

2018 - 2021 TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Your new 4-year trash and recycling
schedule/guide is here!



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Baltimore County Department of Public Works
Bureau of Solid Waste Management

Understanding Your Collection Schedule



- Your trash collection days are marked with a **T**.
- Your single stream recycling collection days are marked with an **R**.
- If you have **Y** days on your calendar:
 - Your yard materials will be collected separately for recycling (and NOT with trash) for most of the year. Your yard materials recycling collection days are marked with a **Y**.
 - After your last **Y** day occurs each December, your yard materials will be collected with trash, starting with your next trash (**T**) day. Separate yard materials collection will begin again each April.
- If you **DO NOT** have **Y** days on your calendar:
 - Yard materials you set out will be collected with trash year round.
- If a collection holiday occurs on a day when your materials would normally be collected, that day is marked with an **N**.
- If you have multiple letters on the same day, there will be separate collections on that day.

Christmas Tree Collection



Baltimore County's collection of Christmas trees for recycling as mulch occurs over a two-week period in January, with dates varying from place to place. Therefore, residents must place trees out by the end of the first week to ensure collection (see the dotted line marked on your calendar). Christmas trees will not necessarily be collected on your scheduled trash or recycling day — please leave trees out until collection occurs.

You must set out the **tree only** (no lights, tinsel, decorations, bags, tree stands, etc.) at the same location where you normally place your trash and recycling for collection.

Collection Holidays

Collection of trash, single stream recyclables, and yard materials will not occur on the following six holidays:

- New Year's Day (January)
- Memorial Day (May)
- Independence Day (July)
- Labor Day (September)
- Thanksgiving Day (November)
- Christmas Day (December)



Make-up collections for trash and yard materials, if applicable, are shown on your collection schedule (see reverse side). **There are no make-up collections for single stream recyclables** — trash has priority for sanitary reasons. If your collection schedule does not show a make-up day for a holiday, please hold your materials until the next scheduled collection or take them to one of the County's three drop-off facilities.

For a week after a collection holiday, there may be delays of a day or more in scheduled pickups; please leave materials out until collection occurs.



Choose To Reuse!

Do you have useful items you no longer need? The Baltimore County Reuse Directory is a great resource for residents looking to donate reusable items.

Available on the web at baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste

Single Stream Recycling

All recyclables may be mixed together for collection each week, and only a light rinse is necessary!

Caps, labels, lids, and rings can stay ON!



PAPER & CARDBOARD

METAL & GLASS

PLASTIC

- ✓ Newspaper (with all inserts)
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Phone books and catalogs
- ✓ Books (hard and soft back)
- ✓ Office paper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Paperboard (e.g. cereal, frozen food, and shoe boxes)
- ✓ Cardboard (flattened)
- ✓ Milk cartons and juice boxes
- ✓ Ice cream containers

- ✓ Aluminum and steel food and beverage cans
- ✓ EMPTY aerosol cans (pesticide and spray paint cans not accepted even if empty)
- ✓ Aluminum foil
- ✓ Aluminum pie pans
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars (all colors)

- ✓ All plastic bottles and jugs
 - ✓ Wide-mouth plastic containers (e.g. butter, cottage cheese, peanut butter, and yogurt containers)
 - ✓ Rigid plastics (e.g. buckets, drinking cups, flower pots, kiddie pools, etc.)*
- * Plastic pieces **must not** exceed 3 feet by 5 feet in size.

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- ✗ Paper or cardboard covered by wax, plastic or food
- ✗ Facial tissues, napkins, and paper towels
- ✗ Gift wrap
- ✗ Photo paper
- ✗ Pizza boxes soaked with grease and food (clean portion OK)
- ✗ Shredded paper

- ✗ Propane cylinders
- ✗ Pots and pans
- ✗ Scrap metal
- ✗ Dishes and cookware
- ✗ Ceramics
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Crystal

- ✗ **Plastic bags**
- ✗ **Styrofoam™**
- ✗ **“Clam shells”** (e.g. salad containers, packaging for toys or batteries)
- ✗ CD jewel cases
- ✗ Motor oil and antifreeze containers
- ✗ VHS tapes

Remember...

