

Apartment Building and Condominium Recycling (ABCR) Program Language for the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

The proposed language is to be inserted into the 2011 – 2021 Charles County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CCCSWP)

(Continued in current Chapter V, “Plan of Action” CCCSWMP)

In April, 2012, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1, Environmental-Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums requiring recycling in all apartment buildings and condominiums that contain 10 or more dwelling units. The law becomes effective on October 1, 2012 (amending Section 9-1703 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland). Section 9-1703 (b) (12) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland requires Charles County to revise its recycling plan within the Solid Waste Management Plan by October 1, 2013. The Department approved language should be inserted in Chapter V, “Plan of Action,” of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Apartment buildings and condominiums must implement a recycling plan by October 1, 2014.

Apartment Building and Condominium Recycling Program

Through the cooperation of Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division and owners or managers of apartment buildings or councils of unit owners of condominiums (“apartment and condominium officials”), and other stakeholders involved in the implementation of this law, the County has identified fifty six (56) apartment buildings and condominiums that fall under the scope of the law. The Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division has relayed the requirements of the law, including the materials that must be recycled; at a minimum, recyclables must include plastic containers, metal & glass containers, cardboard and paper to the apartment and condominium officials.

Apartment and condominium officials shall complete and send to the Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division a Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) Survey Form, reporting to the County on an annual basis details on the required recycling activities.

Collection of Materials

Apartment and condominium officials directly, or through contracting with a private sector company, are responsible for providing all containers, labor, and equipment necessary to fulfill recycling requirements throughout their buildings. Distinctive colors and/or markings of recycling containers should be provided to avoid cross contamination. The apartment and condominium officials must ensure collection and transportation of recyclable materials from apartment and condominium locations to markets, or other legal recycling destinations. Residents will be responsible for placing recyclables in recycling containers prior to their removal on the scheduled pick up day.

Apartment and condominium officials identified how the materials will be stored, collected, and transported to the recycling markets for the collected materials. Apartment and condominium officials must report to the County on an annual basis details on the required recycling activities.

Marketing of Materials

Apartment and condominium officials are responsible for the marketing or other legal recycling and waste disposition of their recyclables. The apartment and condominium officials shall submit annual reports detailing the recycling and waste tonnage removed from the apartment and condominium and the markets for the materials or legal recycling destinations for the materials.

Materials Required to be Recycled

Apartment and condominium officials of Condominium shall recycle the following materials:

- Plastic bottles, jugs, and wide-mouth containers
- Metal Cans and Beverage Containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper
- Cardboard

Responsible Parties

Entities that will be involved in implementing the law are:

A. Charles County Commissioners

- Responsible for adopting the MDE approved language of ABCR Program for the Solid Waste/Recycling Management Plan amendment.

B. Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division -

- Responsible for overseeing County Office of Recycling activities and assuring that all apartment buildings and condominiums that fall under the requirements are included in the ABCR Program.
- Communicate the requirements of the law to the apartment and condominium officials. Assist apartment and condominium officials in developing a recycling program, if so requested. Monitor the progress and performance of the ABCR Program.
- Develop the requirements of an ABCR Program in conjunction with input from apartment and condominium officials.
- Update the County's recycling plan to include the ABCR Program and amend the Comprehensive County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Develop a recycling reporting survey to be used by apartment and condominium officials in reporting recycling activities.

C. Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management –

- Responsible for amending the Solid Waste Management Plan to include ABCR Program.

D. Owner or Manager of the Apartment Building or Councils of the Unit Owners of Condominium –

- Responsible for providing recycling to the residents of each apartment building or condominium by October 1, 2014.
- Indicate level of self-performance to provide recycling collection from residential building locations or secure and manage recycling contracts with a contractor.

- Perform record keeping and report to the County on an annual basis.

Participating Apartment Buildings or Condominiums (56) in ABCR Program

Complex Name	Location	Units
327 St. Mary's Avenue	327 St. Mary's Avenue La Plata, MD 20646	12
604 Kent Avenue LLC	604 Kent Ave La Plata 20646	10
Adams Crossing	12330 Vivian Adams Dr Waldorf 20602	192
Westchester at Pavilions	St Patricks Dr Waldorf 20601	491
Bannister Associates, d/b/a Smallwood Gardens	Hamilton, Hunt, & Husk Pl Waldorf 20602	208
Blair House	6 Blair Rd Indian Head 20640	11
Brookmont	Wedgewood Pl Waldorf 20602	104
Chaney Properties Inc.	2135 Crain Hwy Waldorf 20601	20
Coachman's Landing	Thoroughbred Ct Waldorf 20603	104
Crossland Apartments	Heritage Pl Waldorf 20602	96
Carols Apartments	101 Carols Pl La Plata 20646	21
Carols Condominiums	201 Carols Place La Plata, MD 20646	42
Edelen Station	100/200/600/800 Edelen Station Pl La Plata, MD 20646	64
Pineview Apartments	12171/12173 Ell Ln Waldorf 20602	32
Fennell Christopher A	6325 Fennell Pl La Plata 20646	12
Fox Chase Apartments LLC	Night Heron Ct Waldorf 20603	176
Gleneagles Apartments LLC	Lewisham and Monaghan Pl Waldorf 20602	184
Jaycees Apartments	12150 Ell Ln Waldorf 20602	36
Charles Landing Apartments	Blair Rd Indian Head 20640	33
Charles Landing South	41 Jameson Ct Indian Head, MD 20640	60
Headen House Associates	October Pl Waldorf 20602	180
Heritage Place II	301 Dorchester Ave La Plata 20646	30
Heritage Place	601 Piney Branch Way, 605/609 Zekiah Run Way La Plata, MD 20646	32
Holly Station	3001 Hollins Lane Ln Waldorf 20601	150
Holly Station Ltd Partnership #2	3001 Hollins Lane Ln Waldorf 20601	60
Holly Station Ltd Partnership 3	Hollins Lane Ln Waldorf 20602	150
Holly Station Ltd Partnership IV	Hollins Lane Ln Waldorf 20603	150
Hunter's Run Apartments	4136 Falcon Pl Waldorf, 20603	104
Huntington	Gallery Pl Waldorf 20602	204
Indian Head Elderly Ltd. Partnership	106 Gentry Ct Bryans Road 20616	32
JSB Apartments	2165 Crain Hwy Waldorf 20601	48

