

Staunton Trash & Recycling: A Quick Guide

1. Guidelines for All Customers

Container Placement:

- Containers must be placed no more than three (3) feet from the curb by **6:30 a.m.** on your scheduled pickup day.
- Containers should **not** be placed at the curb before **dusk** the day before your scheduled pickup day.
- Containers must be removed from the curb by **6 a.m.** the day following pickup.

Bagging Trash:

- All trash must be bagged, securely tied, and placed in the container with the lid fully closed.
- All hygiene products (feminine, diapers, etc.) and cat litter must be doubled-bagged.

Cleanup Responsibility:

- Residents are responsible for cleaning up any failed bags or spilled trash.
- Landlords are responsible for cleaning up any refuse left at the curb after the eviction of a tenant.

2. Hazardous Waste, Unacceptable Materials, Special Waste:

The city **will not** collect the following:

Hazardous Waste:

- Batteries, tires, pesticides, herbicides, toxic chemicals, oil-based paints, solvents, electronics, pressurized vessels, unknown or unlabeled containers, rechargeable tool batteries.
- Liquids, cooking oils, human waste, or other materials that pose a health or safety risk.

Construction Materials:

- Brick, block, lumber, drywall, pipe, stone.

Latex Paint - must be dried solid and without a lid before disposal.

3. Residential Customers Outside of Downtown:

City Provided Containers:

- Containers are property of the city and are assigned to each address.
- Only city-provided containers will be serviced.

Container Size:

- Each residence is provided with one (1) **95-gallon** or one (1) **45-gallon** container.
- One (1) additional **95-gallon** container can be issued for a fee of **\$12 per month** (only an option for customers with a 95-gallon container).
- **Report damaged or worn containers** to Public Works at 540-332-3892

Trash Outside Containers:

- No trash outside containers will be collected, except for:
 - clean, flattened, and bundled cardboard boxes tied securely with string.
 - trash bags affixed with an official City of Staunton bag tag.

Collection Frequency:

- Refuse is collected **once per week** on your assigned route.
- If you miss collection day, waste will be collected on your next scheduled day.
- **No extra pickups** will be made.
- Collection times are set by the Public Works Director or their designee.

Residential Customer Special Placement or Assistance:

- In some situations, residential customers may not have access to curbside placement, or the physical landscape prevents the movement of the container from the residence to the curb. In those instances, Public Works will designate a special collection area.
- Residents unable to place their containers at the curb may submit a designated collection area request form at Public Works located at 1911 Craigmont Road, Staunton, or by calling Public Works at 540-332-3892.
- Residents who have disabilities or require special assistance should reach out to Public Works at 540-332-3892. An application for assistance can be filled out and filed with the department.

4. Residential Yard Waste Program

Optional Collection Program:

- On an opt-in basis, residents will receive an additional 95-gallon bin (with a beige lid) for yard waste only, after signing up and paying a one-time refundable \$50 deposit. Use this [online form](#).
- Scheduled pickups will be once per month, typically on the first Wednesday of the month, starting June 4, 2025.

5. Holiday Collection & Weather Emergencies

Holidays:

- If a holiday falls on a collection day, trash will be picked up on a makeup date. Check the city website for updates. Typically, this will be on Wednesday of the same week as the holiday.

Weather Emergencies:

- Collection may be suspended due to weather. Updates will be posted by **6:00 a.m.** on the **city website**.

Weather Hazard Debris:

- In the event of a special yard debris pickup due to weather-related damage, branches and debris must be in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length that weigh less than 50 pounds.

6. Leaf Collection (Late November – Early January)

Guidelines:

- Rake leaves to the curb by the starting leaf collection date.
- Keep leaves clear of gutters and storm drains.
- Remove any rocks, sticks, brush, and other objects from leaf piles. These will damage the leaf vacuum.
- **No vehicles** should be parked on or near leaf piles.

7. Heavy Trash Collection (Spring & Fall)

Collection Weeks:

- **Spring** (March/April) & **Fall** (September/October) - Check the **city website** for exact dates closer to the pickup.

Items Collected Include:

- Yard waste, appliances, furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, sofas, etc.
- Electronics (these items are taken to the landfill, not recycled).

Tires (Spring Only):

- Tires may be dropped off at the Gypsy Hill Park Gym parking lot on a Saturday (to be announced) following spring heavy trash collection.

8. Special Collection Fee

- **Failure to comply** with the city's solid waste policy may result in a **Special Collection Fee** of \$125 minimum for trash removal by a city crew.

9. Recycling

- Residents are encouraged to utilize the city's **recycling center** at the Public Works compound located at 1911 Craigmont Road in Staunton.
- Recyclable items such as paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, and #1 & #2 plastics should be clean and sorted to ensure proper processing.
- The recycling center is closed on city holidays.
- For more information please visit: www.staunton.va.us/recycle