These items are **not** collected in Baltimore County's Single Stream Recycling Program:



X ANY COLOR PLASTIC BAGS



X STYROFOAM™



X “CLAM SHELLS”

95% of the material County residents set out for recycling is correct. Keep up the good work!

Yard Materials Recycling Collections

This outlines what materials are accepted or not on **Y** collection days.



- ✓ Grass
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Vines
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Branches and limbs
- ✓ Shrubbery trimmings

ACCEPTED YARD MATERIALS

- ✗ Poison ivy
- ✗ Poison oak
- ✗ Poison sumac
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Giant hogweed
- ✗ Lumber
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Garden hose

MATERIALS NOT ALLOWED

“My Materials Weren’t Collected!”

There are many reasons why your materials might not be collected:

1 Improper or Late Set-Out:

Please check the container regulations listed in this guide to ensure your trash, recycling, or yard materials set-out complies. If a sticker is left on your set-out, first read the sticker. Common reasons for non-collection are oversized and/or overweight containers, or materials that were placed out after collection has occurred.

If your set-out follows County regulations, was placed out the night before scheduled collection, and has not been picked up, please leave your materials out and contact us by submitting a form at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste or calling 410-887-2000.

2 Bad Weather:

In bad weather, collection may not occur at the “usual” time or even on the scheduled day.

In cases of bad weather, check **Baltimorecountymd.gov** for any collection status updates. You may also call our customer service line at 410-887-2000.



3 Bulk Items (NO Collection by Baltimore County):

Some items — including mattresses, furniture, and appliances — are too large to be accepted for regular collection in Baltimore County. These are known as bulk items.

Baltimore County does not provide bulk item collection service. County residents may take their bulk items to any of the three County drop-off facilities, at no charge. Please note that the County does not offer assistance in unloading these items at the facilities.

4 Blocked Alleys:

If your alley is blocked (preventing access by collection and/or emergency vehicles), call the Police at 410-887-2222 to report it.

5 Large Volume of Yard Materials:

Residents may set out an unlimited number of bags of yard materials, but the collector may not collect all of the bags on the same day. Collectors must make trash collection their first priority and must take into account all of the residents on their route. The Bureau of Solid Waste Management appreciates residents’ patience regarding yard materials collections, especially during peak and/or holiday collection periods. Residents are asked to leave their yard materials out until complete collection occurs.

Collection Set-Out Regulations

To ensure collection of your material, please carefully follow the regulations outlined below. Containers with hinged lids and/or wheels are not recommended, due to difficulty in handling by collectors and the lids/wheels being prone to breakage. Materials must not be set out for collection in any container that is red, pink, or yellow in color (indicates medical or hazardous wastes). **Please place your material at its designated curbside/alley collection point after 6:00 p.m. on the night before scheduled collection.**

Use a sturdy and rodent-resistant outdoor container with handles and a tight-fitting cover (as long as that cover is not fastened to the container with rope, wire, chains, etc.).

Containers must not exceed 34 gallons

TRASH containers:

- **MUST NOT** have a capacity greater than 34 gallons
- **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 40 pounds
- **MUST NOT** have a lid fastened to the can with rope, wire, chains, etc.

RECYCLING containers may include:

- Sturdy outdoor recycling bins (usually colored blue and/or marked with a recycling symbol)
 - **MUST NOT** have a capacity greater than 34 gallons
 - **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 40 pounds
- Sturdy outdoor trash containers used only for recycling (marked with a large “X” or the word “RECYCLE”)
 - **MUST NOT** have a capacity greater than 34 gallons
 - **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 40 pounds
- Small cardboard boxes
 - **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 30 pounds
 - Boxes will be collected along with their contents
- Paper bags, or bundles tied with non-plastic string
 - **MUST ONLY** be used for setting out paper and/or cardboard
 - **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 30 pounds

If your recycling container has a lid, it must not be fastened to the container.