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K & S Indian Head	4085 Indian Head Hwy Indian Head 20640	10
Fenwick Landing	11655 Doolittle Dr Waldorf 20602	15
La Plata Garden Apartments	310 Caroline Dr La Plata 20646	52
Victory Lakeside	2005 St Thomas Dr Waldorf 20602	54
The Maples	101 Wesley Dr La Plata 20646	75
Benedict Apartments	7320 Benedict Ave Benedict 20612	10
La Plata Grande Garden I (Carroll La Plata Village)	656 Piscataway Ct La Plata 20646	32
La Plata Grande Garden II	Kent Ave La Plata 20646	36
La Plata Manor	1 Hickory Ln La Plata 20646	100
New Forest Apartments LLC	New Forest Ct Waldorf 20603	256
Palmer Apartments LP	Palmer Pl, Prince Albert Sq, Pilgrims Sq, Orangeman Sq, Otter Sq Waldorf 20602	152
Sheffield Greens Apartments	Prestancia Pl Waldorf 20602	252
Southwinds Active Adult Community	4210 Southwinds Pl White Plains 20695	94
Southwinds Active Adult Community	4225 Southwinds Dr White Plains 20695	100
The Nines	Litchfield, Flossmoor, and Indian Hills Waldorf 20602	120
Thunderbird Apartments	Crain Highway Bel Alton, MD 20611	32
Victory Brookside, Inc.	Wingate Ct Waldorf 20602	56
Village Green Ltd. Partnership	12131 Ell Ln Waldorf 20601	60
Village Lake Apartments LLC	2009 St Thomas Dr Waldorf 20602	122
Wakefield Terrace Associates	2000 Amberleaf Pl Waldorf 20602	204
Waldorf Astor Apartments	3605 Moses Way Waldorf 20602	96
Waldorf Elderly LLC	11080 Weymouth Ct Waldorf 20601	108
Waldorf Elderly Phase II LP	11060 Weymouth Ct Waldorf 20603	60
Woodcrest Apartments	800 Washington Ave La Plata 20646	11
Woodcrest Apartments	300 Harford St La Plata 20646	10
327 St. Mary's Avenue	327 St. Mary's Avenue La Plata, MD 20646	12
604 Kent Avenue LLC	604 Kent Ave La Plata 20646	10

Source: *Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Updated by DPW October 2014.*

Note: New apartment buildings or condominiums that will fall under the requirements of the law will begin participating in the ABCR program within three months of being notified by the Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division.

Schedule for the Development and Implementation of the Program

The ABCR Program will be implemented according to the following schedule:

- April 30, 2014, Charles County will distribute MDE approved language of the ABCR Program to the apartment and condominium officials for ABCR Program implementation.
- August 1, 2014, apartment and condominium officials will educate the residents about the ABCR Program and discuss the requirements of the law.
- September 1, 2014, apartment and condominium official will provide training or assistance to the residents and advise them of the date when the residents can start collecting the materials.
- September 1, 2014, apartment and condominium officials finalize and secure recycling services contracts with the private contractors.
- On or before October 1, 2014, residents start collecting and recycling the materials at the participating apartment buildings or condominiums.

Program Monitoring

The Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division shall monitor the progress and performance of the ABCR Program. However, the apartment and condominium officials will conduct inspections, review service levels, investigate reported or unreported pick-up and disposal complaints, meet with residents or recycling contractor staff to educate or review practices, and review contractor compliance with the recycling contract. Any issues which arise from these visits that are deemed deficiencies on the part of the residents or recycling contractor will be detailed in writing and reported to the violator. The apartment and condominium officials shall initiate actions to correct all deficiencies within 60 days of being notified.

The apartment and condominium officials shall be responsible to keep the residents current on new regulations, laws, and mandates affecting recycling in the apartment buildings or condominiums.

Program Enforcement

The Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division will ensure that the recycling at apartments and condominiums will be implemented in accordance with Section 9-1703 and 9-1711 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and enforcement will be performed in accordance with the County Code.

Upon receiving a complaint or report of violation, the Charles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division shall institute an investigation, and if a violation exists, a notice shall be issued, in writing, to the responsible party requiring them to correct all deficiencies and perform any other tasks necessary to achieve compliance with the Environment Article.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which fails to correct, within thirty (30) days from notice from Charles County, all cited in said violation notice shall be subject to citation for a civil

infraction, in accordance with 9-1711 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$50 for each day on which the violation occurs and each day said violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

If the citation is not timely paid, Charles County may enforce the fine by an action in a Maryland court of competent jurisdiction.