

BALTIMORE, MEET YOUR NEW CART!

No more sorting, bending or lifting – your new recycling carts will have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep things tidy. The extra space will make recycling easier and provide more room for storage – a true win-win – for residents.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RECYCLING CART FROM THE CITY?

Only City residential solid waste customers (those that receive garbage services provided by the City) are eligible to receive a recycling cart.

WHEN IS RECYCLING COLLECTED IN MY AREA AND AT WHAT TIME SHOULD I PLACE IT OUT FOR COLLECTION?

Your recycling day can be found by calling 311 or checking the City website. Recycling should be placed out the night before collection or no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Make sure the cart is accessible to the crew and should not block the sidewalk. Collection locations are not changing at this time.

WHAT TYPES OF RECYCLABLES ARE COLLECTED CURBSIDE?

We collect these empty and dry recyclables at curbside:

- Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs
- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin cans
- Newspaper
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Mixed office paper, junk mail, etc.
- Glass bottles and jars

WHAT SHOULD NOT BE RECYCLED IN MY CART?

Trash, yard waste, hoses, wires, chains, stained food receptacles, styrofoam, clothing, rugs, towels, and shoes. Scrap metal can be taken to one of the City's Residential Drop-Off Centers or a scrap metal recycler.

CAN I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP IN MY CART?

No. Plastic bags and wrap causes equipment jams at recycling processing facilities and can harm workers. These items can be taken to your local participating retail or grocery stores for recycling drop off.

WHERE DO I STORE MY RECYCLING AND TRASH CARTS?

Please store your carts behind or beside your home. If stored in front of the home, ensure it is not blocking the sidewalk.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE CART TO BE DELIVERED?

Residents will receive a 65-gallon recycling cart. This is the same size as your green municipal trash can. If you would like to request a smaller, 35-gallon container, you can request one by calling 311, using the app, or visiting the 311 website.

WILL CARTS BE ASSIGNED TO A SPECIFIC HOUSEHOLD?

Yes. On the front of the recycling carts there will be a tracking code. This code will be associated with a specific household. DPW encourages residents to leave the identifier on the cart so if lost, they can be returned to their original location.

A RECYCLING CART WAS DELIVERED TO MY HOME, BUT I DO NOT WANT IT. WILL YOU TAKE IT BACK?

We strongly encourage you to use your container for at least a month. If after that time you find that the container is too big then please call 311 to request to opt-out.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD RECYCLING BIN?

Residents can keep bins for other household uses or additional storage. They can also be disposed of as bulky waste at the five Residential Drop-Off Centers.

To find the drop-off center locations, please visit: publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off.

DO I HAVE TO PUT MY RECYCLABLES IN MY CART?

Yes. Recycling should be placed loose in the recycling cart. No plastic bags. Recycling stored in plastic bags is considered contamination, as the bags jam the equipment at the recycling centers.

WHAT IF MY CART IS STOLEN OR DAMAGED?

Each cart will be assigned to an address. If your cart is lost or stolen, please call 311 so that DPW can track the concerns and make arrangements to repair or replace your cart.

