animal products such as meat, bones, fat, grease or pet feces.
4. **Mix the materials.** Mix a larger portion of brown materials (dry leaves, straw, sawdust) with a smaller portion of green (grass, weeds, kitchen scraps) ingredients. Shred or cut larger material. Keep kitchen scraps on the inside of the pile.
5. **Get started.** When combining your brown and green ingredients, add a shovel or two of soil and a sprinkle of water to the mix until slightly moist.
6. **Feel the heat.** After a week, check to see if the pile is heating up. If the center of the pile is not warmer than the outside, add more green items.
7. **Turn the pile.** Composting works best under oxygen-rich conditions. The pile should be turned at least once a week with a shovel or pitchfork.
8. **Troubleshooting.** Discover a solution for each challenge you may face. See chart listed on page 23.
9. **Ready for action.** After three to 10 weeks and many turning cycles, your compost should be dark, moist, crumbly and ready to use.
10. **Use your compost!** Though compost is not technically a fertilizer, it is an excellent soil amendment that improves the structure and quality of your soil. Use around garden and bed shrubs.





## GENERAL COMPOSTING RULES

- The composting pile should be at least 1 cubic yard (3' x 3' x 3'). The ideal size is a 3' x 5' square.
- Locate the pile on level, well-drained ground near a water source.
- Stay away from wooden fences, buildings and shallow tree roots.
- Mix a large amount of browns (for carbon) with a small amount of greens (for nitrogen).
- Moisten materials as you add them and leave a concave depression at the top of the pile to capture rain. The composting pile should be kept about as damp as a wrung-out sponge. It is a good idea to cover the composting pile during periods of very high moisture.
- Add water as needed to maintain the correct moisture.
- Turn, fluff or aerate the composting pile every week.
- Allow the compost to age for at least one month after removing it from your bin before using as a soil amendment (it should be fully decomposed).

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Odor	Turn more frequently, add browns if necessary
Pile too wet	Turn more frequently, add browns if necessary
Pile does not get hot	Pile too small
Organics not degrading	Check moisture, turn more frequently, add greens, fresh manure, blood meal or urea
Rodents	Remove and stop adding food scraps, turn more frequently and keep moist
Pets	Bury food scraps under one foot of material and put pallet on top as lid
Insects	Keep moist and turn more frequently