

# BULK REFUSE & METAL RECYCLING

Rockville provides bulk refuse and metal recycling collections. Call 240-314-8568, weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., for an appointment. Place items at the curb in an unobstructed area, the night before collection. These items will not be collected from alleyways. Self-hauling to the Montgomery County Transfer Station is also an option. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-6410 for information.

**Bulk Refuse:** Six collections per household are provided each calendar year for items that do not fit into the cart. This is limited to 500 pounds or 60 cubic feet.

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<p><b>Bulk Refuse (limit six collections, yearly):</b> (cut large items into sections, 8 feet or less)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Excess bagged refuse not in carts</li> <li>✓ Fencing and landscape ties</li> <li>✓ Furniture and toys (non-plastic, non-metal)</li> <li>✓ Lumber and remodeling debris</li> <li>✓ Pianos</li> <li>✓ Plate glass</li> <li>✓ Rugs/carpet, mattress/box spring</li> <li>✓ Window frames-nonmetal (remove glass)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No bamboo (see Yard Waste section for disposal)</li> <li>⊘ No cinder blocks, bricks, broken concrete, large rocks (place in refuse cart)</li> <li>⊘ No plastic furniture/toys (see Single-Stream Recycling section for disposal)</li> <li>⊘ No sod, soil, old mulch (place in refuse cart)</li> </ul>

**Metal Recycling:** An unlimited number of collections are provided.

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<p><b>Metal Recycling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Air conditioners, water heaters</li> <li>✓ Automobile tire rims, hoods, fenders, doors</li> <li>✓ Bicycles</li> <li>✓ Doors (no glass – place in refuse cart)</li> <li>✓ Fencing (in sections, not to exceed 8 feet)</li> <li>✓ Lawn mowers (drain oil and gas)</li> <li>✓ Propane tanks and grills (empty, no valve)</li> <li>✓ Refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, toasters (secure doors)</li> <li>✓ Scrap metal, aluminum siding, pots/pans</li> <li>✓ Sheds (dismantled)</li> <li>✓ Swing sets (no concrete – place in refuse cart)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No electronics</li> <li>⊘ No gasoline</li> <li>⊘ No oil (see Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal)</li> </ul>

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Rockville provides household hazardous waste collection. Call 240-314-8568 weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Instructions for how to set materials out for collection will be provided when the appointment is scheduled.

**Accepted Household Hazardous Waste (HAZMAT) Items: Liquids, Chemicals, Other Non-Burning Materials**

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<p><b>Liquids and Chemicals:</b> (in original containers or in a clearly marked container, then placed in a box labeled "HAZMAT")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Acids/caustics (cleaning and pool chemicals)</li> <li>✓ Aerosol cans, with fluid (empty, place in recycling cart)</li> <li>✓ Motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid (no more than 4 jugs)</li> <li>✓ Oil-based paint</li> <li>✓ Pesticides, poisons, insecticides</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Car batteries and passenger tires (no more than 4 per collection, rims removed)</li> <li>✓ Compact fluorescent bulbs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No gasoline</li> <li>⊘ No latex paint (solidify and place in refuse cart)</li> <li>⊘ No tire rims (see Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</li> </ul>

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Rockville provides electronics recycling collection. Call 240-314-8568 weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Place items at the curb in an unobstructed area on the day of appointment.

**Accepted Electronic Recycling Items: Computers and Accessories, Phones, Pagers, TVs and other items as shown below.**

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Camcorders, digital cameras, microwaves</li> <li>✓ Cell phones, telephones, pagers, chargers</li> <li>✓ Computers, monitors, printers, copiers, modems, scanners, fax machines, calculators</li> <li>✓ Cords and cables</li> <li>✓ Small electronic appliances and toys</li> <li>✓ Televisions, VCR, CD, DVD players (limit of 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No large appliances (see Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</li> </ul>

