

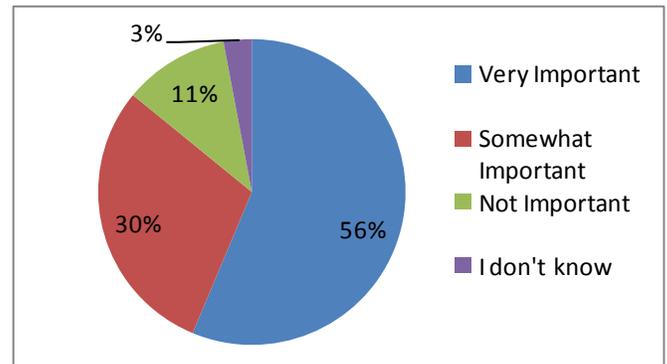
Household Waste (recycling, composting, trash)

Multiple Choice Questions

Question #1: **How important do you believe it is for the Town to address each of the following issues?**

Multiple Choice #7: **Reducing waste.** This could include adjustments to trash collection or improved recycling and composting of household kitchen waste—either by curbside collection or backyard composting.

135 respondents



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Open-Text Questions

Question #2: In your opinion, what is the most important issue that the Town should address in order to improve the environment and long-term livability of this community?

1. as above - recycling if properly managed our trash bags could be reduced to a third their current size with an expanded mandate for which materials can be recycled.
2. Reducing waste and increasing the use of renewable energy.
3. Increase recycling by making it more convenient.
4. Recycling. our waste can be much better broken down than we currently do. Wast cycling can be a source of alternative energy.
5. Curb side composting for the entire town.
6. reducing waste.
7. Maintain current levels of trash pick-up, yard recycling, street and park maintenance, tree planting. Improve street lighting.

Question #3: Being realistic, what do you think are the three most important things the Town might do to help you and your family reduce your negative impacts on the environment?

1. reinstate bi-weekly yard trash collection.
2. expand recycling
3. establish centralized composting facility with curbside pick-ups of kitchen waste separately from regular recycling.
4. Compost option (big fan of that idea)
5. Increase the composting program. Maybe include a town pickup for compost and offset this with fewer pickups for garbage. By increasing the amount/timing of recyclables that are picked up and reducing the number of times garbage is picked up you may increase the amount that the town residents recycle.
6. compost pick up would be great.
7. advanced recycling programs
8. incorporate a composting program on a Town-wide scale (perhaps shift one trash collection per week to a compost collection)
9. Offer curbside composting
10. offer incentives for reduced waste disposal.
11. Beyond continuing the recycling program, I would say nothing
12. Help with a more advanced recycling strategy of most household trash, e.g. composting advice, maybe organizing bulk order of composting cans, with an analysis of which cans are best and how to use them.
13. Curbside Composting
14. Pay for the entire town to join Compost Crew.
15. waste recycling
16. Once-a-week trash pickup
17. Encourage recycling of materials that could be composted.
18. Let each house know how much garbage we throw away (as opposed to compost/recycle) each month, compared to other households. This might encourage more recycling/composting.

19. Provide hazardous waste pickup from time to time, or provide a place to dispose of it within the Town, to discourage residents from 'hiding' their hazardous waste within regular garbage. (Yes, I know that people do this. Getting to the transfer station is too difficult for many.)
20. The Town can encourage residents to reduce waste and encourage composting.
21. reducing waste/compost pickup
22. We recycle to the point that we have almost no household waste, so thanks for making that possible.
23. intensify recycling
24. how to reduce household trash
25. Switch to big, commingled recycling bin (like the ones the rest of the county uses)
26. Promote town-wide composting
27. Easy kitchen-waste pick-up.
28. Town wide composting
29. Recycle plastic trash
30. compost for us
31. Improved recycling services (single stream and compost) and promote them so it is easier for families to recycle more.
32. Begin an on-site leaf recycling program. Commercial grade shredders to process piles of leaves on site into mulch, rather than collecting, trucking out to the County, and having residents buy back their own leaves as Leaf Gro.
33. provide a list of greener but effective, readily available products (like) doggie poop bags, bottled water and plastic trash bags -- with cost, location and trial-size samples.
34. do once a week trash collection and allow/promote curbside pick-up of trash without plastic bags that add significant non-degradable waste.
35. continue re cycling pick up
36. perhaps use the leaf collection to make compost for the residents
37. Encourage and educate the community about recycling.
38. curbside collection for composting
39. Trash and Treasure -- perhaps do three times a year, and continue to put out to curb so that people from other neighborhoods can benefit from our trash/treasures.
40. Collect Compost
41. initiate a composting program town wide given the success of the trial program
42. Help subsidize and encourage composting pickup.
43. optimize all trash pickups
44. Expand recycling
45. encourage and perhaps subsidize composting program
46. Provide Opportunities to join compost crew
47. The Town should provide bins for recyclables that are picked up from the back like our trash is. It is horrible to see all the recycling on the curb in paper bags. Since I use reusable bags, I have to buy paper bags do do my recycling. It's silly.
48. Reducing household waste, e.g. Trash issues
49. Helping to reduce household waster - e.g., the new trial composting program.
50. Better recycling, compost collection
51. Give economic incentives to compost.

