

THE UPDATE

**THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
OCTOBER 17, 2025**

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY: ELECTRONICS & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT SATURDAY!



University Park residents are invited to clear out clutter the right way at the Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding event on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the University Park Elementary School bus circle. This event is open to UP residents only—please bring a driver’s license or other ID as proof of residency.

Residents can drop off electronics for safe recycling, along with documents for on-site paper shredding, tires without rims, and paint recycling for \$5 per container. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished, or recycled through Electronics Value Recovery, in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

“Events like this help keep hazardous materials out of landfills and ensure that valuable components are recycled responsibly,” said Public Works Director Michael Beall. “It’s a great way to take care of your home and your environment at the same time.”

Accepted items include:

- Computers and accessories (desktops, laptops, keyboards, mice, cables, printers, copiers, fax machines)
- TVs and monitors (flat screen, CRT, LCD, plasma)
- Phones, tablets, cameras, and small electronics (cell phones, MP3 players, video/security equipment)
- Audio/video gear (speakers, servers, routers, UPS/battery backups, circuit boards)
- Miscellaneous electronics (toner cartridges, batteries)

Not accepted:

- Trash, furniture, liquids, or hazardous materials
- Ammunition or combustible materials
- Medical or radiological waste
- Christmas lights, fluorescent bulbs



COMPOST CARTS ROLLING OUT ACROSS UP

University Park is expanding its voluntary Compost Program to additional wards and *rolling out* new carts! New participants will receive a starter kit that includes a 35-gallon brown cart, a countertop bin, and a box of compostable bags.

Compost and yard waste are collected curbside every Monday alongside regular yard waste pickup.

If you’re curious to try composting or want to make sure your ward is included in the rollout, check the Compost Program page on the UP website or reach out to Public Works.

Too Big for the Trash?

Fill out our [Bulk Pickup Request](#) to tell us what you’re setting out.



GET INVOLVED: ACTS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

RESOURCES FOR FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS

If you or someone in your household has been affected by the federal government shutdown, there are several local and state resources available for temporary assistance. [Helping Hands University Park](#) offers short-term support to residents in need. They can help with essentials like food, basic supplies, and referrals to other services.

For up-to-date guidance from the state, visit this [State of Maryland page](#) for information about unemployment benefits, local programs, and other financial assistance.

Prince George's County has compiled additional resources to support residents, including emergency food programs, financial guidance, and social services. [Learn more here.](#)

Families with school-age children facing new financial hardship are encouraged to apply for meal support through the [PGCPS FARMS program](#). Applications can be submitted any time there's a change in household income.

In times of uncertainty or frustration, one of the best ways to feel grounded is to get involved. Civic engagement - whether it's volunteering, cheering on your neighbors, or rolling up your sleeves to care for a local green space - connects us to one another and reminds us that small acts of service make a big difference right here at home. There are several ways to plug in this month!

Neighbors helping neighbors:

The University Park Service Day is almost full, but a few volunteer slots remain! It's a morning of community projects across town—helping neighbors, sprucing up public areas, and lending a hand where it's most needed. [Details and registration available here.](#)

Looking for something a little 🧟spirited🧟?

Lace up for the Hyattsville Middle School PTA Zombie Run on Saturday, October 26. This family-friendly 5K, 1-mile, and 1K fun run raises funds for arts and academic programs at HMB. Costumes are encouraged—runners, walkers, zombies, and spectators are all welcome. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

For those who prefer the peace and quiet of nature:

Join your neighbors for [Meadow Restoration Day](#) on Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to noon, where volunteers will plant native species and clear invasive growth to help the meadow thrive through the seasons.

Whether you dig in, dress up, or pitch in, these opportunities are reminders that engagement isn't just about attending meetings—it's about showing up for each other. University Park's strength has always been its people, and this fall offers plenty of ways to keep that spirit growing.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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[Meadow Restoration](#)

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[Electronics Recycling & Paper Shredding](#)

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[Town Council Meeting](#)

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[UP Service Day](#)