

REGULATION FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (2024)

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

Baltimore County Solid Waste facilities accept Municipal Solid Waste, including:

(For purposes of this regulation, the term “Waste” means “Municipal Solid Waste”.)

1. Residential waste collected from Baltimore County residences
2. Waste from authorized Baltimore County agencies, and State agencies (if generated in Baltimore County).
3. Household waste, as well as recyclables and compostable materials, generated at a Baltimore County residence and delivered by that resident. (There is no disposal charge for this type of waste up to 10 loads annually, delivered to a Resident Dropoff Center) Household waste does NOT include waste from construction or demolition activities.
4. Waste generated in Baltimore County from authorized Baltimore County non-profit educational or charitable institutions if delivered by the institution or other noncommercial party. All non-profits must receive prior approval by the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste.
5. Commercial waste (or recyclables) generated in Baltimore County delivered by collectors/transporters paying either per transaction, or through a commercial charge account (Call the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at (410) 887-2000 for information/questions on obtaining a commercial charge account).
6. Asphalt, concrete, brick (non-refractory), block, stone, aggregate, and earth, delivered to Eastern Sanitary Landfill with prior approval.
7. Waste from other sources via contractual agreements with Baltimore County.

Note: Any person who accepts compensation for clean-up, hauling, disposal, etc., of solid waste is deemed a commercial operation, as well as landlords (including those persons

renting houses, apartments, condominiums, etc.) and apartment managements, and residents hauling other than typical household waste (as determined by the County)

UNACCEPTABLE/NON-PERMITTED WASTE (REGARDLESS OF HAULER OR SOURCE)

Including but not limited to:

1. Waste not generated in Baltimore County, or not in compliance with any contractual arrangement.
2. Controlled Hazardous Substances (CHS) or hazardous wastes and liquids of any type, e.g., acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals (as defined by COMAR 26.13.02, as amended), except as noted elsewhere in these regulations.
3. Explosive and/or flammable materials of any type (fire extinguishers are accepted as Household Hazardous Waste or if empty & nozzle-less as scrap metal; oxygen tanks, helium tanks and propane cylinders are accepted if empty with the valves removed, when the Bureau has suitable outlets, but no acetylene bottles, small propane tanks from camping stoves, freon tanks, or carbon dioxide cylinders.)
4. Medical/special medical wastes (e.g., pathological, infectious) as defined in §9-227 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Baltimore County Code 13-4-101, as amended, and COMAR 26.13.11.02 (B).
5. Radioactive wastes (as defined by COMAR 26.12.01, as amended).
6. Septage or sewage scavenger wastes.
7. Liquids or liquid waste (as determined by EPA Method 9095 Paint Filter Liquids Test), except waste oil and antifreeze (and any other liquid which may be deemed by the County to be acceptable for recycling. delivered by residents and stored for recycling. Such items must be delivered to a Resident Dropoff Center.)
8. Automobiles or automobile parts.
9. Drums or tanks (except those for hot water, cold water storage, etc.; and those containing asbestos or other special permitted/approved wastes) unless empty and flattened or crushed with the tops removed, or empty with holes in the tops and bottoms.
10. Animal carcasses resulting from medical research activities or destruction of diseased animals.

11. Chemical or petroleum spill clean-up materials, except special permitted/approved wastes in accordance with “Regulation for County Acceptance of Non-Hazardous ‘Special’ Solid Wastes.”
12. Sewage sludge, processed sewage sludge, etc., except if specially permitted.
13. Any other waste designated by the County (Bureau of Solid Waste Management or Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability) or State (Maryland Department of The Environment).

Unacceptable/non-permitted wastes, such as those listed above, must be taken to a suitably permitted facility. Any questions as to the proper disposal of the above items should be addressed to the County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, Waste Management Section at (410) 887-3745 or the Maryland Department of the Environment at (410) 537-3000 or 1-800-633-6101.

RESTRICTED WASTES (IN ADDITION TO THE PRECEDING LIST OF UNACCEPTABLE/NON-PERMITTED WASTE)

The following items are also NOT acceptable from any source, unless approval is obtained from the Bureau of Solid Waste Management. For a full updated list, please refer to Baltimore County’s Solid Waste website. (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/hhw/accepted-materials>)

1. Tree stumps greater than 12 inches in height and more than 36 inches across the roots.
2. Tree logs, limbs, and wood larger than 8 inches x 8 inches x 6 feet long, including railroad ties
3. Steel slabs and iron, steel reinforcing bars and steel rods.
4. Wire (large spools) and steel cable
5. Vehicle bodies and frames.
6. Concrete curb and gutter, or concrete and stone greater than 18 inches in size
7. Passenger size tires from residents if more than four (4). Passenger size tires must be brought to a Resident Dropoff center and cannot be delivered as commercial waste.

