

America Recycles Day 2020

The NIH is proud to participate in another [America Recycles Day](#)! This event is held annually on November 15 to spread awareness of the importance of recycling and to empower NIH staff to recycle. There are many advantages to recycling, namely a reduction in the amount of waste produced and a reduction in the amount of resources used to produce new products.¹ Recycling rates in the U.S. have grown steadily since the 1960s and currently stand at around 35% of all municipal solid waste being recycled (including composting).² At the NIH, 54.9% of non-hazardous solid waste is recycled and we would like to increase this even further.³ For the 2020 America Recycles Day, please consider participating in some of the activities listed below. If you cannot participate, another way to improve recycling is to familiarize yourself with your local recycling rules and then spread this knowledge on to others!

2020 Activities:

RTP:

Join the Research Triangle Park campus for their Recycle Right Campaign! This initiative seeks to improve awareness of recycling rules to increase the quality of campus recyclables and decrease recycling contamination. More details for participating will be provided soon on the [NEMS website](#)!

Bethesda:

The Bethesda campus will feature recycling collections for soft plastic items and electronics. Please consider visiting these collection areas from November 13-20 to contribute your own waste items! Soft plastic items include plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap and many others. Electronics may be personal or non-accountable government items, such as computer mice, keyboards, cables and other similar items. Please contact DEP at 301-496-7990 with any questions regarding acceptable items.

The Bethesda campus will also feature virtual activities for the 2020 America Recycles Day. Dedicate yourself to recycling by taking the [2020 Recycling Pledge](#). Please check the [NEMS website](#) for additional virtual activities!

Bayview:

The Bayview campus in Baltimore, MD will feature a myriad of recycling collections. More information on the accepted items and collection dates will be provided on the [NEMS website](#) as it becomes available.