



# All STAR News



## Maryland Stadium Authority Develops a Pilot Program for Food Scraps Composting

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The Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) recently developed a pilot program for food scraps composting at Oriole Park at Camden Yards (OPCY). Beginning on April 5, 2013 all OPCY kitchens, along with Dempsey’s Brew Pub & Restaurant at Camden Yards (a year round restaurant), have collection bins for leftover food scraps. Waste Management Inc. (WMI) is responsible for collecting the food scraps 6 times per week from OPCY when the Orioles are in town and 3 times per week when they are on the road. On Saturdays, food scraps are not collected for

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## Twenty State Agencies Exceeded 20% Recycling Goal

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The 1988 Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) requires the development of a recycling plan that reduces the amount of solid waste disposed by State government by at least 20 percent or to an amount that is practical and economically feasible. In no case may the amount to be recycled be less than 10 percent. During the 2012 Maryland General Assembly session, legislation passed that increases the

amount of waste required to be recycled by State agencies to 30 percent in 2014, with a goal of 40 percent by 2015. As part of the implementation process, all State agency recycling plans must detail strategies to reach the 30 percent rate. The plans were developed by each agency and are on file with the Maryland Department of the Environment.

In 2012, twenty State Agencies recycled at least 20 percent of their waste and Maryland State Government, as a whole, exceeded the minimum rate and recycled 28 percent of the waste it generated.

Details are available on the Maryland State Agencies’ 2012 Recycling Rates Table included on Page 3 of this newsletter. Further details are available in the annual Maryland Solid Waste Management and Diversion Report available on MDE’s webpage at [www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/Publications/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/publications/index.aspx](http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/Publications/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/publications/index.aspx).

The next All StAR News is scheduled for the Winter of 2013/14.

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composting, but are thrown away at OPCY because WMI does not offer pickup on Sundays. WMI transports the food scraps to their composting facility in Wilmington, DE.

To date, MSA is extremely pleased with this project and hopes to drastically reduce their amount of waste disposed. Thus far, 80 tons of food scraps have been collected at OPCY. In the future, MSA will look into the possibility of placing food scrap collection bins in the public areas so that the fans can also participate. For additional information on OPCY's food scraps composting program, please contact Mr. Matthew Kastel, Director of Baseball Operations and Events-Oriole Park, at 410-347-9317.

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## Maryland Department of the Environment's Swap Area

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has an on-going program where extra, unwanted office items that can be re-used are collected throughout the year. The materials are collected in a designated area called the "Swap Area" where employees can donate their surplus office supplies and furniture and also take whatever items are needed. Items such as desk lamps, chairs, binders, hanging folders, envelopes, book ends, in-boxes, and printer cartridges have been collected and reused by other employees. The area is monitored by MDE's Recycling Team to make sure items

are usable and to keep the area organized.

It's easy for any State agency to start such a program! It is also a great example of source reduction. For more information about MDE's Swap Area, please contact Christy Bujnovszky at 410-537-4190.

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## Maryland Department of Transportation's Recycling Competition

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Located in Hanover, MD, MDOT's The Secretary's Office (TSO) needed to come up with creative ways to save money after some budget reductions. Employees within TSO discovered that some offices throughout the building had a surplus of supplies; while others needed the supplies but had limited funds to purchase them.

With Earth Day 2013 quickly approaching, a few employees decided to combine their Earth Day program with a recycling competition. Each office used boxes to collect their unwanted items such as office supplies, furniture, old electronics, and even a car battery that had been abandoned in the parking lot. The boxes were labeled for each office, were collected by Facilities at the end of the competition, and weighed on a scale located in Facilities. After the weigh-in, the collected materials were separated into three categories: supplies that could be reused in-house; items that could be sold on eMaryland

Marketplace; and items that could be recycled. The items that could be reused in-house were placed in the supply room where employees could come and get what they needed. The remainder were either sold or recycled.

