

# Maryland's Gas Can Exchange Pilot Program



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# Background

- **OTC Regional Regulation**
- **Adopted in Maryland last year**
- **Start date: Jan of 2004**
- **Blitz = main manufacturer**
- **Can improvements – more to come**
- **Why? – get the cans out there earlier and retire older cans**



# Partners

- **Maryland Department of Transportation**
- **Maryland Department of the Environment**
- **Home Depot**
- **Blitz (Can Manufacturer)**
- **Montgomery/ Charles/ Prince George's/ Frederick Counties**



# Logistics

- **6800 cans via home depot exchange program**
- **3200 via county programs**
- **exchange program – zip codes**
- **vouchers**
- **volunteers**
- **PR/ Radio Ads...Home Depot Ads...**



# Next Steps

- **count up the vouchers**
- **emission benefit calculations**
- **review pilot program success**
- **investigate other options  
(another pilot?...more  
events...TBD)**