8. Select types of waste in commercial loads of refuse (e.g. tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, appliances with freon; et al.).
9. Waste from a medical facility.
10. Septic tanks (metal or concrete).
11. Boats, campers, pickup caps, etc. (See “Regulation for Acceptance of ‘Select Waste’ at Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility”).
12. Non-hazardous “special” wastes (e.g., spices, food contaminated waste, industrial waste, and any other waste so defined by either the County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability or Bureau of Solid Waste Management etc. (See “Regulation for Acceptance of Non-Hazardous ‘Special’ Solid Waste at Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility”)
(<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/regulations>)).
This material is accepted only with prior authorization by Baltimore County.
13. Asphalt, concrete, brick (non-refractory), block and earth
14. Animal carcasses and renderings.
15. Any other item which would be detrimental to the compaction equipment

The Bureau of Solid Waste Management may elect to require anyone delivering nonacceptable wastes remove the wastes if they are delivered without prior approval.

COMMERCIAL WASTE

Two of Baltimore County’s goals in its Solid Waste Management Plan are:

To provide a safe, environmentally sound, integrated solid waste management program to promote waste prevention, increase recycling and resource recovery, and decrease the quantity of solid waste requiring landfilling in accordance with the Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan.

As a result, in order to achieve these goals, the County may at any time impose restrictions and/or limitations on the acceptance of waste that is processable (e.g., able to be disposed of at a waste-to-energy facility) or recyclable (e.g., able to be recycled) or compostable (e.g., wood,

food scraps or yard materials able to be composted or mulched) in order that County facilities be disposal sites only for that waste which cannot be processed, recycled, or composted. In addition, mixed loads containing solid waste, recyclable materials or organic materials may also be restricted or limited, thus possibly necessitating the segregation of the waste at its source of generation.

All processable commercial waste should be taken to a processing facility. Commercial waste may be delivered to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill, the Central Acceptance Facility, or the Western Acceptance Facility. Commercial entities wishing to deliver to any of these facilities with a Baltimore County commercial account must establish an account with Baltimore County prior to delivering municipal solid waste. Facilities may accept payment from non-account holders at the discretion of Baltimore County. Consult the Bureau of Solid Waste webpage for more information. (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste>).

The delivery of commercial waste, whether by a commercial account holder or otherwise, shall not impede the acceptance of residential solid waste from County authorized refuse collectors or from the Residents' Drop-Off Center. The County has the discretion to cut off or limit commercial waste due to daily capacity.

All recyclable or compostable material should be taken to an appropriate recycling or composting facility.

All suitable loads of construction/demolition material shall be taken to a suitably permitted C&D (construction / demolition) site.

All commercial loads shall be subject to inspection by the County at the County's sole option and discretion, with the hauler remaining on-site until the inspection is completed.

COMMERCIAL FEES:

The charges at Baltimore County Solid Waste facilities shall be in accordance with established County rates and are posted to Baltimore County's Website and facilities. Fees may be increased at the discretion of the County. Minimum transaction fees may apply.

WASTE & RECYCLABLES DELIVERED BY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Baltimore County residents (proof of residency will be required by the County) shall either deliver their waste and recyclables separated, or be able to separate them at the site into the following categories, which may be changed at the sole option and discretion of the Bureau, depending on commodity markets and end uses. For a full list of recyclable materials please visit the Bureau of Solid Waste's website and consult the Acceptable Use Directory:

1. Electronics (e.g., TV's, PC's, monitors, etc.) (Note: Appliances are collected separately).
2. Mixed paper (including newsprint, magazines, cardboard, mail)
3. Glass jars and bottles (any color); plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs; aluminum and steel food and beverage cans; rigid plastics (such as flower pots, buckets, etc.)
4. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, appliances with freon
5. Passenger size tires (without the rims, clean, maximum of four per visit, no racing slicks)
6. Lawnmowers (remove gas tanks & drain oil)
7. Yard materials (e.g., grass, leaves, brush)
8. Concrete, block, brick, asphalt, earth
9. Asbestos shingles (double bagged or sealed box) 10. Scrap metal (other than previously listed above, including tire rims)
10. Household Hazardous Waste
11. Antifreeze
12. Batteries (car & truck, marine, motorcycle)
13. Compact fluorescent lamps
14. Fluorescent light tubes
15. Oil (heating fuel oil, engine oil, and transmission oil or fluid only) and engine oil filters
16. Mercury thermometers & thermostats Rechargeable batteries

17. Oyster Shells

18. Textiles or clothing items

SELECT WASTE

In general, “select waste” refers to any items exceeding the size limitations described in this regulation. Examples include, but are not limited to: house or travel trailers, boats (including rowboats, canoes, kayaks, etc.), campers, and pickup truck caps.

