

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

COLLECTIONS OVERHAUL PROPOSAL



WHY OVERHAUL OUR COLLECTIONS PROGRAM?

1. Good Policy
2. Addresses Fund Deficit, Forestalling Fee Increases
3. Improved Collection Services
4. Support Our Small, Minority and County-Based Contractors



GOOD POLICY

- Prince George's is recycling and composting more, and trashing less than ever
- 65% of the County's waste is now diverted out of the trash bin – We are #1 in Maryland
- Most residents do not utilize the second weekly trash pickup
- More efficient, more responsive, minimizes truck traffic and air pollution, boosts recycling, and is consistent with our environmental mission



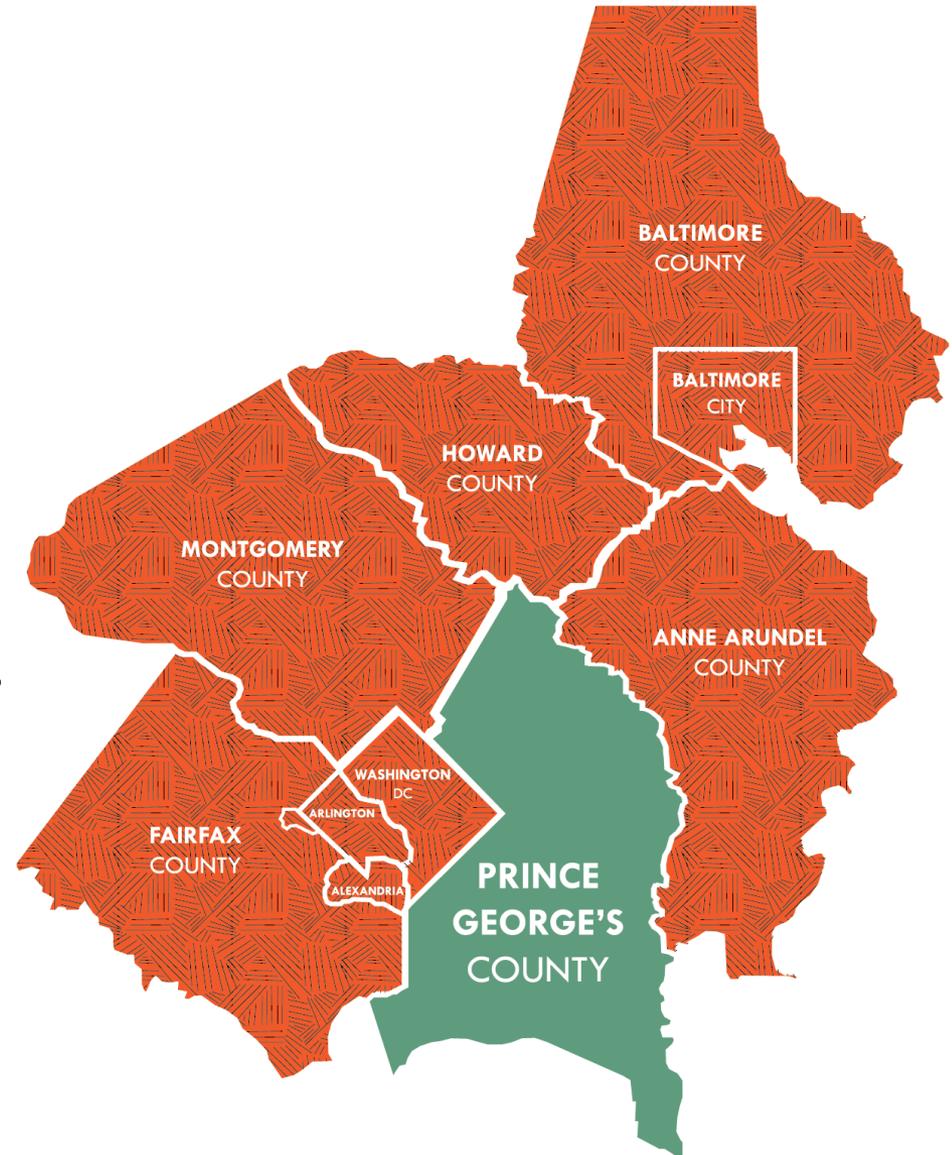
GOOD POLICY

Most sister jurisdictions have made the change:

Anne Arundel County, Alexandria, Arlington County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, District of Columbia, Fairfax County, Howard County, & Montgomery County

Several Prince George's municipalities have made the change, including:

