



Town of Elkton

Residential Recycling and Trash Cart Service Guide FAQ

The Town of Elkton has entered into a new agreement with Republic Services® for recycling and trash service. The new service begins November 1, 2023. As part of the new system, each resident will receive a 95-gallon recycling and 95-gallon trash cart. The carts will be arriving the week of October 23. Within the carts you will find info about the new collection schedule.

How does my trash collection work?

Roll your cart to the curb the night before your collection day. The cart is emptied mechanically from inside a Republic Services® vehicle cab. The driver uses a joystick, much like those used in video games, to operate the arm that picks up the cart and empties the trash into the truck. The cart is set back in place, and the Republic Services truck moves on to the next stop. Please note, all materials must be placed into the carts to be collected.

When should I set out my cart?

Be sure your cart is at the curb the night before your collection day to ensure collection.

Where do I place my cart for service?

Proper placement is extremely important. The night before your collection day, please place your cart within 2 feet from the edge of the street. Make sure the handles are facing toward your house, so that when the cart is lifted, the lid opens toward the street. Please check so that the cart is not obstructed by parked cars, boats, etc. The postmaster requires that the carts be placed far enough away from the mailbox that the carrier can get to the mailbox without interference. Please note, the cart cannot be placed behind vehicles and either curb or street side.

What can I put in my trash cart?

The 95-gallon trash cart is for all of your bagged household trash. Please bag loose items to prevent littering. Since the cart is mechanically emptied, the driver never leaves the truck. The cart cannot be emptied if trash is on top of or next to the cart – all trash must fit inside the cart with the lid closed. You should not put concrete, large amounts of dirt or heavy trash in your cart. Please do not put hot ashes, paint or any hazardous liquids or materials in your cart.

What can I put in my recycling cart?

A list of items that can be recycled is provided on the Cecil County Landfill website at [CCrecycling.org](https://www.ccrcycling.org). Since the cart is mechanically emptied, the driver never leaves the truck. The cart cannot be emptied if recycling is on top of or next to the cart. All recycling must fit inside the cart with the lid closed.

Who do I call for cart repairs?

Please contact the Town of Elkton at **410.392.6636 ext. 102** to schedule cart repairs.

What should I do if my cart is lost?

Please contact the Town of Elkton at **410.392.6636 ext. 102** for a replacement cart. There is a charge for each replacement cart.

Please visit **[RepublicServices.com](https://www.RepublicServices.com)** or call **410.392.6636** for more information.



Sustainability in Action

Single-stream recycling



Single-stream recycling is the type of recycling usually put out for curbside recycling. It allows you to put all of your paper, plastic, cans and glass in the same cart.



Metal Cans



Plastic



Cardboard and Paper



Glass

Please visit [CCRecycling.org](https://www.CCRecycling.org) for more information.



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