1. Fiberglass or wood boats (not metal) (including rowboats, canoes, kayaks, etc.) from Baltimore County waters and delivered by or for businesses:
 - a) If the boat is broken into 8-inch x 8-inch x 6 foot long or smaller pieces then a company may deliver it to ESL at the prevailing commercial rate.
 - b) If the boat is intact (must be 30 feet or less), the following must be stripped from the boat and properly recycled or disposed of prior to proper recycling and/or disposal of the boat itself:
 - Gasoline tanks, propellers, engines, and liquids of any type
 - Any loose items
 - Any “substantial” metallic objects
 - Any other recyclable items (items may be left at Residents’ Drop- off Center)
 - Any “unacceptable/non-permitted” waste as listed in the ESL disposal regulation
 - c) The disposal rate shall be the prevailing disposal rate for “select” waste. (Note: Boat trailers, including axles and tires, and metal boats are NOT acceptable. Metal boats must be taken to scrap metal yards.)
 - d) Intact boats over 30 feet will be accepted at the County’s discretion and must follow all applicable procedures listed under 1b thru 1d. The Bureau must be called at 410-887-2000 at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to schedule an appointment.

2. House or travel trailers delivered by businesses or residents:
- a) The following must be stripped and properly recycled or disposed of prior to proper recycling and/or disposal of the trailer itself:
- Liquids of any type
 - Propane or heating fuel tanks, etc.
 - Tires and rims
 - Appliances (air conditioners, refrigerators, stoves, etc.) and any other items which may contain PCBs or freon (items may be left at Residents' Drop-off Center)
 - Any other "substantial" metallic items (items may be left at Residents' Dropoff Center)
 - Any loose items (items may be disposed of on-site in appropriate containers)
 - Any other recyclable items (items may be left at Residents' Drop-off Center)
 - Any "unacceptable/non-permitted waste" as listed in the ESL disposal regulation
 - The trailer is considered commercial trash (whether it is delivered by a Baltimore County resident who is the owner, or a commercial firm or landlord) and is charged at the prevailing "select waste" rate.
- b) The Bureau of Solid Waste must be called at 410-887-2000 at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to schedule an appointment.
- c) Proof of ownership along with all applicable permits must be given at the time of delivery. If the trailer is oversized (more than 8 feet 6 inches wide or higher than 13 feet 6 inches from the ground), a special hauling permit is required. Permits may be obtained through the Motor Carrier Division of the State Highway Administration. Trailer owners must comply with Motor Vehicle Administration regulations in regard to notification and tag return, etc. Owner must pay the costs of demolition, and any applicable transportation fees. Owners must also accept all legal and administrative costs and responsibilities.

ASPHALT AND CONCRETE, BRICK (non-refractory), BLOCK, STONE, AGGREGATE

Asphalt rubble suitable for haul road construction and broken concrete rubble without any reinforcing mesh or bars, brick (non-refractory), block, stone, and aggregate may be accepted at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill at no charge contingent. Delivery is contingent upon prior approval (Please contact the bureau at 410-887-2000), need at the site and suitable ground and weather conditions, providing that the following are complied with:

1. **MIXED LOADS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** There shall be NO trash, paper, wood, brick (refractory), tires, wire, re-bar or any other material mixed in with the load. (Mixed, contaminated, or non-suitable loads if accepted will be charged the prevailing commercial disposal rate per ton. If a load is unloaded and it is seen that it is a mixed, contaminated, or non-suitable load, the hauler shall pick up and remove the contaminants, or the hauler will be assessed a disposal fee on the entire load, based upon the prevailing commercial disposal rate per ton.).
2. Suitable material may be accepted during normal operating hours if the ground and weather conditions permit, unless otherwise stated or approved by the Bureau of Solid Waste Management.
3. All material shall be delivered via the main entrance, and all trucks must go on the scales and stop at the scale house in order that they:
 - a) Be inspected to see if the material is suitable to be accepted.
 - b) Be weighed and/or logged in.
 - c) Be directed to the proper disposal area.
4. All material shall then be delivered to the designated disposal area and unloaded in a proper and suitable manner according to direction by Landfill supervision.
5. All vehicles shall obey the traffic signs and be operated in a safe manner.