Forest Heights, Greenbelt, Hyattsville



IMPROVED SERVICES

- Yard waste pickup will move to Mondays to follow weekend yard work
- Trash and recycling will move to same day collection
- Collections impacted by holidays and snow will slide to the next available day
- New consolidated service areas are more efficient for haulers, increasing responsiveness
- Greater accountability measures to ensure that all service areas receive superlative services. Fines schedule is more aggressive and is based on performance (complaints) in each particular service area



IMPROVED SERVICES

A new wheeled trash toter will be provided at no additional charge

- Residents can still use current trash can in addition to the County supplied cart
- Will reduce spillage and litter
- Improve working conditions for laborers
- Easy to maneuver for seniors and the disabled



SUPPORT COUNTY-BASED BUSINESS AND WORKERS

- We have a unique community of small, local and minority owned hauling companies based in Prince George's
- We are one of the only jurisdictions that do not have trash services dominated by multinational companies
- Our local haulers employ nearly 300 people in living wage jobs, many of whom are County residents
- Revised Hauler Contracts will meet County-based, minority and small business requirements under the Jobs First Act and other laws
- New service areas will be created providing competitive opportunities for new haulers and existing small haulers



DEFICIT: SOLID WASTE FUND

- Residents pay a fee on their tax bills that goes to the Solid Waste Fund
- The Solid Waste Fund pays for
 - Trash, recycling, and composting operations (DoE)
 - Litter pickup (DoE & DPWT)
 - Illegal dumping cleanups (DPWT, DPIE)
 - Code enforcement (DPIE)
 - Clean lot/blight removal (DPIE)
- Expenses keep going up (inflation, compensation, new mandates)
- We must streamline services or eventually raise fees to address the deficit
- Eliminating the second trash pickup is the best option



