



Going green

in the City of Hagerstown

*A Guide to Help City Residents
Recycle and Conserve Natural Resources*



The Mayor and Council have instituted *Green Practices* in order to improve public health, promote a higher quality of life for City residents, and increase the efficiency in which the City and its residents use energy, water and natural resources. City initiatives include green construction in buildings, encouraging natural resource conservation, and strengthening the recycling programs.

The City of Hagerstown boasts three recycling programs that have been designed to make it easy for City residents to *Choose to Reuse*:



1. Mixed Paper
RECYCLING PROGRAM



2. Co-Mingled
RECYCLING PROGRAM



3. Yard Waste
RECYCLING PROGRAM



Mixed Paper

RECYCLING PROGRAM

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

- Magazines
- Envelopes
- Office Paper
- Computer Paper
- Phone Books
- Cardboard
- Newspapers
- Mail
- Colored Paper
- Adhesive Notes
- Catalogs
- Folders

SET-OUT PROCEDURES

Mixed Paper material should be set at curbside, and:

- bundled securely with twine or string;
- placed in brown paper grocery bags; and/or,
- placed in reusable containers (*green bins or garbage cans clearly marked as "recycling"*).

Cardboard must be broken down to a size no larger than 3' x 3'. Cardboard larger than 3' x 3' will be taken as trash. Pieces should be bundled, however, it is acceptable to stack them under the recycling bin so they do not blow away.

NEED A GREEN RECYCLING BIN? Call *Recycle Hagerstown* at 301-739-8577 x106. Leave your name, address and phone number. A green bin will be delivered to your door. Extra bins are \$7 each and can be purchased by sending a check for the correct amount to: *The City of Hagerstown, Attn: Engineering Dept., 1 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740*. You can also request a bin online by completing the Recycling Bin Request form. Be sure to designate the bin you are requesting.

BE CAREFUL! Material will not be collected if set-out improperly. Reasons include contaminated material such as waxed paper and food wrappers.

To find out what zone you are in for set-out and pick-up of Mixed Paper Recycling, please visit www.hagerstownmd.org.



Co-Mingled RECYCLING PROGRAM

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

- *Aluminum Cans (food and beverage)*
- *Glass Jars and Bottles
(all colors of food and beverage containers)*
- *Plastic Bottles (clear and colored plastic)*

SET-OUT PROCEDURES

Co-Mingled items should be set at curbside in the City's **BLUE recycling bin** (or garbage cans clearly marked as "recycling").

Bottles, jars and cans must be empty. Aluminum cans should be crushed. It is recommended that paper on cans be removed.

We will not collect window or tempered glass; styrofoam; pesticide, hazardous chemical or medical waste containers (i.e. bags, syringes, hoses); oil cans; non-aluminum metals; aluminum furniture or siding; plastic bags; light bulbs.

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BE CAREFUL! Items will not be collected if set-out improperly. Reasons include products in plastic bags, improper items or contents, and items set-out on the wrong night.

To find out what zone you are in for set-out and pick-up of Co-Mingled Recycling, please visit www.hagerstownmd.org.



Yard Waste

RECYCLING PROGRAM

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

- *Leaves*
- *Grass Clippings*
- *Brush*
- *Small Sticks*

SET-OUT PROCEDURES

Yard waste should be set at curbside, and placed in:

- Reusable containers (*bins, garbage cans, etc.*)
- Paper yard waste and leaf bags (*30 gallon brown paper yard waste bags are available at most retail stores*)

YARD WASTE SCHEDULE:

SET-OUT Tuesday nights after 4pm

PICK-UP Wednesdays

BE CAREFUL! Yard waste will not be collected if set-out improperly. Reasons include products in plastic bags, containers over 50 lbs., non-yard waste materials, and waste set-out on the wrong night.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE
HAGERSTOWN RECYCLES LINE AT 301-739-8577 x106.**

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the designation of Green Practices In the City of Hagerstown, MD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is the duly constituted legislative body for the City of Hagerstown, and

WHEREAS, “Green Practices” increase the efficiency in which the City and the residents use energy, water, and natural resources, thus improving public health and sustaining our lifestyle,

WHEREAS, that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize staff to implement the “Green Practices” listed below:

- A. Require at least the minimum LEED Certification for all new building construction completed by the City. For renovation projects, the City will endeavor to use whatever LEED Green Practices are practical.
- B. Provide discounts on all building permit fees for LEED Certified buildings as follows: 20% for LEED Certified buildings; 30% for silver, 40% for gold; and a 50% reduction for platinum.
- C. Develop an ordinance to provide a tax credit on commercial projects that are LEED Certified. This would be a tax credit applied only to the increase in the assessed value of new construction for a period of three (3) years after the LEED Certification is received. The proposed credits would be 20% for silver, 25% for gold, and 30% for platinum certifications.
- D. Council authorizes staff to complete energy audits of all City buildings, provided they are completed by in-house staff as much as practical. The results of this audit will then become future capital improvement projects to reduce our energy consumption in the City buildings.
- E. Provide bike racks at Fairgrounds Park and Municipal Stadium (bike racks are installed and will be maintained at the Potterfield Pool, University Plaza, Public Square, Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex, and the North Potomac Street Parking Deck).
- F. The City will provide recycling containers at all City sponsored events where bottles, cans, or paper waste will be generated.
- G. The City will provide recycling containers at major City facilities including: University Plaza, the concession stands at Fairgrounds Park, Potterfield Pool, and Municipal Stadium.
- H. The City will develop an educational brochure to encourage residents in Hagerstown to be cognizant of their consumption of energy and natural resources by outlining a strategy to help reduce such consumption.
- I. Management will endeavor to develop training for staff on energy saving practices.
- J. Flash traffic signals, consistent with Maryland State Highway Guidelines, from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, said Mayor and Council do find and determine that these practices are in it the best interest of the residents of the City of Hagerstown

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for Hagerstown, Maryland that the **Resolution** shall become effective immediately upon its passage and the City staff shall implement these practices.

Date of Passage: February 24, 2009



Request a FREE recycling bin today by calling 301.739.8577 x106.

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