RESIDENT DROPOFF CENTERS (RDOC) EXCEPTIONS:

Please consult the Resident Dropoff Center Regulations for full rules and regulations.

Depending on the waste being delivered, the Bureau may request a resident deposit material in one or more locations, either at the Residents' Drop-Off Center (RDOC), working face, transfer station or elsewhere on the facility. It is the sole responsibility of the resident to unload waste without assistance by the County. Pickup trucks and larger sized trucks may be asked to dispose of their waste at the working face of the landfill if deemed operationally appropriate.

If residents exceed their ten (10) annual RDOC visits the resident may be required to pay for proper disposal of items. A resident may be required to pay for disposal if any of the following conditions exist:

1. A resident wishes to use a vehicle other than a car, passenger van, SUV, or "standard" pickup (pickup bed of 4 feet x 8 feet or less). Examples of vehicles requiring payment include, but are not limited to dump truck; pickup with built up sides and/or ladder racks and/or side cabinets, etc.; dump bodies, stake body truck, panel truck, etc.; large rental vehicles; vehicle with a dual axle trailer (oversized trailers may be rated as more than one load at the discretion of the County representative).
2. A resident wishes to deliver waste that could be reasonably construed to have been generated or produced at a commercial establishment, such as from a business, construction site, factory, store, office, etc.; or from an "odd jobbing" or "handyman" type of activity for which the individual may have received compensation. This includes waste from construction or demolition activities at the residence.
3. Per residence (household, apartment, condo), delivery of more than ten (10) loads per calendar year, is sought.
4. A resident wishes to use a commercially marked vehicle (regardless of the size and/or contents).
5. Someone seeks access to the disposal facility without a valid driver's license containing a Baltimore County address.

HOURS

Normal operating hours of the Eastern Sanitary Landfill, Central Acceptance Facility and Western Acceptance Facility for acceptable commercial refuse and refuse/recycling delivered by residents are posted on Baltimore County's website along with a list of collection holidays. (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste>). All users of the sites shall follow signage and direction of the on-site personnel and all applicable safety regulations. Children and pets are to remain in vehicles. Scavenging (including solicitation of items being delivered by others on site) is prohibited in compliance with our Refuse Disposal Permit.

Anyone, including but not limited to the specific driver, the hauling company, and the generator, using abusive language, acting in an abusive manner, or violating this regulation may at the County's sole option and discretion, be either permanently or temporarily barred from using a site. The County will provide written notice of its decision to permanently or temporarily bar access to a site in a timely manner.

Anyone permanently or temporarily barred from a site may request a hearing before the Baltimore County Director of Public works. To request a hearing you must submit a written request within thirty (30) calendar days of the written notice of being barred to Baltimore County Director of Public Works, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 307, Towson, Maryland 21204. Written requests may also be submitted to Publicworks@baltimorecountymd.gov. A representative of the Department of Public Works will notify you of the date, time and location of your hearing in a timely manner. A hearing shall then be held between the aggrieved and the Director of Public Works or the Director of Public Works' designee, and such other representatives as may be designated. In addition, where applicable, criminal or civil prosecution may occur.

Anyone permanently or temporarily barred from a site may request a hearing before the Baltimore County Director of Public Works. To request a hearing, you must submit a written request within thirty (30) calendar days of the written notice of being barred to the Baltimore County Director of Public Works, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 307, Towson, Maryland 21204. A representative of the Department of Public Works will notify

you of the date, time and location of your hearing in a timely manner. A hearing shall then be held between the aggrieved and the Director of Public Works or the Director of Public Works' designee, and such other representatives as may be designated. In addition, where applicable, criminal or civil prosecution may occur.

ALTERATIONS TO REGULATION

The Bureau of Solid Waste Management may add to, delete from, or revise this regulation as deemed appropriate.

QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding this regulation may be directed to the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or via email (solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.gov). Additional information is also available on the web: http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/index.html

AUTHORITY

County Code §13-4-305 requires the Department of Public Works to adopt regulations for the acceptance of solid waste at its facilities, including regulations regarding acceptable types of waste, origin of waste, quantity or sized restriction, operating hours, disposal rate structure, and traffic movement.

County Code §13-4-213 further authorizes the County to adopt regulations to promote recycling of solid waste.