To set out YARD MATERIALS properly:

- Place grass, leaves, and small brush in paper or plastic lawn and leaf bags
 - Bags **MUST NOT** have a filled weight of more than 30 pounds
- Tie branches and limbs in bundles
 - Bundles **MUST NOT** weigh more than 30 pounds
 - Branches and limbs **MUST NOT** exceed three inches in diameter and/or three feet in length
- Bag or bundle other materials
- **DO NOT** place yard materials in trash containers or the street

Remember...

Plastic bags of any type must not be used to set out recyclables for collection.

Plastic bags jam machinery at our single stream sorting facility.

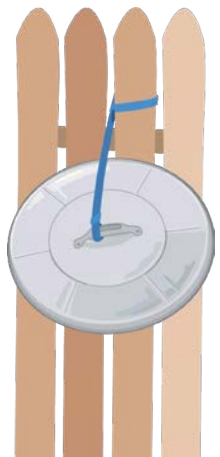


Many retail and grocery stores accept clean and dry plastic bags for recycling!

Having problems with lost container lids?

Try a “Lid Leash!” Using a piece of rope or small chain, attach the lid to a fence or post (see illustration). This helps to prevent lost lids due to wind, traffic, etc.

Do not tie the lid to the container.



Residential Trash at Drop-Off Facilities

In most cases, residents of Baltimore County (with proof of residence) may dispose of trash at County drop-off facilities, free of charge. For free disposal without prior authorization, residents may only take up to two loads of trash per week (a maximum of six loads per year) from their homes in a car, SUV, minivan, or pickup truck (with a bed of 4' x 8' or less).

If a resident wishes to exceed the amount of loads listed above, use a vehicle other than those listed above, or dispose of **building materials of any kind**, the resident must obtain a refuse disposal authorization in advance. If an authorization is not obtained, the resident will be charged a prorated, per ton fee (based on \$100 per ton for most materials; higher for some materials). To apply for an authorization, call 410-887-2000 at least 10 working days in advance of the date you want to drop off your materials.

Recycling at Drop-Off Facilities

Listed below are some of the more common acceptable recyclables. Items not checked are not accepted at the applicable drop-off center, either as recycling or trash. Visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/solidwaste or call ahead at 410-887-2000 for important additional details.

MATERIAL TYPE	1 ESL	2 CAF	3 WAF
Antifreeze	✓	✓	✓
Batteries (boat, rechargeable, and vehicle); not household	✓	✓	✓
Electronics (includes PCs, cell phones, etc.)	✓	✓	✓
Fluorescent Bulbs	✓	✓	✓
Gasoline	✓	✓	
Household Hazardous Waste*		✓	
Oil (motor and heating)	✓	✓	✓
Paint (latex)		✓	
Passenger Tires (up to four per visit; clean and off the rim)	✓	✓	✓
Scrap Metal	✓	✓	✓

* To find out which HHW materials are accepted, please call 410-887-2000.

Residents' Drop-Off Facilities

Baltimore County has three facilities where County residents may take residential trash and recyclables. For more information and directions, visit Baltimorecountymd.gov/solid-waste or call **410-887-2000**.

1 EAST - ESL

Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility (ESL)*
6259 Days Cove Road
White Marsh, Maryland 21162

Monday – Saturday
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

* Our only active landfill, over 56% full.

2 CENTRAL - CAF

Central Acceptance Facility (CAF)
201 West Warren Road**
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Monday – Saturday
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

** Please note: Some computer map programs will inaccurately show this address on the east side of York Road.

3 WEST - WAF

Western Acceptance Facility (WAF)
3310 Transway Road
Halethorpe, Maryland 21227

Monday – Saturday
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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**Did you know the County
does not accept plastic bags
for recycling?**



Learn more inside.



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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY