

# Curbside recycling is improving in Charles County!

## What Goes In...

Cardboard  
(flatten all boxes)  
Paper Bags  
Office Paper and File  
Folders



Glass Jars  
and Bottles  
Plastic Bottles  
Plastic Tubs,  
Wide-Mouth  
Containers



Aluminum,  
Tin, and  
Steel Cans  
Aerosol Cans  
Foil



Food Boxes  
Milk and Juice  
Cartons  
Yogurt Cups  
Juice Boxes



Newspapers  
and Inserts  
Magazines and  
Catalogs  
Paper Back and  
Hard Back Books  
Junk Mail



## What Stays Out...



Yard Waste  
Tree Trimmings



Lightbulbs  
Window Glass  
Mirrors



Styrofoam  
Dishes and Ceramics  
Electronics



Household  
Hazardous Waste  
Motor Oil Containers



Plastic Grocery Bags  
Food Waste  
Garbage/Trash



[www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart)

Charles County Government Environmental Resources  
10430 Audie Lane • La Plata, MD 20646 • 301-932-3599 • 301-870-2778  
Maryland Relay: 711 • Relay TDD: 1-800-735-2258 • Equal Opportunity County

## Charles County's Curbside Recycling Program is converting to 95 gallon carts.

The new recycling carts will replace the existing 18 gallon open top bins as the program's collection container. The recycling carts will automatically be delivered to all homes within the curbside recycling collection area. Residents within our collection area, who are not currently participating in the program, will be provided a cart and the opportunity to start recycling curbside. Once the recycling carts have been delivered, the blue bins will no longer be serviced curbside. Residents can keep their existing bins or recycle damaged bins.

*(This curbside recycling program excludes residents residing within the Town limits of La Plata and Indian Head.)*

## REPORT MISSED PICK-UPS

To report a missed pickup, please call 301-932-5656, or visit [www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart)

## Recycling Cart Placement

- Do not place garbage or yard waste inside your recycling cart.
- Cart must be curbside by 7 a.m.
- Place cart with handles facing residence.
- Recycling cart should be placed at least 5 feet from mailboxes, parked cars, garbage cans, or other obstacles. No bulk recyclables. Cardboard must be flattened and smaller than 4 feet x 4 feet.
- Single stream materials are collected year-round on an every-other week basis. To determine your day of collection please visit our website: [www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/RecyclingCart).

## Yard Waste Collection

- Grass, leaves, bundled brush, and branches are collected weekly by a separate truck April–December.
- Yard waste must be curbside by 7 a.m.
- Place materials in paper yard waste bags or in trash cans that have handles. Containers must be marked with a yard waste sticker or a large "X" visible to the driver.
- Maximum weight per container is 50 pounds.
- Branches cannot exceed 4 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter.
- Not acceptable for yard waste collection: loose branches and brush, plastic bags, dirt, rocks, sod, and trash.
- Yard waste that exceeds 50 pounds, 4 feet in length, or 6 inches in diameter will not be collected curbside. Yard waste placed in a recycling cart will not be collected.



Charles County Government  
Environmental Resources  
10430 Audie Lane  
La Plata, MD 20646