



# St. Michaels Trash and Recycling Collection Policy

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The Town of St. Michaels recently approved a trash and recycling contract with Republic Services after a formal bidding process. Republic Services was awarded a 3-year contract beginning January 10, 2022. Republic Services will be responsible for collection of household trash and recycling materials. The Town of St. Michaels will continue to handle bulk and lawn debris collections.

Individual residential and commercial businesses receive the same level of service for trash and recycling collection. All items described below should be placed at the curb **NO EARLIER** than 4:00p.m. on the day before collection and no later than 6:00a.m. the day of service, and cans must be removed within 24 hours in all zones except the Central Commercial Zone. Properties within the Central Commercial Zone shall place permitted items at the curb no earlier than 4:00p.m. on the day before collection and must be removed by 10:00a.m. the day of collection. All residents, property owners and tenants should make every effort to keep trash and recycling collection from obstructing any public sidewalk or road. Trash cans on non-trash days shall be stored away from the curb to the side or rear of the property. Part-time residents need to make necessary arrangements for their cans and bags so as not to violate this policy. Landlords are responsible for informing their tenants and are liable for infractions of the Trash Collection Policy.

1. **Household garbage:** Collected once a week on Monday morning by Republic Services. One 96-gallon cart per household -- not to exceed 50 lbs. each. **No recycle items are allowed in the garbage collection.** Carts exceeding 50 lbs will not be picked up.
2. **Mandatory Recycling:** Collected once a week on Friday morning by Republic Services. Single-stream service allows items to be placed together in the container provided by the hauler and sorted later. See separate sheet for items that must be recycled (acceptable vs. unacceptable materials). **No trash items are allowed in recycling container.**
3. **Bulk:** Collected once a week on Tuesday morning. Bulk items include furniture or appliances. **Bulk items shall be limited to 2 items per collection day per property.** To schedule a pickup, please contact the Town Office at 410-745-9535. Items must be scheduled by the end of business on the preceding Friday.
4. **Lawn debris:** Collected once a week on Tuesday morning. Branches should be bundled and tied and not exceed 5 feet. Loose yard waste must be in containers or bags clearly marked "yard waste" or "leaves." Place lawn debris and brush separate from household garbage and bulk pick-up.
5. **Violations and Penalties:** As set forth in Chapter 275 (Solid Waste) of the Town Code, violations of the above noted shall be considered a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Each day on which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

The following items will **NOT** be collected:

Acid or Caustics	Drums or Oil Tanks (which held hazardous material)
Animal Carcasses	Explosives
Asbestos	Medical Waste
Ash or coals	Paint
Chemical or petroleum products/material	Propane Tanks
Controlled Hazardous Substances	Radioactive Materials
Construction or demolition material or lawn and yard debris from a Licensed Contractor.	
Materials associated with construction and demolition	Vehicle parts or tires
Dirt, Sod or Stones	Septic or Sewage Waste
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***Please note: The Town will not pick up lawn debris, grass clippings or construction and demolition materials generated by licensed contractors. Property owners are responsible for notifying the contractors.***

Additional containers can be provided for a \$25 monthly fee, which is billed quarterly. We require a 30-day notice to cancel additional containers. Individuals or businesses needing an additional container(s) should contact the Town Hall at 410-745-9535.

Contact information:

St. Michaels Town Hall @ 410-745-9535 for bulk and lawn debris services.

Republic Services Customer Service Department @ 1-800-492-5999 or 1-800-210-9675 or on their website RepublicServices.com.



We'll handle it from here.™

## Plastic:

*Empty and rinse; no lids under 3 inches*

Milk, water, juice & pop bottles  
Yogurt, dairy & margarine tubs  
Shampoo & conditioner bottles  
Detergent & fabric softener bottles  
Pill bottles (*non prescription*) Plastic bags (*must be combined, bagged and tied tightly with a plastic bag*) Clean plastic cups Lids 3 inches or larger (*Remove from containers and rinse*)  
Clean plastic pots  
Clean plastic take-out containers

## Aluminum & tin can:

*Empty and rinse out food residue*      *Labels OK*

Beverage cans  
Food cans  
Clean aluminum foil or foil trays

## Scrap metal

Small appliances  
Limit 2ft. x 2ft., 35 lbs.  
No wood, plastic or rubber attachments

## Cardboard: Flatten

*(less than 3 ft. x 3ft.)*

## Mixed paper & newspaper:

*Keep it loose — don't bundle, bag or tie*  
Newspaper & advertising inserts  
Advertising mail & envelopes  
Shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic bags)  
Paperback books  
Cereal & dry food boxes (remove liner)  
Magazines, catalogs & phone books  
Non foil wrapping paper  
Frozen food boxes  
Juice boxes  
Milk, juice & broth cartons  
Clean paper cups

## Glass jars & bottles

*Empty and rinse out food residue*

## Plastic:

**NO** Plastic clothes hangers **NO** Empty motor oil or anti-freeze containers  
**NO** Empty prescription vials  
**NO** Candy wrappers or chip bags  
**NO** Ziploc bags  
**NO** Plastic caps or lids (under 3 inches)  
**NO** Plastic plates or utensils

## Paper:

**NO** Food-soiled food boxes  
**NO** Disposable diapers  
**NO** Ribbons or foil wrapping paper  
**NO** Wax or plastic coated cardboard  
**NO** Paper towels, plates or napkins  
**NO** Dirty or soiled paper or facial tissue  
**NO** Hardback books

**Glass:** **NO** Mirrors or window glass

**NO** Ceramics or dishes  
**NO** Broken glass  
**NO** Light bulbs

## Metal:

**NO** Caps, rings or lids (under 3 inches)  
**NO** Empty aerosol spray cans  
**NO** Paint cans  
**NO** Sharp or greasy metal  
**NO** Metal clothes hangers

## Miscellaneous:

**NO** CDs or CD cases  
**NO** Household batteries  
**NO** Styrofoam take-out containers  
**NO** Styrofoam or packing peanuts  
**NO** Styrofoam cups  
**NO** Clothing, textiles or shoes  
**NO** Medical needles, syringes, "sharps"  
**NO** Electronics  
**NO** Furniture  
**NO** Food scraps  
**NO** Tires

**YESYES**

These kinds of things go in the recycling cart

**NO**

These kinds of things do not go in the recycling cart