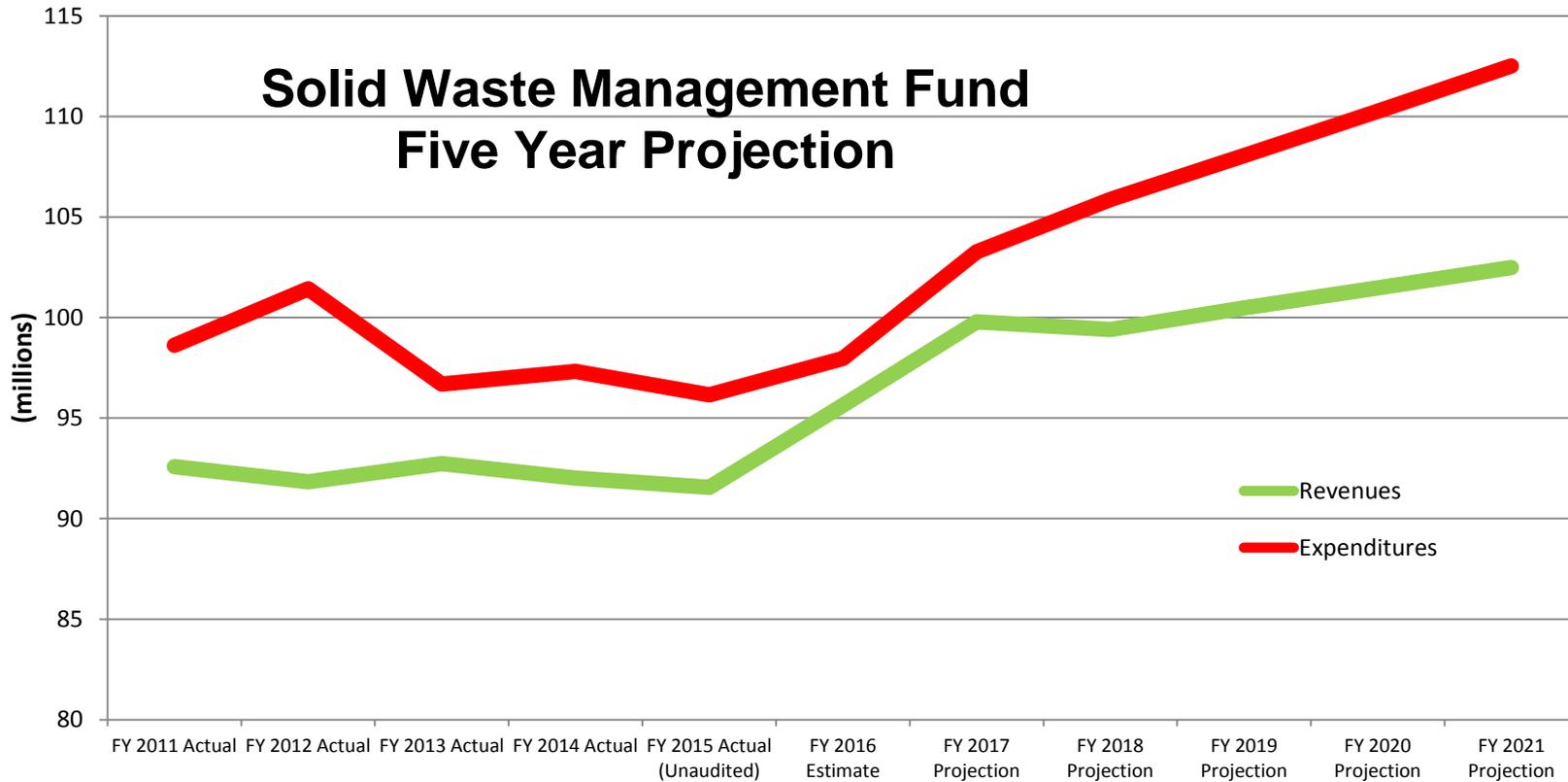
DEFICIT: NEW LAWS, NEW EXPENSES

- New Recycling Law: County Condos, Apartments, and Businesses (approx. 41,000 locations)
- Organic Composting expansion
- Styrofoam Ban: Education and Enforcement
- Federal mandate to clean up **170,628** more pounds of litter each year – **Launch of Clean Sweep Program**

Overhaul proposal will save \$6 million a year



DEFICIT: STRUCTURAL IN NATURE



IMPLEMENTATION



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION MAILER AND DOORHANGERS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

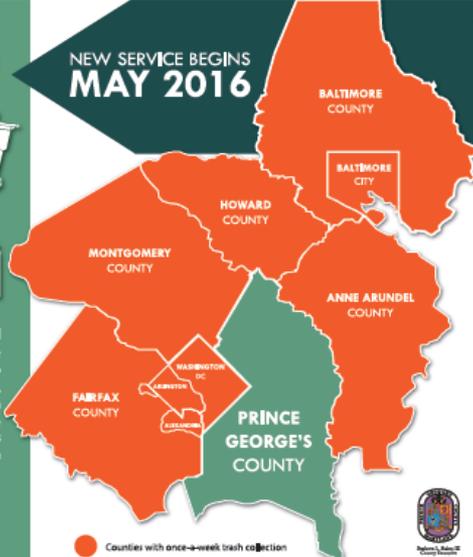
ONCE a WEEK COLLECTION



Starting in May 2016, residential curbside trash collection in Prince George's County will move to once-a-week curbside collection, with trash and recycling collection on one day and yard waste collection on Monday. Residents will also receive a wheeled, trash toter at no additional cost!

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NEW SERVICE BEGINS
MAY 2016



WE ARE GOING TO JOIN OUR NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS IN OFFERING ONCE-A-WEEK TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP!

The County joins City of Alexandria, City of Baltimore, City of Fairfax, the District of Columbia, Anne Arundel, Howard and Montgomery counties, as well as several municipalities in transitioning to a successful once-a-week residential trash and recycling collection program!

+ BENEFITS OF THE NEW COLLECTION OVERHAUL

- ▶ Addresses Solid Waste Fund deficit. This fund provides critical services such as code enforcement, litter pickup and blight removal
- ▶ Forestalls fee increases and protects key cleanup programs
- ▶ Customers will receive a free, new, wheeled trash toter with secure lid
- ▶ New accountability systems will ensure excellent hauling service in all neighborhoods
- ▶ Most residents do not use the second weekly trash pickup so it doesn't make sense to continue to pay for it
- ▶ Trash and recycling will be picked up on the same day, resulting in one trip to the curb each week. Yard waste collections will move to Monday
- ▶ Provides opportunity for new and existing County-based, small and minority-owned businesses
- ▶ Will increase recycling rates which is good for our pocketbook and our environment





PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

ONCE a WEEK COLLECTION

ONCE-A-WEEK SAME DAY TRASH AND RECYCLING!

NEW SERVICE BEGINS MAY 2016

Your yard waste pickup day is every **MONDAY**

Your trash and recycling day is **MONDAY**

Your bulky trash pickup day - up to four times a year - is scheduled via appointment by calling 3-1-1

WHY THE CHANGE?

