



St. Michaels Trash & Recycling Collection Policy

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Individual residential and commercial properties receive the same level of service for trash and recycling collection. All trash and recycling must be stored and offered for collection in an approved container outside of view from any front yard or public way. The trash recycling policy is as follows:

1. All items offered for collection shall be placed at the curb **NO EARLIER** than 4pm on the day before collection, 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 4pm on the day before collection and must be removed by 10am on the day of collection.
2. All residents, property owners and tenants should make every effort to keep trash and recycling collection from obstructing any public sidewalk or road and 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.
3. **Approved refuse containers must be obtained through the Town office. One can will be provided for trash, and one for recycling, without charge. Additional cans may be obtained through the Town office for an additional fee.**
4. **Trash Collection** will take place on Monday morning. All containers must be placed out for pickup and must not exceed 50 lbs. each. All trash must be securely bagged and placed in the container provided with the lid closed. No unbagged trash or trash outside of the container will be picked up. **No recycling items or lawn debris are allowed in the trash container.** Cans exceeding 50 lbs. will not be picked up.
5. **Mandatory Recycling** collection will take place on Friday morning. All items must be placed in the container provided with the lid closed and will be sorted later by the hauler. See page 3 for items that must be recycled. **No trash items or lawn debris are allowed in the recycling container.**
6. **Bulk Item** collection will take place on Tuesday morning. Bulk items include furniture or appliances. **Bulk items shall be limited to 2 items per collection day per property. Please call 410-745-9535 to schedule bulk pickup, no unscheduled pickups will be made.**
7. **Lawn debris** collection will take place on Tuesday morning. Branches should be bundled and tied and not exceed 5'. Loose yard waste must be in containers or bags clearly marked "yard waste" or "leaves."
8. **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
- Animal Carcasses
- Asbestos
- Ash or coals
- Chemical or petroleum products/material
- Controlled Hazardous Substances
- Construction or demolition material or lawn and yard debris from a Licensed Contractor.
- Materials associated with construction and demolition
- Dirt, Sod or Stones
- Drums or Oil Tanks (which held hazardous material)
- Explosives
- Medical Waste
- Paint
- Propane Tanks
- Radioactive Materials
- Septic or Sewage Waste
- Vehicle parts or tires
- Bulk items due to moving, property clean-ups or evictions.

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

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