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NOTICE TO: COMMUNITIES SCHEDULED FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DUMPSTERS

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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF DUMPSTERS/NEW CURBSIDE BULK COLLECTION STARTS

Howard County is discontinuing the Community Clean-up Program effective June 30, 2011. The County is starting a curbside bulk trash item collection beginning on or about August 1, 2011 and a curbside scrap metal collection program in September of 2011.

Curbside Bulk Item Collection is available for:

1) Large Metal Items

Pickup of large metal items must be scheduled by calling 410-313-6444. This includes metal swing sets, file cabinets, appliances, lawn mowers, exercise equipment. Please remove doors from refrigerators, and drain oil and gas from lawn mowers.

NOTE: It is illegal for anyone except Howard County's contractors to pickup scrap metal at the curb (Howard County Code 18.610).

2) Large Plastic Items

Large plastic items such as playhouses & play sets, totes, sheds, lawn furniture and coolers can be recycled. Place these items at the curb on your regular recycling day (no need to schedule). Unlimited amounts will be accepted.

3) Large Trash Items

Large trash items (individual items which do not fit in trash cans) such as mattresses, box springs, non-metal sinks, chairs, sofas, dressers, and tables will be collected. Place these items at the curb on your regular trash day. Maximum of 4 large trash items will be collected per pickup. Items must be able to be lifted by two collection crew members (larger items will be tagged and left for the resident's disposal). To schedule a collection, call 410-313-6444 or visit [website].

Additional information on the bulk item collection will be available soon on the Howard County website and other media.

Problems occurred with the Community Clean-up Dumpsters such as dumpster overfilling, collection of the dumpsters and subsequent clean-up of the items left on the ground around the dumpsters. Also unacceptable items were placed in the dumpsters such as tires, paints, liquids, etc. causing special handling. Other items that could have been recycled or placed in with the regular trash were also placed in the dumpsters. The curbside bulk item collection program will eliminate these problems and will provide more service more often.

We apologize for any inconvenience if you have already scheduled the Community Clean-up dumpsters for the fall clean-up, but anything scheduled after July 1, 2011 is cancelled.