# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT 

Land Management Administration $\bullet$ Resource Management Program

## Volume to Weight Conversion Table

| Material | Volume | Weight | Material | Volume | Weight |
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| Aluminum cans-whole | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 63 lbs. | Lead acid batteries | 1 battery | $\begin{aligned} & 9.5-53 \\ & \text { lbs.** } \end{aligned}$ |
| Antifreeze* | 1 gallon | 9.8 lbs . | Metal license tags* | 1 tag | 0.31 lbs . |
| Asphalt* | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 1,380 lbs. | Mixed wood | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 372 lbs . |
| Automobiles | 1 car | 2,052 lbs. | Motor oil* | 1 gallon | 7 lbs . |
| Cardboard-compacted | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 400 lbs . | Motor oil filters | 1 filter | 1 lb . |
| Cardboarduncompacted | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50-150 \\ & \text { lbs.^ }^{\wedge} \end{aligned}$ | Newspaper-uncompacted | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 433 lbs . |
| Cardboard-baled | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 900 lbs . | Office paper-computer | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 655 lbs . |
| Commingled containers | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 248 lbs. | Office paper-mixed | $1 y^{3}$ | 435 lbs . |
| Computer CPU | 1 CPU | 35 lbs. | Paint | 1 gallon | 10 lbs. |
| Computer keyboard | 1 keyboard | 2.5 lbs . | Pallets | 1 pallet | 40 lbs . |
| Computer monitor | 1 monitor | 41 lbs . | Plastic bottles-whole | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 32 lbs . |
| Concrete | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 4,000 lbs. | Scrap tires-car/truck | 1 tire | 21/70 lbs. |
| Fluorescent light tubes | 1 tube | 0.83 lbs . | Telephone directories | 1 book | 4.5 lbs. |
| Food Waste | 55 gal . drum | 412 lbs . | Tin/steel canswhole/flattened | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150 / 850 \\ & \text { lbs. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Frying grease | 55 gal . drum | 405 lbs . | White goods (large) | 1 item | 143 lbs . |
| Glass | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 600-1,400 } \\ & \text { lbs. } \end{aligned}$ | Yard waste-compacted | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 700 lbs . |
| Industrial Fluids* | 1 gallon | 8.5 lbs . | Yard waste-uncompacted | $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 470 lbs. |
| Laser toner cartridges | 1 cartridge | 3 lbs . |  |  |  |

$\wedge \quad$ Loose, unflattened cardboard weighs $50 \mathrm{lbs} . / \mathrm{yd}^{3}$, crushed cardboard weighs closer to $150 \mathrm{lbs} . / \mathrm{yd}^{3}$.

* Should be included as a Non-MRA Material.
+600 lbs . for whole glass, $1,400 \mathrm{lbs}$. for manually broken glass.
** 9.5 lbs . for a motorcycle battery, 39 lbs . for a car battery, 53 lbs . for a truck battery.


## Other helpful hints to determine recycling weights:

Aluminum cans: flattened $1 \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ weighs 340 lbs., uncompacted 1 full grocery bag weighs 1.5 lbs ., uncompacted 1 case of 24 cans weighs $0.75 \mathrm{lbs} ., 32$ cans weigh 1 lb .
Glass: $\quad 1$ case of $24-8 \mathrm{oz}$. glass containers weigh $12 \mathrm{lbs} ., 24-12 \mathrm{oz}$. glass containers weigh 14 lbs., manually broken bottles in a 55 -gallon drum weigh 300 lbs .
Gaylord box: approx. 1 yd $^{3}$ ( $\left.3^{\prime} \mathrm{x} 3^{\prime} \mathrm{x} 3^{\prime}\right)$

