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*Information contained herein is valid as of October 2021
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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
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
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

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
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
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
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
The federal agency features comprehensive resources for reducing, reusing and recycling materials.
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 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.

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### Paper Recycling

Available at all customer convenience centers

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<tr>
<th>Newspaper</th>
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<td>Cardboard boxes</td>
<td>Telephone books</td>
<td>Gift wrapping paper</td>
<td>Detergent boxes</td>
<td>Shredded paper</td>
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<td>School papers</td>
<td>Hard-cover and soft-cover books</td>
<td>Clean food cartons and juice boxes</td>
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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

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<td>Used pizza boxes</td>
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<td>Waxed drinking cups</td>
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<td>Used paper plates</td>
<td>Used napkins or tissues</td>
<td>Juice box pouches</td>
<td>Pressure-treated wood</td>
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<td>Drinking glasses</td>
<td>Glass dishes and plates</td>
<td>Mirrors</td>
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*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 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

- 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

- 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

$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.
**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 ALL CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

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

**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

- 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

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

TEXTILE RECYCLING

- 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

- 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.

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLES

- Thermometers and thermostats containing mercury
- 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
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 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.

Available at Appeal Landfill only

TIRE RECYCLING

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

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

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

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<td>Pile does not get hot</td>
<td>Pile too small</td>
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<td>Organics not degrading</td>
<td>Check moisture, turn more frequently, add greens, fresh manure, blood meal or urea</td>
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<td>Rodents</td>
<td>Remove and stop adding food scraps, turn more frequently and keep moist</td>
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<td>Pets</td>
<td>Bury food scraps under one foot of material and put pallet on top as lid</td>
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<td>Insects</td>
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