Prince George's County residents are diverting 64% of everything they throw away and most use only one collection day. Benefits of reduced collections include:

- We will join neighboring jurisdictions, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, City of Baltimore, the District of Columbia, Howard and Montgomery counties in transitioning to once-a-week trash collection;
- Allows the County to provide residents with a heavy-duty, wheeled trash toter at no additional charge - delivery to start in fall 2016;
- Reduce air pollution and heavy truck traffic in neighborhoods providing safer streets and less wear and tear on the roads;
- New contract requirements will provide better, high-quality collection service with greater accountability; and
- Addresses deficit, forestalls fee increases and protects key cleanup programs.

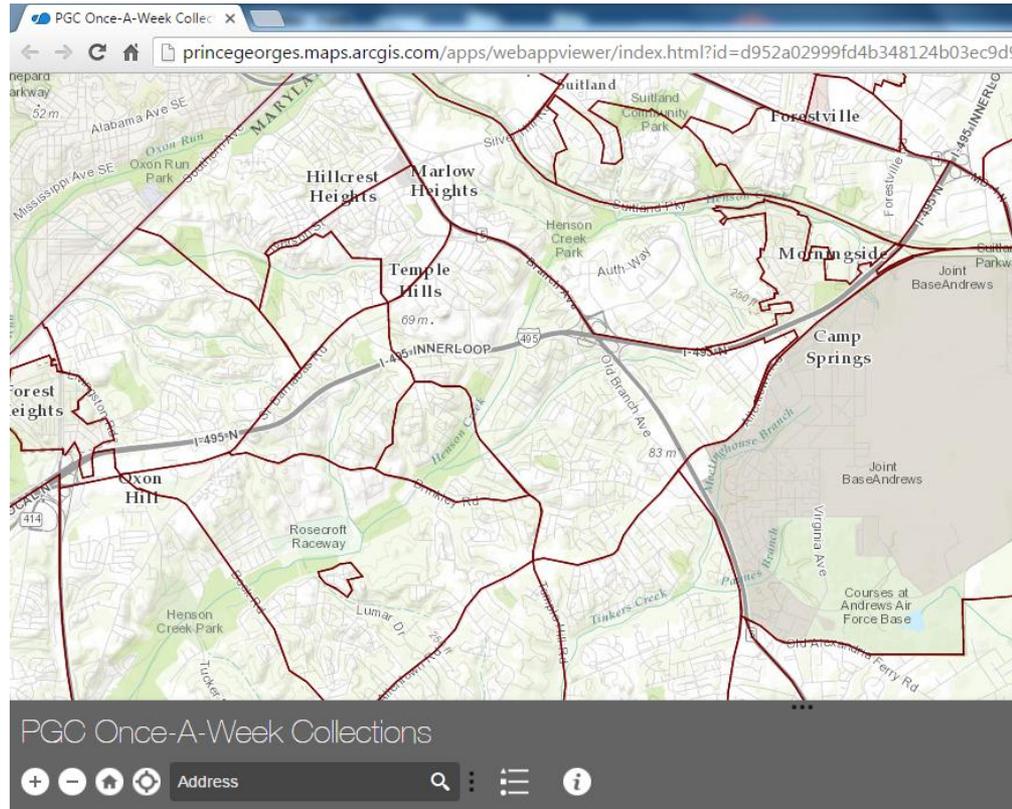
COLLECTION TIPS

- Set out all material by 6 AM on your collection day
- Place bagged trash inside trash cans with handles and a tight-fitting lid
- Double-bag diapers and pet waste
- Call 3-1-1 if your trash and recycling is not collected or your containers are not returned to the place where you set them out
- Place all clean recyclable materials inside the recycling container including paper products, plastic containers, metal containers and glass containers

Questions? Call 3-1-1 or visit onceaweek.mypgc.us



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ONLINE ADDRESS LOOKUP TOOL



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

Week of...	Activity
Feb 29	Website, FAQ, and Factsheet posted
March 22	Council Vote
March 28	Social Media Campaign
April 4	Mailer to residents
April 18	First doorhanger
April 25	Second doorhanger
May 2	New schedule begins
June	Toter distribution begins



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Feb 29

Factsheet

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Sign

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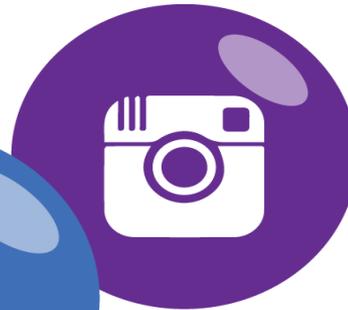


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