



## DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF RECYCLING

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### ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **FREDERICK COUNTY'S RECYCLING PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW** ***More Can Be Recycled Than Ever Before***

FREDERICK, MD – The Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM) announced that its recycling program will now accept even more materials, making it one of the most comprehensive recycling programs in the region. The expanded program will now take more rigid plastic items, including over-size materials that have previously been placed in the waste stream. While it is not feasible to provide curbside collection of bulky plastic items, materials that do not fit in a recycling cart can be brought to the Citizen's Recycling Center, located at 9031 Reichs Ford Road in Frederick, Monday through Saturday, 7am until 4:30 pm.

Starting immediately, residents can recycle bulky, rigid plastic items, such as: milk/soda crates, plastic shelving, empty plastic trash cans, lawn furniture, coolers, plastic flowerpots, buckets, storage totes, plastic toys and play equipment such as swimming pools and outdoor play sets. All containers must be empty prior to deposit. These items should be brought to the Recycling Center on Reichs Ford Road and placed in the collection container specially designated for large plastic recyclables. Residents with questions about what is recyclable can call the Office of Recycling at 301-600-2960 or send email to [recycle@fredco-md.net](mailto:recycle@fredco-md.net).

As part of the expanded program, Frederick County's residents can now recycle most plastic items— with the major exceptions being: “clamshell” containers (hinged, clear, thin plastic), PVC pipe, vinyl siding, polystyrene/Styrofoam™, soft plastics (such as garden hoses) and containers that held automotive fluids or hazardous materials. Residents are asked to keep these and other unacceptable items out of the recycling collection system. Trash contamination reduces the value of recyclable materials and decreases the efficiency and economy of the county's program.

Phil Harris, Superintendent of the Department of Solid Waste Management indicated that, “This new outlet for accepting bulky plastic household items offers another opportunity for residents to contribute to the important local and global goals of recycling more and wasting less.”

For more information on the recycling program, including lists of acceptable and unacceptable items, please visit [www.co.frederick.md.us/recycle](http://www.co.frederick.md.us/recycle) or call 301-600-2960.

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