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All State Agencies Recycle

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Buying Green Can Save You Money!

On February 24th, the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee (GPC) and The Responsible Purchasing Network, hosted a webinar on “Saving Money by Buying Green.” Over 120 attendees joined to learn how buying environmentally preferable products and services can save money either upfront, per use, or over a product’s lifetime.

Alicia Culver, of the Responsible Purchasing Network, and Kshirajaa Ramesh and Emily Soontornsaratool of DGS gave the presentation. Examples of cost savings products including energy efficient products, remanufactured toner cartridges, and concentrated cleaners were presented. Also covered were cost

saving strategies and examples of savings calculations to make the business case for green purchasing.

The webinar was presented as a compliment to a published fact sheet on cost savings through green purchasing. The fact sheet is available on the [DGS website](#). A recording of the webinar is available on [YouTube](#).

The [Maryland Green Purchasing Committee](#) is an inter-agency effort to promote environmentally preferable purchasing in Maryland state government. Last year, the committee documented nearly \$47.2 million in green purchases which resulted in more than \$820,000 in savings and a reduction of 158,159 metric tons of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide.

Thirteen State Agencies Reach 30 Percent Recycling Rate in 2019

State government, as a whole, is required to recycle 30 percent of its waste. In 2019, thirteen State agencies recycled at least 30 percent of their waste and seven agencies recycled more than 40 percent. State government, as a whole, recycled 26.6 percent of the waste it generated.

The following State agencies reached a recycling rate of at least 30 percent in 2019:

- Comptroller of Maryland;
- Dept. Of Environment;
- Dept. of Housing & Community Development;
- Dept. of Transportation;
- Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund;
- Maryland Environmental Service;
- Maryland General Assembly;
- Maryland School for Deaf;
- Maryland Stadium Authority;
- Maryland State Archives;
- Maryland State Police;
- Subsequent Injury Fund;
- University System of Maryland.

Results for all State Agencies are available on the [Maryland State Agencies 2019 Recycling Rates Table](#).



The slide features the following elements:

- Logos for RPN (Responsible Purchasing Network), Maryland Department of General Services, BuyGreen (Maryland Green Purchasing Committee), and Changing Maryland (for the People).
- Central text: "Saving Money by Buying Green" and "February 24, 2021".
- A grid of five video thumbnails showing participants, with the name "Nelson Reichart" visible at the bottom.

Maryland State Agencies 2019 Recycling Rates

Agency Name	No. of Sites	No. of Sites Reporting	No. of People	Total MRA Recycling 2019 (tons)	2019 MRA Recycling Rate (%)
Baltimore City Community College	1	0	0	0	0
Comptroller of the Treasury	1	1	800	128.15	81.65
Department of Agriculture	2	2	222	18.47	13.92
Department of Assessments and Taxation	15	10	176	14.91	17.04
Department of Budget and Management	1	0	0	0	0
Department of Education	30	17	1382	50.62	13.82
Department of General Services	25	25	8250	176.25	10.45
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	18	5	6059	284.20	7.97
Department of Human Resources	33	25	6055	187.17	19.28
Department of Juvenile Services	15	13	1557	249.34	12.52
Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	14	7	1331	115.57	24.44
Department of Natural Resources	6	4	558	15.27	17.97
Department of the Environment	5	5	963	42.28	30.23
Department of Transportation	83	83	10589	8140.90	36.15
Department of Veterans Affairs	7	7	78	319.35	24.13
Dept. of Housing and Community Development	3	3	393	98.41	41.42
Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services	35	8	7970	429.73	5.16
Judiciary of Maryland	2	0	0	0	0
Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	1	1	205	136.33	39.59
Maryland Department of Disabilities	1	1	33	0.11	1.22
Maryland Department of Planning	1	1	187	6.57	9.81
Maryland Environmental Service	3	3	250	19.05	65.06
Maryland Food Center Authority	1	1	26	380.46	7.14
Maryland General Assembly	1	1	852	125.01	40.76
Maryland Insurance Administration	1	0	0	0	0
Maryland Military Department	33	24	114	54.93	7.71
Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission	1	1	140	88.75	14.70
Maryland School for the Deaf	2	2	420	127.48	30.30
Maryland Stadium Authority	2	2	2150	600.46	30.81
Maryland State Archives	1	1	71	3.65	31.88
Maryland State Police	30	30	1891	841.48	40.24
Morgan State University	1	1	1741	630.85	9.83
St. Mary's College of Maryland	1	0	0	0	0
Subsequent Injury Fund	1	1	16	4.35	71.08
University System of Maryland	17	16	36670	8629.81	39.03
TOTAL	394	301	91,149	21,919.91	26.58