

The Benefits of Reduction

Saves Natural Resources. Waste is not just created when consumers throw items away. Throughout the life cycle of a product, from extraction of raw materials to transportation...to processing and manufacturing facilities...to manufacture and use, waste is generated. Reusing items or making them with less material decreases waste dramatically. Ultimately, fewer materials will need to be recycled, combusted for energy, or landfilled.

Reduces Toxicity of Waste. Selecting nonhazardous or less hazardous items is another important component of source reduction. Using less hazardous alternatives for certain items (e.g., cleaning products and pesticides), sharing products that contain hazardous chemicals instead of throwing out leftovers, reading label directions carefully, and using the smallest amount necessary are ways to reduce waste toxicity.

Reduces Costs. The benefits of preventing waste go beyond reducing reliance on other forms of waste disposal. Preventing waste also can mean economic savings for communities, businesses, organizations, and individual consumers.

Communities. More than 7,000 communities have instituted "Pay-As-You-Throw" programs where citizens pay for each can or bag of trash they set out for disposal rather than through the tax base or a flat fee. When these households reduce waste at the source, they dispose of less trash and pay lower trash bills.

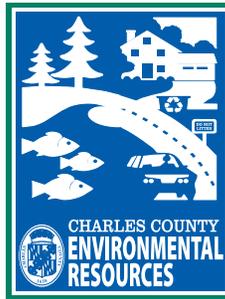
Businesses. When businesses manufacture their products with less packaging, they are buying less raw material. A decrease in manufacturing costs can mean a larger profit margin, with savings that can be passed on to the consumer.

Consumers. Consumers also can share in the economic benefits of source reduction. Buying products in bulk, with less packaging, or that are reusable (not single-use) frequently means a cost savings. What is good for the environment can be good for the pocketbook as well.

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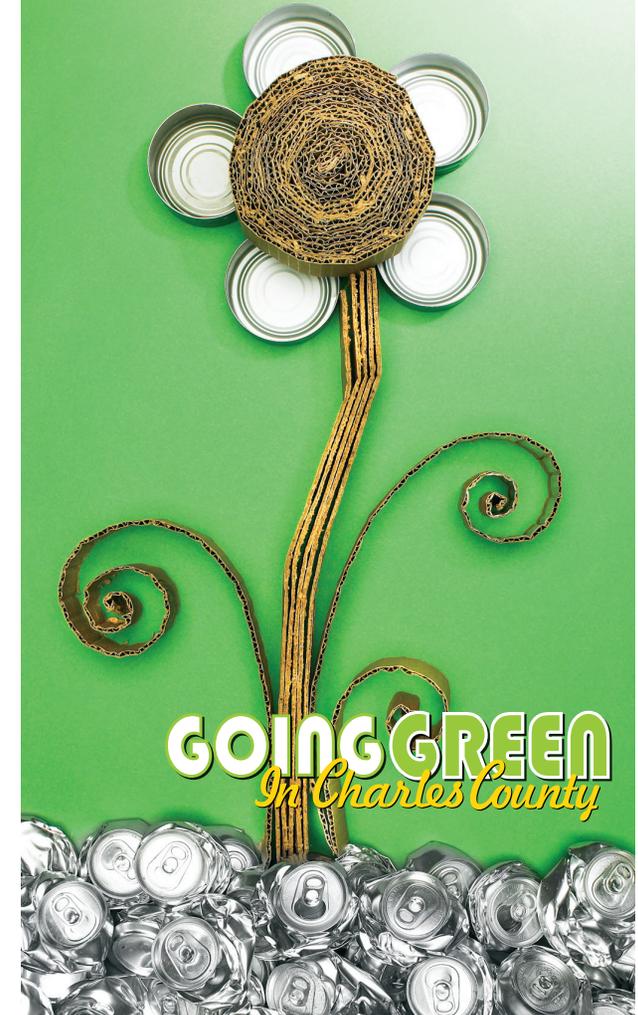
Mission Statement – The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning, and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility.

