

# Trash Collection

Recycling, yard waste and trash are collected once a week, on Thursday.

Each material, trash, recycling, and yard waste, is collected by a separate truck. Although the trucks all look similar, recycling and yard waste trucks are marked with recycling symbols.

## General Guidelines

- The loaded containers cannot weigh more than 40 pounds each so they can be lifted safely. All trash must be placed in a sealed container; bags must be placed in a container with a lid.
- Place containers at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before your collection day. Contractors make collections between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Mark all yard waste containers and non-County issued recycling containers with an “X” so the collectors know it’s recycling, not trash. County issued yellow containers need not be marked with “X’s”. Do not place yard waste in a County issued yellow container.
- For additional information call our Customer Service Representatives at (410) 222-6100 weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or visit [MyAnneArundel](#)
- Your material will be collected on your regularly scheduled collection day unless that day falls on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. In the event your collection day falls on one of these six holidays or we experience inclement weather, your collection will be delayed. For more information on collections interrupted by a holiday, please visit our [Holiday Collection page](#).

## Recycling

- You can recycle all the paper, plastic, metal, and glass that comes into your home. Visit [RecycleMoreOften.com](#) for detailed information.
- You can put as many containers of recycling at the curb as you need.
- Use containers such as County issued yellow containers, a container of your choice or clear plastic bags marked with an “X” so the collectors know it’s recycling, not trash.
- Do not use dark trash bags for paper, plastic, metal and glass.
- Place paper, plastic, metal, and glass together in the same recycling container(s).

- Large bulky plastics, such as lawn furniture, buckets, toys, pools, and play-sets can be placed next to your recycling container(s).
- Large, bulky metal items and appliances must be scheduled for collection by calling our Customer Service Representatives at (410) 222-6100 weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Yard Waste

- Yard waste is grass, leaves, tree limbs and branches from your yard.
- You can put as much yard waste at the curb as you need to.
- Tree limbs and branches must be less than 4 feet in length, with a maximum branch diameter of 4 inches.
- Put leaves, brush, branches and grass clippings in a bag or container and mark with an "X".
- If not containerized, branches must be tied into bundles (not to exceed 4 ft/4" diameter).
- **Do not** place yard waste in a County issued yellow container.

## Misc. Information

- Please clean up the curbs, and roadway after collection has been made. If you experience the same problem each week, for example trash has been left behind and not being picked up. Contact Customer Service Representatives at (410) 222-6100 weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m so that they may come out and check the problem.
- All containers must be picked up by 6:00pm the day collection is made. **Containers that are left out are being collected and disposed of.** Place your house number on the container so that it can be returned to you in case you are unable to retrieve it that evening.
- All containers must be either stored in your home, or in your backyard. Containers cannot be stored in the front, or on side of homes.
- Please make sure that containers left out are properly sealed so that animals cannot get into. If you are having this problem, try using moth balls in a cloth bag or a pair of panty hose, the smell of the moth balls will keep the animals away. They now make a trash bag that states it will keep animals away.
- The large yellow recycling bins are now available. Any owner that wishes to get this container will need to call Customer Service to arrange to have it delivered. Please remember that these containers are a lot larger and are not recommended for homes that are not end units, since you need to store it in your backyard. Please keep that in mind before you get one.