

# **REGULATION FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL**

## **DROPOFF CENTERS (2025)**

(Adopted in accordance with Baltimore County Bill 88-90)

### **RESIDENTIAL DROPOFF CENTERS**

1. The Term RDOC shall refer to “Residential Dropoff Centers.” The use of these facilities is restricted to Baltimore County residents (proof of residency required), such as homeowners and tenants, for hauling acceptable materials from their primary residence.
2. A residence is limited to no more than ten (10) loads per calendar year of gratis disposal.
3. These facilities are NOT to be used by any commercial businesses, or anyone who has been contracted or paid to do hauling for someone else. Note: Any person who accepts compensation for clean-up, hauling, disposal, etc., of solid waste is deemed a commercial operation, as well as landlords and apartment managers and residents hauling other than typical household waste.
4. Baltimore County residents may use their vehicles, including vans and pickups (one ton or less) to deliver materials to Baltimore County RDOC’s with the following exceptions:

### **PROHIBITED VEHICLES**

- Commercial vehicles
  - Vehicles with commercial signage
  - Vehicles with side boards or ladder racks
  - Vehicles larger than pickups
  - Dumping pickup trucks or Box Trucks
  - Vehicles with trailers with more than one axle, or loads exceeding the height of the vehicle pulling it
  - Dual wheel pickups
5. All larger vehicles must use a Baltimore County disposal facility where they may be required to pay for disposal. Residents may be directed to a certain County facility based on the type of material or payment required.

6. Any driver failing to stop and wait for the attendant's signal, show proof of Baltimore County residency, or drive in a safe manner, may be declined the privilege of using Baltimore County facilities.

## **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

1. Controlled Hazardous Substances (CHS) or hazardous wastes and liquids of any type, e.g., acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals, etc. (as defined in COMAR 26.13.02, as amended), except as noted elsewhere in these regulations.
2. Explosive materials of any type.
3. Flammable materials of any type except as noted elsewhere in these regulations. [e.g. no acetylene bottles, small propane tanks from camping stoves, freon tanks, oxygen tanks, carbon dioxide cylinders, fire extinguishers (if empty & nozzle-less can be recycled as scrap metal) or helium tanks].
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).
5. Radioactive wastes, including low level (as defined in COMAR 26.15.01, as amended).
6. Septage or sewage scavenger wastes.
7. Liquids or liquid wastes, as defined by EPA Method 9095 Paint Filter Liquid Test, except for those acceptable for recycling (e.g., oil, antifreeze).
8. Automobiles, or automobile parts.
9. Drums or tanks (see acceptable material directory for further information).
10. Animal carcasses resulting from medical research activities or destruction of diseased animals.
11. Chemical or petroleum spill clean-up materials.
12. Sewage sludge or processed sewage sludge of any type.
13. Asbestos in any form, including shingles.
14. Tree stumps of any size.
15. Concrete, brick, block, and earth.
16. Structural steel and iron, re-bar and steel rods.

17. Spools of wire and cable.
18. Any other waste deemed unacceptable for environmental, safety, or operational reasons by the County or its authorized agents.

For information on the disposal of certain types of unacceptable waste consult the Bureau of Solid Waste Management (BSWM) website (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste>) or contact the BSWM at 410-887-2000. Certain materials above may be acceptable at the County's Household Hazardous Waste center as described below.

## **EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

Baltimore County residents shall either deliver their waste & recyclables separated or be able to separate them at the site. The resident shall place the items in the proper container/location as directed by the attendant or signage at the RDOC. For a list of acceptable materials consult Baltimore County's Solid Waste website, and visit the Acceptable Materials Directory.

(<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste>).

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Baltimore County residents shall deliver their household hazardous waste to an appropriate Baltimore County facility. The resident shall place the items in the proper container/location as directed by the attendant or signage at the RDOC. For a full list of acceptable materials at the Household Hazardous Waste centers please consult Baltimore County's Solid Waste website, and visit the Acceptable Materials Directory. Certain materials may only be acceptable at specific sites. The County's Acceptable Materials directory should be consulted before delivery.

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/hhw/accepted-materials>

**Note** - The County or its agents may add or delete categories as deemed appropriate. Any recyclables must be separated by categories and deposited in the designated container. The

County or its agents shall determine the acceptability of each type of material based upon markets and/or processing needs.

## **COMMERCIAL RECYCLABLES AT BALTIMORE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS**

Commercial Recyclables may be delivered when, and only when, prior approval has been obtained from Baltimore County. Approval may be contingent upon quality, type of recyclables, market conditions, type of vehicle, etc. Acceptance of recyclables may also be on a limited or conditional basis. Baltimore County may in its sole discretion decline to accept recyclables at any time, prioritizing residential materials. Businesses interested in the possibility of delivering recyclables to one of these facilities should contact the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000 for more information between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Recycled materials delivered to a recycling center will be subject to commercial recycling rates.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

All users of Baltimore County disposal 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. Proper personal protective equipment is required at transfer stations, landfills and recycling facilities.

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 and Transportation (DPW&T). 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 and Transportation, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 307, Towson, Maryland 21204. A representative of DPW&T 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 and Transportation or the Director's 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](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 size 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.