## Special Notes:

- Carts are the property of the City. When you move, call 240-314-8568 to arrange for your carts to be picked up. There will be a charge for carts that are not returned.
- Report a missed collection or damaged/missing cart, obtain more information or provide comments at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) or call the Recycling and Refuse Division at 240-314-8568, weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- If no one in your household is able to wheel the carts to the curb, complete an application for back door collection at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) or call the Recycling and Refuse Division at 240-314-8568.
- If your household has been designated by the City as an "exception" from the use of wheeled carts, you may still choose to use carts if you are able to wheel them to the curb. Otherwise, your refuse should be placed in 32-gallon trash cans or plastic bags, and your recycling should be placed in the City provided blue bins. All other aspects of the program apply to your household.
- Report dead animals to the City's Animal Control Division at 240-314-8930.



Carts come in four sizes.

## How to Choose Carts:

- Recycling and refuse carts are available in a choice of four sizes: 32, 48, 64 and 96 gallons.
- New residents may choose their carts online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) or by calling 240-314-8568, weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- It is recommended that households choose cart sizes to handle the largest expected recycling and refuse weeks of the year, such as holidays or when hosting guests.
- In some cases, households may need an additional cart (limit two carts of each type), or a larger or smaller cart. Call 240-314-8568 for assistance.



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# City of Rockville Recycling and Refuse Guide



The City of Rockville provides once-per-week, curbside recycling, refuse and yard waste collections for single-family homes and most townhouses. Rockville also provides bulk refuse and metal recycling, and hazardous waste and electronics recycling collections by appointment.

This guide provides details on the City of Rockville's comprehensive and environmentally-friendly recycling and refuse program. Single-stream, expanded plastics, metal and electronics recycling allows residents to recycle more items.

## Program Overview:

- Recycling, refuse and yard waste are collected once per week on the assigned collection day. Recyclable materials showed not be put in the refuse cart. Bulk refuse, metal, household hazardous waste, and electronics are collected by appointment.
- Place brown recycling and gray refuse carts at the curb or alleyway (depending on your collection location) the night before collection, but no later than 6 a.m. on collection day.
- Place yard waste at the curb in paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day. Alleyway homes must place yard waste at the curb, not in the alleyway. Branches should be placed in a pile on the ground. Large piles of branches and trees will be collected by the end of the week as this requires special equipment.
- Place carts with wheels to the curb and the lid opening to the street. Do not block mailboxes.
- After collection, carts must be removed from the curb or alleyway within 24 hours.
- The maximum allowable filled cart weight is 165 pounds.
- Residents pay a flat fee for all services, including special collections.
- Credit will not be given to residents who do not put items out for collection.
- If you have more recycling or refuse than your carts can hold, call 240-314-8568 to request a larger cart or a second cart.



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# WEEKLY SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING: BROWN CARTS

Rockville operates a curbside and alleyway single-stream and expanded plastics recycling program. Place recycling in the brown cart. Recycling items can be mixed together. Keep the lid closed to avoid spilling recyclables. Place oversized plastic items that will not fit in the cart next to the cart and label as recycle.



**Accepted Recycling Items: Aluminum Products, Metal Food and Beverage Containers, Glass Food and Beverage Containers (Bottles and Jars), Cardboard, Mixed Paper, Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Rigid Plastics, Plastic Bags**

