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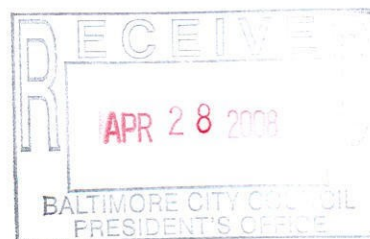
The Baltimore City Health Department supports City Council Bill 08-0056. The purpose of the bill is to modify the mixed refuse collection schedule following a holiday and clarifying certain language in the Code.

Mixed refuse in the City is generally scheduled to be collected twice a week. However, should an area's designated mixed refuse collection day fall on a City holiday, collection would only occur once that week. City Council Bill 08-0056 will provide those areas that are affected by a City holiday a collection day following the holiday. Thus, every area will continue to receive its twice a week trash pickup service.

Many citizens are not familiar with the City holiday schedule. Therefore, they place their trash out for collection and find at the end of the day that it is not collected. The majority of these citizens, unfortunately, continue to leave their trash out until the next scheduled collection day. Leaving trash out for multiple days promotes rodent infestation and litters the City; trash bags left outside end up with holes caused by rodents and the inside contents are scattered.

The Baltimore City Health Department supports providing citizens with twice a week mixed refuse collection regardless of the City holiday schedule. This bill will assist in elevating part of the mixed refuse problem this City faces.

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