

Recycling in Montgomery County

Activities for Children Living in Single-Family Homes



For more information, Call 240-777-6400 or Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling



Recycling in Montgomery County is Easy!

Why recycle? Making new things from recycled materials saves money, energy, and the Earth's natural resources. It is so important that Montgomery County has made it easy for you and your family to recycle by providing a blue recycling bin and a blue mixed paper wheeled cart so your recyclable materials are picked up at the curb in front of your house on your recycling day.

There are five kinds of recyclables that can be picked up at your curb.



Commingled Materials





Glass Bottles and Jars



Plastic Bottles



Steel/Tin and Aerosol Cans



Plastic Containers, Jars, Tubs and Lids



Aluminum Cans and Foil Products



Plastic Flower Pots. Buckets and Pails

Mixed Paper





Clean, Dry White Paper, Colored Paper, and Cards





Magazines and Comic Books



Unwanted Mail and Envelopes



Cardboard and Snack Food Boxes



Milk/Juice Cartons and Frozen Food Boxes







Books, and Phone Books

Yard Trim









Recycling Word Search

Can you help Rocco, the Recycling Retriever, find all of these words related to Montgomery County recycling in the letters below?

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
Plastic Bottles
Yogurt Cups
Glass Jars

Commingled
Mixed Paper
Newspapers
Magazines
Mail
Shredded Paper

Coloring Books
Construction Paper
Aluminum Cans
Soup Cans
Cardboard Boxes
Cereal Box

Flower Pot Compost Peanut Butter Jar Scrap Metal Rocco

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Did You Know?

The energy saved each year by recycled cans could light the city of Washington, D.C. for 3.7 years.

An average glass bottle contains over 25% recycled glass, and it can be recycled over and over. Glass never wears out.

About
1 billion trees
worth of paper
are thrown away
every year in
the U.S.

Half of all polyester carpet made in the U.S. uses recycled plastic bottles.

A Busy Morning in the Kitchen!

It's amazing how many things can be recycled in your home! Can you find all of the recyclable commingled materials and mixed paper in this picture?

(Hint: There are 27 different items!)

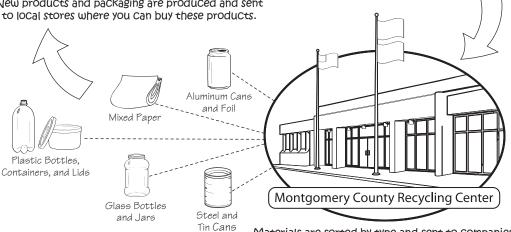




What happens to recyclable materials after they are picked up?

Bring life to recycling by coloring in the recycling process.





Materials are sorted by type and sent to companies that will make them into new products and packaging.

Buying Recycled Products - Closing the Loop

All our hard work to recycle will be wasted if we don't remember to buy new products made from our recycled materials. So when you are at the store with your parents, look for this symbol on a package. It means that item or its packaging was made with recycled material.

Decode the secret message!

Each item on the store shelf below has a letter below it. Circle the letters below the items that have a symbol on them to decode the message.



Get Creative!

There are some items you cannot recycle but they can still be reused.

Mini Flower Vase

What You Need:

 Three paper or plastic cups

- Glue
- Tissue paper or fabric
- Some dry beans or rice

What You Do:

- Place a cup on a table and fill it halfway with dry beans or rice.
- Glue a second cup to the first, top to top.
- Glue a third cup to the second, bottom to bottom.
- To decorate, glue small pieces of torn tissue paper or fabric all over the cups.

Other Recycling Craft Ideas:

- Paste your favorite pictures from magazines or draw on paper bags and use as gift wrap.
- Keep the lids on several different coffee cans to make a drum set.
- Decorate used clean food containers, like those for coffee, oatmeal, or cream cheese and use as storage containers.
- Cut rings from paper towel or bathroom tissue rolls and then paint and decorate them and use as napkin rings. You can also make puppets and rocket ships from these rolls.

Puzzle Answers

Picture Search Materials:

On the Counter top: Catalog Unwanted Mail Butter Box Peanut Butter Jar Jelly Jar Phone Book Coffee Can

Around and in the Sink:
Flower Pot Mayonnaise Jar
Soup Can Juice Carton
Cottage Cheese Container
Dish Soap Bottle

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Ketchup Bottle

Mayonnaise Jar
Juice Carton
Lemon Juice Bottle

Chicken Broth Cont

On the Floor: Cardboard Box Kitty Litter Pail On/Near the Table: Cereal Box Milk Jug Newspaper

In the Refrigerator:
Pickie Jar
Hot Sauce Bottle
Soda Bottle
Ketchup Bottle
Mayonnaise Jar
Juice Carton
Lemon Juice Bottle
Chicken Broth Container
Yogurt Container
Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Pie Pan

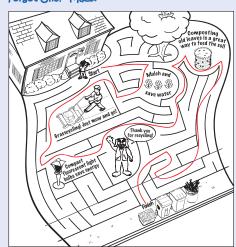
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Buying Recycled Secret Message:

I will help others recycle more

Forgot One! - Maze:





Forgot One!

Jimmy forgot to recycle a plastic bottle.

Can you help him find his way to the commingled materials recycling bin on the curb? Be on the look out for other ways you can save resources and help the environment.

