



✓ Acceptable Yard Trim

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Plant Material
- Tree Trimmings (**maximum 6 feet long, 6 inch diameter**)
- Brush & Bush Trimmings (**maximum 6 feet long, 6 inch diameter**)
- **Christmas Trees**

⊘ Unacceptable Materials

- Logs & Trimmings exceeding 6 inch diameter and/or 6 feet long
- Shrub & Tree Root Balls
- Dirt & Rocks
- Stumps
- Thistle & Other Noxious Weeds
- Household Trash
- Construction & Building Materials
- Manufactured Wood & Lumber
- Fencing
- Landscaping Ties
- Railroad Ties
- Telephone Poles
- Wooden Pallets
- Bamboo
- Poison Ivy, Oak & Sumac
- Diseased & Infested Plant Material
- Plastic Bags

Removing Plastic Bags



In an effort to make the best product possible, beginning September 1, 2017 yard trim will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. During the transition, we kindly ask residents, who bring yard trimmings in plastic bags, to please take a few moments to debag the material and place the plastic bags into the designated trash containers, or take them home to reuse.

Debagging yard trim materials helps to keep plastic pieces out of the finished products and reduces the amount of plastic found in our environment.

Yard trim can be dropped off loose, in bundles, in paper bags or cardboard boxes, or emptied from reusable containers.

Thank you for your cooperation in assistance with this initiative.

For more information on our facilities and programs, please contact us directly or visit www.harfordrecycles.org



Harford Waste Disposal Center

Mulch & Compost Facility

**3135 Scarboro Road
Street, MD 21154
410-638-3642
Monday-Saturday
7:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Recycling Office
410-638-3417
Monday-Friday
7:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Administrative Office
410-638-3637
Monday-Friday
7:00 am – 3:00 pm**



Barry Glassman
Harford County Executive



What is Compost?

Compost is dark brown organic matter that results from the decomposition of organic materials. It is made primarily from ground leaves and grass clippings. It is a soil conditioner that is rich in nutrients, holds moisture and can be used in gardens, landscaping and agriculture.



Using Compost

❖ **Lawns**

Apply 1-2 inches of compost to the soil and work 5-6 inches in depth. Apply grass seed and water thoroughly; top dress with 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch compost in late fall or early spring.

❖ **Vegetable Gardens & Flower Beds**

Apply 1-2 inches in the garden soil and work in with a rake to smooth out the planting surface. Plant seeds or starter plants and water well. **Compost can also be added to houseplant and planter box soil mixture.**

❖ **Planting Trees and Shrubs**

Loosen an area 2-3 times the diameter of the root ball of the plant. Mix approximately 30% compost per volume to the soil that has been removed. Place the new tree or shrub in the hole, and use the compost/soil mixture as a backfill around the root ball. Water thoroughly.

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What is Mulch?

Mulch is made by shredding brush, branches, and tree limbs and turning them into an organic soil cover that can be placed around plants and shrubs. As part of the process, the mulch is aged, during which it generates heat high enough to destroy weed seeds, pests and other undesirables.

Using Mulch

Mulch is used in landscaping to suppress weeds, retain soil moisture and prevent soil erosion. It is recommended that mulch be applied in 2-4 inch layers.

Please be aware that applying fresh mulch to planting beds or placing it on your lawn in extremely hot weather can lead to a temporary burn situation. For best results, let fresh mulch cool down for at least 24 hours prior to application.

Mulch & Compost Sales

Mulch & Compost is produced year round and is available for purchase while quantities last. Both products are made on site and are chemical free. **Please call for availability of products.**

Just \$10.00/cy

You do not need to be a Harford County resident to purchase bulk quantities.

****BULK LOADING ENDS AT 2:45 pm****

FREE Mulch & Compost

Harford County residents may self-load up to the equivalent of three (3) 30-gallon containers of mulch and/or compost **at no cost** (when available).

Yard Trim Drop-Off Sites

Residents may drop-off acceptable yard trimmings (see opposite page for a complete listing of acceptable items) at the following locations:

HWDC Mulch & Compost Facility

**3135 Scarboro Road
Street, Maryland 21154
Monday-Saturday
7:00am-3:00pm**

**703 N. Tollgate Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21014**

Above the Ma & Pa Trail parking lot

**December – March: Saturday Only
April – November: Thurs, Fri, Sat
7:00am-3:00pm**

Residents ONLY, No contractors permitted