Vision Statement – Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

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Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

Thank you for taking the time to review our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Directory. By supporting this environmental program, you help to make Charles County a cleaner, healthier place to live. Within this directory, you will find various items willingly accepted by local organizations. Merely locate the type of item(s) that you are interested in donating and then match the number(s) listed next to it with the coinciding number of the accepting organization(s). We advise you to call them first to ensure continued acceptance of items.

Before throwing anything away, always think:

REDUCE!

The greatest relief against the solid waste burden is to avoid waste in the first place. The less we purchase, the less waste we will have. Buying in bulk with less packaging, sharing, or renting items are excellent ways to reduce. Using “previously-owned” items from yard sales, thrift shops, etc., is also an option.

REUSE!

Give unwanted clothes, furniture, toys, etc., to family, friends, or churches. Or, of course, you can always donate usable items to places such as those listed in this directory.

RECYCLE!

Old cans become new cans, plastic bottles can be turned into plastic furniture, playgrounds can be made out of scrap tires! These are just a few examples of what recycling can accomplish. It also takes less energy and conserves Earth’s nature resources!

For additional **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** information, or if you would like to add or delete an organization at our next printing of the directory, please contact the Charles County Department of Public Works at 301-932-3599 or 301-870-2778.

Visit our website for more information on recycling options and initiatives in Charles County.

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Types of Donations

Match the number(s) with the organization to the right.

Animal Beds	10	Jewelry	23
Animal Food	10	Lamps	21, 22
Animal Toys	10	Leashes	10
Arts & Crafts Materials	23	Linens	9, 10, 17, 22, 24
Baby Clothing	17, 18	Maps	14
Baby Food	18	Maternity Clothing	17, 18
Baby Items (bottles, diapers, etc.)	18	Monitors	4
Batteries	4	Non-perishable Foods	8, 21, 22
Bedding	10, 21, 22, 23	Office Supplies	5, 9, 12
Bicycles	14, 24	Pagers	4
Blankets	3, 8, 23	Paper Supplies	7, 16
Boats	5	PDA’s	4
Books	8, 11, 12, 14, 21	Printers	4
Canes	6	Radios	8
Canned Foods	8, 21, 22	Shoes	8
Car Seats	17	Small Appliances	8, 9, 13, 24
Cell Phones	4, 7	Small Household Items	8, 9, 13, 25
Child Swings	15	Sports Equipment	14, 15
Clothing	8, 13, 19, 22	Styrofoam Packing Peanuts	1, 2
Collectibles	25	Toiletries	6, 7, 21, 22
Computers	4, 7, 21	Towels	3
Copier Toner	4	Toys	8, 15
Crutches	6, 7	TV’s	14
Decorations	25	VCR’s	14
DVDs	11, 23	Vehicles	5
Electric Scooters	6	Video Games	23
Furniture	13, 24, 25	Walkers	20
Globes	14	Wheelchairs	20
Highchairs	15, 17		
Inkjet Cartridges	4, 12		
iPods	23		

Businesses

1. Mailbox of America 301-645-5966
2. Pak Mail 301-863-9812
3. Riveria Boarding Kennels 301-274-4456
4. Staples (Waldorf) 301-638-3400

Organizations

5. Red Cross 301-934-2066
6. ACTS 301-769-4199
7. Center for Abused Persons 301-645-3336
8. Charles County Children’s Aid Society 301-755-1561
9. Charles County Freedom Landing 301-932-2737
10. Charles County Humane Society 301-645-8181
11. Charles County Library 301-934-9001
12. Charles County Literary Council 301-934-6488
13. Spring Dell Center 301-934-4561

Schools

14. Goddard School 301-638-9777
15. Happy Faces 301-645-0070
16. Kings Christian Academy 301-994-3080

Shelters/Support Centers/Thrift Shops

17. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland 301-737-4604
18. Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Center 301-870-4911
19. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 301-884-8171
20. Charles County Nursing & Rehab Center 301-934-1900
21. Homeless Advocacy 301-645-2933
22. Jude House 301-932-0700
23. Meridian Nursing Home 301-934-4001
24. Three Oaks Center 301-863-9535
25. Reuse Barn 301-645-9451