

“Community Pitch In” Program

There are many ways the City can partner with community and leadership organizations to make Baltimore a cleaner, greener City. The Community Pitch In Program was established to provide City support, above and beyond routine services, for communities going above and beyond to improve their neighborhoods.

A Pitch In project is focused on the cleaning or greening of a lot, or larger block area, by a community, environmental or faith-based organization.

Assistance for a Pitch In project can be requested by the president or head of an organization and/or his/her specific designee.

The City can provide TOOLS AND SUPPLIES:

Leaf rakes, brooms, gloves and bags can be provided upon request to assist your project.

- We will need an address and someone on hand to sign for delivery of tools.
- We will need an address from which to retrieve all tools and unused supplies after your project is complete.

TYPES OF CLEAN UPS

Corner Collection : Not every clean up requires a container. Your organization can designate an area for cleaning or greening, can request tools and supplies, including bags, and the City will pick up all bagged debris from designated corners after the completion of your project.

Bulk Collection : If illegal dumping of bulk items is a problem on a lot or larger area in your community, you don't necessarily need a container. Volunteers can stack bulk items at designated locations and the City will follow through by packing those items onto bulk trucks and removing them.

Container Collection : Nothing brings people together like a free dumpster ☺ We can provide 40 yard containers for your community project but **please see “City Containers – What you need to know”**

Adopt a Lot : The Bureau of Solid Waste can provide moderate grading of a lot that has been formally adopted by a community or organization for greening. (Adopt A Lot information coming to www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.org soon) OR call 410-396-3800 (John Brewer) for more information.

PITCH IN!

These are just a few of the ways we can work together to realize a cleaner, greener Baltimore. If you have a plan to make your community cleaner and greener please contact us – we are happy to work with you to support your efforts as outlined above, or with other creative approaches.

To request Pitch In assistance:

- For information or questions: 410-396-4511
- COMING SOON! Register via 311
- Fax your request to: 410-545-6117
- mail your request to:
City of Baltimore - Community Pitch In
1001 Abel Wolman Municipal Building
200 N Holliday
Baltimore, MD 21202

To meet the growing demand for containers, communities will be eligible to schedule a container 4 times per year.

Communities are not limited in the other types of clean ups described above.

The City reserves the right to adjust supply requests due to low quantities of tools and/or budget constraints. Every effort will be made to inform a community in advance should there be limited supplies or other significant changes made to a Pitch In request.

What you need to know before requesting a City roll-off container.

Pitch In containers are not intended to replace curbside bulk pick up. Every household is entitled to a scheduled bulk pick up of 3 items per month and free use of City transfer stations and the Quarantine Road landfill.

A Pitch In container is not intended to benefit a few households or to provide disposal for private renovations. Community Pitch In dumpsters are for community clean ups.

To preserve our ability to offer this special service the City must necessarily avoid Saturday and other drop-off or pick-up dates and times that incur overtime expenses.

Containers will not be available on holiday weekends, as Monday holidays prevent timely pick up of filled containers.

Containers are typically dropped on a Friday for Monday pick up OR dropped on a Tuesday for Thursday pick up.

There are some downsides to the use of a city roll-off container:

- A free container will even bring people from outside of your community together - to abuse the dumpster intended for use by your community.
- Therefore, a container does require baby-sitting and should only be requested by communities able to monitor the container to prevent contractor dumping and other abuse.
- The City has only a limited number of containers that can be provided on a given weekend. We try to be as fair as possible generally following a first come, first serve reservation policy. The City reserves the right to limit the number of containers a community can request.
- The City reserves the right to cancel a scheduled container in order to provide urgent services or meet the demands of large city events.

Please remember that City containers are not really free – we all pay for them.

- A 40 yard roll-off container is an expensive piece of equipment costing approximately \$5,000 each.
- Placement, removal and tipping (emptying at the landfill) cost approximately \$700. per use.
- A 40 yard container holds between 8 and 10 tons of debris – given overall costs, a container should only be requested if your community is certain it will be filled.
- Please do your best to evenly load containers – a shifting load can cause a driver to lose control of the vehicle resulting in serious personal injury and equipment damage.
- White goods (appliances) and metals are recyclable and should not be placed in a roll-off container – those items should be stacked nearby for separate collection. Please notify our office if a separate bulk pick up will be required.
- Containers should not be filled to overflowing -- additional materials should be stacked as neatly as possible in close proximity for separate removal. Please notify our office if your container is filled to capacity or overflowing.