52. The waste pick-up could be restructured such that compost and recycling is facilitated and landfill waste is restricted and has to be taken to the curb.
53. Provide a service like Compost Crew along with the trash and recycling.
54. Mainstream compost crew pick ups
55. Issue us more recycling boxes and options for recycling\
56. Relative to other communities with which I'm familiar (e.g., the city of toronto) our recycling efforts are extremely limited and primitive. i think that our money would be better invested in expanding our individual recycling efforts before spending money on alternate fuel vehicles (cutting back on the Town's 'fleet' of vehicles might also be considered if necessary
57. There is alot more than can be done to reduce household waste and increase recycling options.

Bottom of Question #1: **Feel free to provide comments on the topics above or suggestions for additional environmental issues you feel the town might address”**

1. I am against for reducing trash collection, as having trash sitting in the trash can for more days actually harm the environment.
2. I would like to see recycling made easier. Can't we have collection at the side of our house like trash collection?
3. It would be great if we could have town composting of biodegradable food products.
4. current recycling containers are not practical when it is raining/snowing/windy. could there be a system similar to household trash collection?
5. The Town is rich in greenery and leaves collected in the fall should be turned into compost and given back to the community either free or at a discounted rate.
6. I think encouraging composting would be a great idea, as well as incentivizing energy audits and perhaps incentivizing minimizing of trash (perhaps charging a fee for a second trash can pickup.)
7. Update the TOCC recycling programs - its ancient and based on a 1980's model. We're the last community to have to drag a box of soggy papers to the curb every Wednesday. Update to one,large, lid can that sits next to the garbage can for single stream recycling. I'm inclined to stop recycling until the town updates is back-breaking
8. It's unclear why we don't have single stream recycling yet except for the fact that I've heard it said that the larger wheeled cans are hard to manage for some.
9. Reduce trash pickup to once a week. Encourage recycling and composting. Charge for trash pickup.
10. Whether household recycling has any effect on net energy consumption (except for aluminum) depends on the circumstances: the more driving around is required to pick up the stuff, the less savings are possible. I doubt that expanding CC's recycling program would do much good, and in any case would use resources that should be used for other purposes.
11. We must improve our recycling program, which is currently less effective than in the rest of Montgomery County. We need the big, rolling bins that accomodate more paper and cardboard. And it would be great if the town wanted to support compost collection
12. There is alot more than can be done to reduce household waste and increase recycling options..

Bottom of Question #4: **Feel free to tell us other actions you have taken to reduce your environmental impact.**

1. Compost, recycling
2. We compost all lawn clippings and leaves in an enormous compost pile in the back yard.
3. We don't use a lawn service! reduced our grass, enriched the soil to maximize rain absorption,
4. We are serious recyclers and composters.

5. We have not taken any steps yet (except we recycle), we are looking into options: We would also be interested in composting.
6. We compost everything we can in our own yard, and in the winter we use Compost Crew.
7. Composting Cloth napkins - daily use
8. compost
9. Compost and recycle religiously.
10. More recycling..
11. started composting as well.
12. recycle yard waste and kitchen scrap in the back yard, A lot of these actions were taken as a result of information provided by the town.
13. We are part of the town's pilot program with the Compost Crew. I recycle as much as I can and try to reuse things I can't recycle before I throw it away (when possible). I try to donate toys and clothes instead of throwing them out.
14. We compost and recycle.
15. The primary source of nutrients for our garden is (purchased) compost and manure. We are faithful recyclers.
16. compost vegetable waste
17. recycle yard waste and kitchen scrap in the back yard,

Final Question: **Please briefly describe any issues you would be interested in discussing further.**

1. I really support curb side Composting
2. Town-wide composting
3. Hazardous waste recycling -- some of us can't get to Shady Grove; the stuff's piling up in my garage
Comingled recycling -- most every other Montgomery Cty town and municipality do it
4. I have joined the Compost Crew -- it's terrific!
5. Would like to see the shift from 2x week of trash pick up to 1x week of trash and 1x of organic waste.