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<p><b>Aluminum and Tin:</b> <i>(rinsed, no need to remove labels)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Aerosol cans <i>(empty; if not, see Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal)</i></li> <li>✓ Aluminum foil</li> <li>✓ Metal lids</li> <li>✓ Pet food cans</li> <li>✓ Pie plates</li> <li>✓ Pots and pans</li> <li>✓ Soup and vegetable cans</li> <li>✓ Tins from cookies and popcorn</li> </ul> <p><b>Bottles and Jars (food or beverage):</b> <i>(rinse, no need to remove labels; remove metal jar lids and place separately in brown cart)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear and colored glass</li> </ul> <p><b>Cardboard:</b> <i>(flatten boxes to maximize cart space as needed)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Boxes with windows</li> <li>✓ Cereal and cake boxes <i>(place plastic or wax liners in the gray refuse cart)</i></li> <li>✓ Gift boxes</li> <li>✓ Milk cartons, juice and frozen food boxes</li> <li>✓ Pizza boxes</li> <li>✓ Shoe boxes</li> <li>✓ Toilet paper and paper towel rolls</li> <li>✓ Toothpaste and tissue boxes</li> <li>✓ Wax-coated boxes</li> </ul> <p><b>Mixed Paper:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Books – paperback and hard cover</li> <li>✓ Colored paper</li> <li>✓ Greeting cards, postcards, card stock</li> <li>✓ Mail, envelopes <i>(windows accepted)</i></li> <li>✓ Magazines, catalogs</li> <li>✓ Newspapers, advertisements, inserts</li> <li>✓ Paper bags</li> <li>✓ Phone books</li> <li>✓ Shredded paper <i>(place shredded paper in a paper bag within the brown cart)</i></li> <li>✓ Wrapping paper</li> <li>✓ Writing/ledger/fax paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No aluminum siding <i>(See Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No automotive parts <i>(See Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No metal furniture <i>(See Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No needles, razor blades, syringes <i>(See Refuse section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No paint cans <i>(latex, see Refuse section; oil-based, see HAZMAT section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No propane tanks <i>(See Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No scrap metal <i>(See Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No glass dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs or crystal <i>(See Refuse section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No candy wrappers</li> <li>⊘ No newspapers in plastic bags</li> <li>⊘ No paper towels, facial tissues, napkins</li> </ul>

✓ EXAMPLES continued	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED continued
<p><b>Plastics/Rigid Plastics:</b> <i>(rinsed, no need to remove labels; lids accepted)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cleaner containers <i>(window, toilet, etc.)</i></li> <li>✓ Cups</li> <li>✓ Detergent and bleach containers</li> <li>✓ Flower pots</li> <li>✓ Furniture</li> <li>✓ Hangers</li> <li>✓ Milk/water jugs <i>(caps accepted)</i></li> <li>✓ Salad dressing and syrup bottles</li> <li>✓ Shampoo bottles</li> <li>✓ Soda and juice bottles</li> <li>✓ Spoons, forks, knives, straws</li> <li>✓ Sunscreen and medicine bottles</li> <li>✓ Toys</li> <li>✓ Trash cans</li> <li>✓ Yogurt and margarine containers</li> </ul> <p><b>Plastic Bags:</b> <i>(placed within a plastic bag and securely tied)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bags, film, shrink wrap, bubble wrap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No automotive fluid bottles – oil, antifreeze, brake fluid*</li> <li>⊘ No pesticide containers*</li> <li>⊘ No PVC pipe, rubber tubing <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> <li>⊘ No Styrofoam <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> <li>⊘ No vinyl siding <i>(Place in refuse cart or bulk refuse)</i></li> <li>⊘ No water hose <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>*Containers that are empty, can be placed in the refuse cart. Filled containers, see Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal.</i></p>

## WEEKLY YARD WASTE

Rockville operates a curbside yard waste collection program. Place your yard waste in biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (weight must be 50 pounds or less). Place branches, trees and stumps at the curb in an unobstructed area. Yard waste will not be collected from alleyways.



