

# 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 CURBSIDE 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.

## WHAT TYPES OF RECYCLABLES ARE COLLECTED AT CURBSIDE? HERE IS WHAT WE COLLECT AT CURBSIDE FROM HOMES:

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

## HOW DO I SET MY CART OUT PROPERLY ON COLLECTION DAY?

Place your cart on the curb after 6:00 p.m. on the night before your collection day. Make sure the cart is accessible to the crew and should not block the sidewalk.

## 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

## 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?

Yes, you can call 311 and request to opt-out. The City will take it back.

## 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.

Please visit [publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off](http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off) to find the Drop-off center locations.

## 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.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH THE RECYCLING CART IF I MOVE?

The cart is property of the City of Baltimore. Please leave your city-issued cart in the rear of your residence when you move.

## WHEN WILL MY RECYCLING BE COLLECTED?

To see when your recycling will be collection please visit the City's Recycling Day Collection Map. Residents can call 311 for any updates on delayed routes or interruptions caused by weather events.

