

Public Comments on Mandatory Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Received by the City of Rockville

The City has received a total of 7 comments to date:

Comment One - Received on June 20, 2008 at 1:14 pm via email

I just read the June *Rockville Reports*.

I support the city's authorization to Montgomery County to implement *Smart Organizations Reduce and Recycle Tons* within the city.

As individuals in this country, we all contribute to global warming and the destruction of our environment, whether we are homeowners, apartment or condo dwellers, or run a business. I do not believe that we will seriously respond to the threat that already exists (no skunks recorded in Northern Virginia for a decade, 6 fireflies instead of 600 in my back yard this summer, English ivy strangling our trees, an explosion of cowbirds threatening other species) unless we all participate in actions designed to reduce the threat.

I applaud the city's efforts to widen participation in mandatory recycling.

Carol Hannaford

Comment Two - Received on July 5, 2008 at 11:21 am via email

Hello DPW and environmental staff,

Now that Mont. Co. has started to accept many more kinds of plastics for recycling (as of July 1), will Rockville be able to gear up to do this too?

I am also interested to know when Rockville is going to get around to making business recycling mandatory. My frequent observation is that voluntary business recycling doesn't seem to work in Rockville.

I do appreciate whatever information you can give me on both these topics.

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Comment Three - Received on July 18, 2008 at 11:44 am via email

Hello.

I received your notice today re: recycling for Rockville businesses.

I have a one-person interior design office that's in the basement of my home. I currently recycle all of my mixed paper along with the household recycling. There's not much paper generated by my home office, so it fits easily into the paper bags with our home papers. Will I be able to continue to do so? Please advise. (The only other recycleable material generated by the office is the occasional used printer cartridge, which I recycle by returning to Staples or mailing back to Hewlett-Packard.)

Thank you.

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Comment Four – Received on July 28, 2008 at 11:06 am via email

Dear Sir,

We have a recycling program in place at the Victoria Condominium and use an outside contractor to haul it away. Your requirement to weigh the amount of recycbles is confusing as it is written. I understand it to mean you would expect the property management to weigh the materials before the trash company takes it. I hope I am wrong in this thinking and you really mean the trash company will have to report the weight at the site they take it to, correct or not??? The property personnel does not have the equipment to do this.

Bonnie Kidd
General Manager

Comment Five - Received on August 21, 2008 at 3:04 pm via email

As a former homeowner who is living at the Huntington at King Farm in an apartment, I support recycling. I think it should be mandatory; however, I don't know how that can be enforced in an apartment complex.

Recycling is already done here. I am, however, distressed because there are NOT enough recycling bins and they are not dedicated to paper or "other". I don't know how much it costs the county to separate these items, but it must be something! I feel people might be more cooperative if the bins were larger and labled properly so we'd know where to put items. I know I would!

Caroline Touchton

Comment Six - Received on August 21, 2008 at 12:52 pm via email

Good afternoon,

My husband and I moved into Plymouth Woods Condominiums 2 years ago and was absolutely SHOCKED that we weren't required to recycle. I called Montgomery County, the City of Rockville and our homeowner's association – but with no success. So, for 2 years, I have driven my recycling to the main center, my office or my parent's house. The new law would be perfect – except, it appears to apply to buildings with 7 or more units. Plymouth Woods buildings only have 6. So where does that leave me?

Best regards,

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Comment Seven - Received on July 25, 2008 at 11:30 am via email

Our suggestion for the recycling would be to make it single stream

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