

How to Recycle/Dispose of Other Items the Trash Won't Take *(from the May, 2016 Hotline)*

For most items – including big old TVs (but not hazardous materials or construction debris) – simply call 3-1-1 and the county will arrange to pick up it/them at your house, free of charge. But do not put the item(s) outside until your arranged pick-up date! More items, including hazardous waste (car batteries, used motor oil, antifreeze; also tires and appliances) can be disposed of by driving them down to the Prince George's County's Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill and Hazardous Waste Collection Site at 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, free for residential use; charges for commercial usage. Hours are Mon. – Sat. 8 AM – 3 PM except hazardous wastes and electronics: Thurs. – Sat. 8 AM – 3 PM (for information, call 3-1-1 or 301-952-7625).

WLCA is attempting to assemble information on nearby places where one can dispose of or recycle other items that can not be legally put into the trash. **If you know of any such nearby facilities for a commonly used item, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu>, 301-604-5619), for inclusion in the next Hotline.** So far, we have heard the following:

Electronics: Staples (including the one on US1 in Laurel) offers free recycling of office electronics of "any brand of office technology in any condition, regardless of where they were purchased" (<http://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/about_us/recycling-solutions.html>). And for old TVs, as noted above, the county will arrange to pick them up at your house, free of charge, by calling 3-1-1. [Because of these convenient disposal modes and the fact that having an electronics dumpster at Dumpster Day reduces the number of general purpose dumpsters from three to two, which were never enough, WLCA no longer has electronics disposal at Dumpster Day.]

Styrofoam: Alert WLCA member Linda Ashton reported that Styrofoam (which the County facility does not accept) can be recycled at My Organic Market (MOMs). The website <<https://www.dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling/>> shows the nearest is at 9827 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, MD, 443-661-4254, Monday-Sunday 9 AM-8 PM, a service available to all MOMs' customers (so go and buy something when you drop off your Styrofoam). {This is closer than the Crofton styrofoam disposal location reported in a previous Hotline.}

Latex Paint: Let it dry, uncovered, and when it is solid, then throw it in the normal trash. Stores like Ace Hardware sell a product to greatly speed such drying of latex paint.

Batteries: We heard from a user of Dumpster Day (whose name I unfortunately forgot to record), and Bob Hoyt confirmed, that Decker Brothers Recycling, 9385 Washington Blvd (doors 9, 10, 11, and 12) across Route 1 from CarMax, in North Laurel, recycles car-type batteries. See their web site <<http://www.deckerbroscopycling.com/>> for their hours, additional things they take, and that they even pay a nominal amount for the batteries, etc.

Other Products: Calling 1-800-RECYCLING or visiting <www.1800recycling.com> gives information, but does not say if there is a cost associated.