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Division of Solid Waste & Recycling Announces Service and Infrastructure Changes

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Division of Solid Waste and Recycling is launching new infrastructure and service changes beginning July 1, 2025. This new infrastructure will include state-of-the-art management software, processing upgrades, and new services, including a more robust lithium-ion battery recycling program and the expansion of our textile recycling program with drop-off bins.

“These much-needed upgrades further improve our Integrated Solid Waste efforts. For the first time, we will have an online payment portal, more advanced operations monitoring, upgraded automated workflows, and data to help improve our programs,” said Lee Zimmerman, Director of the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling. “While making these improvements, we identified some much-needed changes in fee structure, items collected, and services.”

Beginning July 1, residential and commercial customers will see the following changes:

- A \$10 minimum rate for all transactions, including the Citizens' Convenience Center. After this rate is met, the posted tipping fee will be assed per 20 pounds. All transactions at the scale house will follow this new pricing structure, whether the customer pays by card, cash, or check.
- Due to misuse in the yard waste program, residential and commercial customers will pay \$25 per ton to drop off yard waste. People who live in Frederick County will be allowed to bring up to five 30-gallon paper yard waste bags to the recycling center per day.
- People who live in the County can drop off dry, non-moldy textiles at no cost during regular hours at our Recycling Center, including shirts, pants, shorts, undergarments, and bedding.
- Lithium-ion batteries of any size and any quantity that are removable and unattached will be accepted at our recycling center at no cost. Batteries within items such as laptops will be categorized as electronic recycling.

For more information on the above changes, please visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FacilityChanges2025. For questions about trash service, please contact your trash hauler, homeowners association, or municipality directly.

The Frederick County Division of Solid Waste and Recycling provides integrated waste management for the County and its residents with waste reduction, recycling, and disposal programs. More information on these and associated events can be found by calling 301-600-2960 and online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov under “Departments.”

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