

## Join the NIH for America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day is the only nationally-recognized day (November 15) dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. In addition to promoting recycling throughout the year, the NIH community will again be celebrating America Recycles Day. The NIH activities will extend across many campuses on November 13-16, 2018. To support America Recycles Day and a recycling lifestyle, we ask all NIH staff to embrace the following pledge and to visit the [NIH Recycling Pledge](#) webpage so that your commitment can be counted:

I PLEDGE TO...

- LEARN which items are recyclable at the NIH and contribute to achieving the NIH recycling goal;
- ACT to reduce my personal waste, recycle more, ensure that items are disposed in the proper waste stream and procure products made of recycled content; and,
- SHARE with others to encourage my colleagues to join the NIH IC Green Teams and to educate family and friends to recycle daily.

Please join us by participating in the various activities across NIH campuses listed below. These activities are also listed on the [NEMS Webpage](#) (check here for the most up-to-date information). Please contact Tierra Robinson, Jacquelyn McGauley or Mansi Mehta with any questions regarding America Recycles Day at 301-496-7990.

### **Bethesda campus activities (collections are from November 13-16 during business hours):**

- Electronics recycling (Both personal and non-accountable government property), at drop-off locations in the lobbies of these buildings: 1, 10 (South Lobby), 13, 31A, 35, 38A, 40, 45, 50.
- Plastic film/bag recycling, located in Building 10 at the B2 loading dock and at the Supply Store.
  - Acceptable: grocery, zip-lock bags, shrink wraps, clear plastic pillows (deflated), bubble wrap and case wrap for bottled beverages;
  - Unacceptable: green/biodegradable air pillows, chips/candy/cookie wrappers or bags and rigid (hard) plastic film, such as bottles, tapes, packing peanuts, paper and paper towels.
- Biodegradable utensils collection in special containers located in NIH cafeterias next to the recycling and trash bins.
- Cafeteria recycling information tables on Thursday, November 15 from 11am to 1pm in these buildings: 10 (B1 & 2nd floor), 31, 45, 35, and 38.

### **Research Triangle Park campus activities:**

- The NIEHS is promoting its new Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Awareness Training, which increases employee awareness of workplace environmental impacts. This is an ongoing promotion that will continue throughout November.
- Collections for various items for recycling or reuse, such as gently used winter coats, eyeglasses, cell phones, and pet supplies on November 15.
- Composting display at the cafeteria composting station to provide education and awareness on how composting works from November 13-16.

**Bayview campus activities:**

- Collections for accountable government items that can be reused at the NIH. The Gaithersburg Distribution Center will provide pick-up service for items taken to the Atrium of the BRC on November 15 from 10am to 2pm.
- Information table by Waste Management in the Atrium of the BRC about recycling and solvent recycling on November 15 from 10am to 2pm.

**Shady Grove campus activities:**

- Collections for government-issued CDs and VHS tapes, cell phones, eyeglasses, plastic bags, blankets, towels and non-accountable electronics on November 13-16. Bins will be located by the elevators on the first floor of the parking garage and in the East and West wings.
- Educational table on recycling in the cafeteria on November 15 from 11am to 1pm.

**6710B Rockledge Drive Building activities:**

- Collections for non-accountable government electronics (items without property barcodes), such as computer keyboards, computer mice, cords, speakers, webcams, CDs, floppy discs, toner cartridges, binders and notebooks on November 13-16.