The results were announced at the MDOT Earth Day festivities. The winning office collected 1,400 pounds of office supplies, materials, and equipment. The average office collected 300 pounds of supplies, with a total of nearly two tons collected! The winning office, The Office of Policy and Government Affairs, was awarded a pizza lunch and a "recycled" trophy-an old trophy that was collected during the competition. For additional information about TSO's recycling competition, please contact Mr. Robert Thompson, MDOT Recycling Coordinator, at 410-865-1180.

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## Helpful Resources

For information on Statewide recycling services contracts, access the Maryland Department of General Service's (DGS) webpage at: [www.dgs.maryland.gov/Procurement/StatewideContracts/commodities.html](http://www.dgs.maryland.gov/Procurement/StatewideContracts/commodities.html)

For information on Maryland green purchasing, access DGS' Buy Green webpage:

[www.dgs.maryland.gov/Procurement/Green/index.html](http://www.dgs.maryland.gov/Procurement/Green/index.html)

For additional information and resources on State Agency recycling, please visit MDE's State Agency recycling webpage at: [www.mde.state.md.us/recycling](http://www.mde.state.md.us/recycling).



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# Maryland State Agencies' 2012 Recycling Rates

Compiled by the Maryland Department of the Environment from Reports Submitted for Calendar Year 2012

Agency Name	No. of Sites	No. of Sites Reporting	No. of People	Total MRA Recycling 2012 (tons)	2012 MRA Recycling Rate (%)
Baltimore City Community College	1	1	8,796	20.65	3.98
Comptroller of the Treasury	1	1	845	153.17	84.17
Department of Agriculture	3	0	NR	NR	NR
Department of Assessments and Taxation	15	15	971	26.85	32.74
Department of Budget and Management	1	1	190	19.90	49.87
Department of Education	29	25	1,474	138.28	26.61
Department of General Services	22	22	9,894	818.97	20.48
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	17	16	6,058	1,663.84	13.34
Department of Human Resources	29	24	5,715	874.35	33.59
Department of Juvenile Services	15	13	2,379	195.86	7.70
Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	13	12	1,314	238.71	26.72
Department of Natural Resources	6	6	705	36.71	23.06
Department of the Environment	5	5	981	61.49	47.09
Department of Transportation	81	81	25,653	12,147.38	46.95
Department of Veterans Affairs	12	0	NR	NR	NR
Dept. of Housing and Community Development	3	3	427	75.08	16.27
Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services	30	30	36,056	3,181.13	12.01
Gov's Office Crime Control Prevention	1	1	800	2.73	13.30
Judiciary of Maryland	1	0	NR	NR	NR
Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	1	1	357	71.61	41.17
Maryland Department of Disabilities	1	1	26	3.95	42.20
Maryland Department of Planning	1	1	138	205.73	62.24
Maryland Energy Administration	1	1	175	3.85	22.99
Maryland Environmental Service	4	4	244	15.99	63.83
Maryland Food Center Authority	1	1	1,325	0.25	0
Maryland General Assembly	1	0	NR	NR	NR
Maryland Insurance Administration	1	1	1,255	20.60	47.93
Maryland Military Department	1	0	NR	NR	NR
Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission	1	1	190	46.75	17.98
Maryland School for the Deaf	2	2	1,015	414.49	48.72
Maryland Stadium Authority	1	1	1,000	492.33	22.81
Maryland State Archives	1	1	117	2.88	4.76
Maryland State Police	28	27	1,682	318.67	16.20
MD Emergency Management Agency	1	0	NR	NR	NR
Morgan State University	1	1	9,241	117.76	12.79
St. Mary's College of Maryland	1	1	2,558	2,126.67	66.13
Subsequent Injury Fund	1	0	NR	NR	NR
University of Maryland System	17	17	141,709	9,501.67	38.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>263,290</b>	<b>32,998.30</b>	<b>28.08</b>

NR = No Report



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