

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Price Paid for Purchasing, Hauling, and Planting Fresh Oyster Shell — Effective
March 18, 2024

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the maximum price the Department will pay to purchase fresh oyster shell from oysters harvested and sold within Maryland and the maximum price the Department will pay to haul and plant fresh shell harvested and sold either in Maryland or another state.

- Shell:
 - \$4.50 per bushel if Department staff load and truck the shell.
 - \$5.00 per bushel if shell owner loads into DNR trucks or onto planting vessels.
 - \$5.50 per bushel if shell owner loads and trucks the shell to DNR designated location.
- Hauling and planting:
 - \$2.40 per bushel up to 20 nautical miles
 - \$2.45 per bushel 21-40 nautical miles
 - \$2.50 per bushel 41-59 nautical miles
 - \$2.55 per bushel >60 nautical miles

[Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11](#) has been recently updated to require the Department to set the maximum price the Department will pay for a bushel of fresh shells from oysters harvested and sold within Maryland as the fair market price via a public notice. Before 2023, this price was set at two dollars per bushel in regulation. The regulation also requires the Department to set the maximum price the Department will pay to transport and plant fresh shells by public notice. The Department will review the maximum shell purchase price and the transport/plant price annually prior to the start of each planting season and set these prices at that time.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This notice applies to all individuals who sell fresh oyster shell and transport and plant fresh shell as part of the Department's restoration and replenishment programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. March 18, 2024.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11G

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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