

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 110 - 2011

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, 2003-2013, in accordance with the procedure required by State Law.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2011.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2011.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2011.

Certified By _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2011

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 9-503 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of
2 Maryland (the “State Law”) requires each county to have a solid waste management plan that
3 covers at least the 10-year period following adoption of the plan by the county governing body;
4 and

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-505(a)(18) of the State Law, each county plan must
7 include a recycling plan, and each plan must contain the items set forth in Section 9-1703 of the
8 State Law; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Howard County’s current Solid Waste Management Plan, 2003-2013, (the
11 “Plan”) was adopted by passage of Council Resolution No. 136-2003; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Section 9-503(c) of the State Law provides that a county governing body
14 shall adopt a revision or amendment to its county plan if the State’s Department of the
15 Environment requires a revision or amendment; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 9-1703 of the State Law was amended during the 2010 General
18 Assembly Session by passage of House Bill 685, which required that each county recycling plan
19 address the strategy for the collection and recycling of fluorescent and compact fluorescent
20 lights that contain mercury; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Law, the Department of Public Works has prepared
23 the attached amendment to the Plan to address the new State Law requirements regarding the
24 collection and recycling of fluorescent and compact fluorescent lights that contain mercury.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
27 Maryland, this _____ day of _____, 2011, that, pursuant to Sections 9-503 and 9-
28 1703 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, it adopts the following
29 amendments to the Plan:

30 1. On page i-2 of the Plan, insert a new paragraph at the end of the section titled
31 “AMENDMENTS” to read as follows:

1 “This Plan is to be implemented in compliance with State Law as of October 1,
2 2011. To date, Howard County has a recycling plan for all fluorescent and
3 compact fluorescent lighting.”; and
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- 5 2. On page 3-36, immediately following the paragraph under the header “Asbestos”
6 and before the section titled “WASTE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION
7 SYSTEM” insert all of the text included in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.
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9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,
10 Maryland that the Director of the Department of Public Works is authorized to publish this
11 amendment and to make any modifications necessary to the Table of Contents of the Plan or to
12 correct obvious errors in section references and numbers, capitalization, spelling, grammar,
13 headings, and other similar matters.

Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling

With the increased usage of fluorescent and compact fluorescent light (CFL) by businesses and residents, the County has developed strategies to encourage the recycling of these items. These strategies which are ongoing and will continue, include Fluorescent and CFL recycling for County facilities, residents and businesses.

For all County owned and managed facilities, the County purchases all lighting products from C. N. Robinson Lighting Supply Company, Inc. Included in the purchasing agreement is the requirement for C. N. Robinson to exchange all fluorescent products for recycling at their facility in Baltimore, MD. County facilities follow COMAR regulations 26.13.10.17, Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste —General Management Standards. The used fluorescent products are taken directly to a central location for exchange by the vendor. The original lamp boxes are labeled “Universal Waste – Fluorescent Lamps” and accumulated for less than a year before they are exchanged.

For residents, the County encourages a number of options to recycle fluorescent light tubes and CFLs. Residents may drop off fluorescent tubes and CFLs at the County’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) area at Alpha Ridge Landfill on Saturdays from April to November. All items are bulked into boxes especially designed for the tubes and CFLs. These boxes are sent to Veolia Environmental Services Recycle PAK facility located in Stoughton, Massachusetts. The HHW area follows COMAR regulations 26.13.10.17, Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste —General Management Standards. The used fluorescent products are stored in boxes labeled “Universal Waste – Fluorescent Lamp” until full. The full boxes are stored for less than a year before they are recycled. Between December and March the residents are requested to hold their fluorescent tubes or CFLs or utilize the programs described below.

Also for residents and businesses, the County provides other information like take back programs, drop-off programs and mail-in programs at http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPW/recycling_residence_cfl.htm. These other programs are convenient for residents and save the County on the residential recycling cost. Some of the local County businesses who provide recycling programs include Home Depot, Lowes, My Organic Market, and Office Depot.