**Accepted Yard Waste Items: Lawn and Garden Waste, Branches, Trees and Stumps, Leaves**

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bamboo</li> <li>✓ Branches/Limbs*</li> <li>✓ Christmas trees and wreaths <i>(remove metal base stands, nails and decorations, no plastic bags)</i></li> <li>✓ Flowers <i>(remove dirt)</i></li> <li>✓ Garden waste</li> <li>✓ Grass clippings</li> <li>✓ Leaves</li> <li>✓ Pruning debris</li> <li>✓ Trees and stumps* <i>(not to exceed 2 feet in diameter or 8 feet in length)</i></li> <li>✓ Weeds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No debris in plastic bags</li> <li>⊘ No dirt, rocks, sod <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> <li>⊘ No old mulch <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> <li>⊘ No pumpkins/tree fruit <i>(Place in refuse cart)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>*Large trees and piles of branches require special equipment and will be collected by the end of the week at the curb, not from alleyways.</i></p>
<p><b>Seasonal Leaf Collection:</b> <i>Leaf vacuuming occurs during the first two weeks of April and between October and December. Rake leaves to the curb. Remove limbs, rocks and other objects. Visit <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/leaf.htm">www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/leaf.htm</a>, read Rockville Reports or watch Rockville Channel 11, for your specific collection dates. After these dates, leaves may still be set out in paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans with yard waste at the curb on collection day.</i></p>	

Paper lawn bags are available for sale at the Cashier's Office at City Hall. Call 240-314-8425 for information. Free wood and wood chips are available at the City's Maintenance Facility (14625 Rothgeb Drive) for residents to cut and haul away.

# WEEKLY REFUSE: GRAY CARTS

Rockville provides curbside and alleyway refuse collection. Refuse is everything that fits inside the cart that is not recycling, yard waste, bulk refuse and metal recycling, hazardous waste or electronics. Place refuse in the gray cart. Place excess bags of refuse next to cart and call for a second or larger cart. Place trash in plastic trash bags before placing inside the cart and keep the lid closed to keep the cart clean and to avoid spilling trash, attracting animals and to minimize odors.



**Accepted Refuse Items: All items not listed in Single-Stream Recycling, Yard Waste, Bulk Refuse and Metal Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, or Electronics Recycling sections.**

✓ EXAMPLES	⊘ NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ashes-cold <i>(must be in a sealed plastic bag)</i></li> <li>✓ Batteries (AA, AAA, etc.)</li> <li>✓ Cinder blocks, bricks, broken concrete</li> <li>✓ Crystal, dishes, plates <i>(glass or plastic)</i></li> <li>✓ Diapers <i>(must be in a sealed plastic bag)</i></li> <li>✓ Dirt, rocks, sod, soil</li> <li>✓ Fluorescent tubes <i>(see the Household Hazardous Waste section to dispose of large quantities)</i></li> <li>✓ Food scraps</li> <li>✓ Glass (Pyrex, mirrors, ceramics)</li> <li>✓ Light bulbs</li> <li>✓ Needles, razor blades, syringes <i>(place into a rigid, non-penetrable container, such as a plastic soda bottle)</i></li> <li>✓ Old mulch</li> <li>✓ Paint cans-latex <i>(paint cans must be emptied or solidified; lids off)</i></li> <li>✓ Pet waste and litter <i>(must be in a sealed plastic bag)</i></li> <li>✓ PVC pipe, rubber tubing</li> <li>✓ Pumpkins/tree fruit</li> <li>✓ Styrofoam</li> <li>✓ Take-out containers <i>(clamshell)</i></li> <li>✓ Vacuum bags</li> <li>✓ Vinyl siding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊘ No bamboo <i>(See Yard Waste section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No compact fluorescent light bulbs <i>(See Household Hazardous Waste section for disposal)</i></li> <li>⊘ No electronics <i>(See Electronics Recycling section for details)</i></li> <li>⊘ No large items outside the cart <i>(See Special Collections section for details)</i></li> <li>⊘ No metal <i>(See Metal Recycling section for details)</i></li> <li>⊘ No recyclables <i>(See the Single-Stream Recycling section for details)</i></li> <li>⊘ No yard waste <i>(See the Yard Waste section for details)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Place excess bagged refuse next to cart and call for a second or larger cart.</i></p>

### Holiday Collection

- Collections will not be made on the following holidays:
- New Year's Day
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
  - Memorial Day
  - Independence Day
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Christmas Day

If one of the above holidays falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled collection is on that day or after, your collection will be delayed by one day. Friday collection will be done on Saturday. The following week's collections will return to the regular schedule.

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