

YOUR 2025 BALTIMORE COUNTY TRASH & RECYCLING PROGRAM GUIDE

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SCHEDULE

- Your trash, recycling, and bulk hauling collection days are listed on your Collection Schedule in this guide.
- **If you have Yard Schedule 1 or Yard Schedule 2 listed** in your guide, these indicate your yard material will be collected separately (not with trash) from April - December; these organics will be composted into an earthy product to be used by County agencies and residents. **Scan the QR code to see your yard material collection dates.**
- **If you have N/A listed** for yard material collection, this means your yard material can be collected with trash on your designated trash day. **Yard materials may also be taken to one of the Residential Drop-Off Centers listed in this guide using one of the 10 free annual visits.**
- **If you have multiple collections on the same day, there will be separate collections on that day.**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Baltimore County collects Christmas trees, for recycling as mulch, over a two-week period in January. Residents must place trees out by the end of the first week to ensure collection. See your **Collection Schedule** for date range.

Pickup dates vary by location and are not scheduled in advance. Christmas trees will not necessarily be collected on your scheduled trash or recycling day—please leave trees out until collection occurs.

Make sure to set out live trees only (with no lights, decorations, tinsel, bags or tree stands) **at the same location where you normally place your trash and recycling for collection.**

COLLECTION HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE

There are seven collection holidays each year, listed below:

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

If any of your scheduled collection days **fall on or after** one of the holidays listed above, your collection day for that material will “slide” to one day later that week. (Example: If a holiday falls on Monday, Monday collections will slide to Tuesday; Tuesday collections will slide to Wednesday, and so forth) You can download a slide schedule on the County's Collection Schedule webpage.

For addresses on a twice-per-week trash schedule, during holiday weeks, the first trash collection will follow the rules outlined above, and the second trash collection will not occur.

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, any scheduled collections on that day will be canceled and no “slide” will occur. Sunday holidays are observed on the following Monday, and follow the Monday “slide” rules.

Scan QR code to see general collection rules and regulations.

Remember to place your material at its designated curbside/alley collection point after 6 p.m. on the night before scheduled collection. Do not fasten lids to containers with wire, rope, chains, etc.





RECYCLING GUIDE

By focusing on these common materials, you're helping the environment and preserving natural resources.



PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Includes milk cartons, juice boxes and ice cream cartons
- "Clean" part of pizza box is okay
- **No** paper towels, napkins, etc.



PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS & JARS

- Ignore recycling "number" and focus on container type
- Caps and labels can stay on
- **No** motor oil or antifreeze containers



METAL CANS, FOIL & PIE TINS

- Aerosol cans **must** be empty
- **No** pesticide or spray paint cans



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

- Caps and labels can stay on
- No food or liquid
- **No** mirrors
- Only need a light rinse



RIGID PLASTICS

- Includes rigid items made only of plastic, such as buckets, flower pots & lawn furniture; old trash/recycling cans accepted (attach a note)
- Pieces must **not** exceed 3 x 5 ft.

Scan QR code for complete acceptable recyclables list.



THESE ITEMS **DO NOT** BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING.

X



PLASTIC BAGS

X



FOAM CONTAINERS & PACKAGING

X



CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS

X



BATTERIES & ELECTRONICS

X



SHREDDED PAPER

RESIDENT'S DROP-OFF CENTERS

Western Acceptance Facility (WAF)

3310 Transway Road
Halethorpe, 21227

Monday–Saturday
7 a.m.–4 p.m.

Central Acceptance Facility (CAF)

201 West Warren Road
Cockeysville, 21030

Monday–Saturday
7 a.m.–4 p.m.

Eastern Sanitary Landfill (ESL)

6259 Days Cove Road
White Marsh, 21162

Monday–Saturday
7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH

Residents may visit the Resident Drop-off Centers, free of charge up to 10 times per year in a car, SUV, minivan or pickup truck with a bed of 4x8 feet or less.

In the following situations, a residents will be charged a prorated, per-ton fee of \$125 per ton in most cases; higher for some materials):

- They wish to exceed the amount of visits listed above.
- They wish to use a non-residential vehicle (such as a trailer, U-Haul van, etc.)
- They wish to dispose of building materials or waste in larger quantities than might be generated from small home renovation.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

County drop-off centers accept a variety of items for recycling (or proper disposal) that are not included in the curbside single-stream program. **Before recycling or throwing out reusable materials, please consider donating them.**

Scan the QR code below to see a directory of materials that can be taken to Baltimore County's three residential drop-off facilities.



MATERIALS NOT COLLECTED?

Below are some common reason for non-collection of materials.

1. Improper or Late Set-Out

Check the container regulations listed on our website to ensure your trash, recycling or yard materials set-out complies.

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

2. Bad Weather

In bad weather, collection may be delayed or rescheduled. In cases of bad weather, check baltimorecountymd.gov, **BaltCoGo**, or 410-887-2000 for any collection status updates.

3. Bulk Items

Bulk items **are not** considered to be “regular household waste” and are not accepted for weekly curbside collection. See the “Bulk Items” section of this guide for details.



Scan for acceptable material list

YARD MATERIALS

In areas where and when separate yard day collections are scheduled, yard materials will only be picked up on assigned collection days. For these set-outs, yard materials must be placed in heavy-duty (2 ply) paper lawn and leaf bags or bundled with non-plastic string.

Plastic bags will not be accepted.

For all types of yard material collections, branches and limbs must not exceed 3 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length. Up to 20 bags or bundles will be collected from each address on a given yard material collection day.

Never place yard materials in trash/recycling containers.



BULK ITEMS



Scan for acceptable bulk item list.



Each single-family home and townhome in the County will have two scheduled bulk collections in 2025, with a limit of **three** bulk items per collection. You can find your assigned bulk collection dates on your collection day guide (see reverse), or on the County website. You do **not** need to contact the County to request pick-up on a scheduled day.

Bulk items should be set out after 6 p.m. on the night before scheduled collection. Residents should set out items at the same location where trash and recycling are normally placed for collection. Note: Two separate trucks provide bulk collection and may not arrive at the same time.



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