Waste Collection Services

Providing waste collection once every week for over 65,000 households in Chesapeake.

Yard Waste
Leaves, trimmings and other yard waste will be picked up with regular collections when placed at curbside in clear plastic bags only. Yard waste is taken to a mulching facility and recycled, which reduces the volume of refuse buried at regional landfill. The number of yard waste bags collected each week is limited to 30 (35-gallon) bags per location January - October and 50 bags in November and December. Any bags in excess of this limit will be collected on a subsequent pickup week.

Let It Lay Program
Instead of taking the time to bag up your grass clippings or leaves and drag them to the curb, just let them lay and mulch them with your lawn mower (remove the bag catcher and run over the clippings several times until the pieces are small). This returns valuable nutrients and moisture to the soil, acting as a natural and free fertilizer. Save time and money - Let It Lay!

Household Hazardous Waste
Household hazardous materials are anything that is toxic, flammable or corrosive, including pool chemicals, brake and transmission fluid, used motor oil, paint, turpentine, paint thinner, spot remover, car batteries, antifreeze, pesticides, insecticides and herbicides. Throwing away such items in the garbage, down the drain or on the ground is illegal and can poison our water and land. To properly dispose of hazardous materials, bring them to the Southeast Public Service Authority’s (SPSA) Chesapeake Transfer Station, 901 Hollowell Lane, the first Wednesday or the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Call them at (757) 420-4700 or visit www.spsa.com for more information.

Electronics
Keep an eye on our website for City sponsored recycling events in your community that take place at various times throughout the year. You can also visit www.Earth911.com to find out where you can recycle just about anything!

Compressed Natural Gas Trucks
The City of Chesapeake is the first municipality in the region to invest in compressed natural gas trucks and a fill station for its solid waste fleet. Compressed natural gas (CNG) is a domestic fuel that costs significantly less than diesel and gasoline. In addition to cost savings, CNG vehicles produce less greenhouse gas and smog-producing emissions than diesel and gas. Better for the environment and better for the budget!

How Do I...?
Schedule a bulk pickup or request a new automated trash or recycling bin?
• Call 382-CITY (2489) or visit www.CityofChesapeake.net

Dispose of household hazardous waste materials?
• Call 420-4700 or visit www.SPSA.com

Sign up for Recycling Perks?
• Visit www.RecyclingPerks.com

Dispose of electronics?
• Watch our website for local recycling events or search www.earth911.com for recycling locations near you.
Garbage Collection Tips

- Garbage (ordinary household waste), non-recyclable food containers and unused food should be the only items in your garbage can.
- All garbage should be bagged to reduce loose trash blowing when container is serviced.
- Make sure the lid is closed and that garbage is not packed too tightly.
- For residents on automated collection, all household refuse needs to be inside an automated container provided by the City. These containers are owned by the City and are assigned to a street address.
- Normal collection service begins at 7 a.m.
- All containers shall be placed at the curb for collection no earlier than 24 hours prior to 7 a.m. the day of collection. Once placed at the curb, all containers shall be removed from the curb within 24 hours. Willful violators of trash bin time and placement requirements may receive a civil penalty of $100.
- Place the container as close as possible to the curb or roadside so that it is not blocking the passage of vehicles, pedestrians or drainage and is at least 3 feet from mailboxes, parked cars, etc.
- Rental clean-outs left at the curb for two weeks will be picked up by the City but the rental property owner will be billed for the cost of the disposal.
- Only refuse generated at your property will be collected by the City. Moving refuse from one location to another for pick-up is prohibited.
- All containers shall be placed in a carport or enclosed building or behind the nearest portion of the residence or the building to the street. Storage is now allowed in front of the home only if the bin is screened by landscaping or another enclosure.
- Avoid creating a hazard by placing broken glass or sharp objects in bags that may harm pedestrians or waste management workers. Curbside refuse should not impede pedestrian walk-ways or public thorough-fares.
- During holidays, waste collections may change. For current holiday schedule changes, visit www.CityofChesapeake.net/PublicWorks and click on “Waste Collection”.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk trash is collected the same day as your regular garbage collection day. All waste should be placed at the curbside, away from any obstructions like telephone poles or fire hydrants and should not block motorists, pedestrians or drainage and should be at least three feet from obstructions such as telephone poles or parked cars. Bulk waste cannot be placed out for collection earlier than three work days prior to collection day. Willful violators of the Solid Waste Ordinance (Chapter 62 of the City Code) are subject to a $100 fine. Bulk trash is separated into two categories: Tree/Yard Debris and Household Items.

Tree/Yard Debris

- Sticks, limbs and yard trimmings stacked in a pile not exceeding 4’x4’x6’. Limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter.
- No tree trunks, stumps, root balls, or contractor’s limb debris.
- Grass clippings or leaves in clear plastic bags do not require a scheduled bulk pickup and can be placed at the curb with your regular garbage.

Household Items

- Discarded furniture, hot-water heaters, refrigerators, up to two passenger tires with no rims, other household appliances and large items not exceeding 4’x4’x10’.
- No hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, manufacturing process debris, loose or dangerous refuse.
- Limited to 12 pickups/calendar year/location.
- Boxes or debris from move-in or move-out situations are also considered bulk waste.
- Items with glass must be extensively taped to prevent shattering. The resident is responsible for cleaning up any broken glass that may result from collection.

To Schedule

Call 382-CITY (2489) before 5 p.m. the day before your collection, go online before 11:59 p.m. the day before your collection or use the Chesapeake Bulk Trash app available on your Android or iPhone.

Big Blue Bin Recycling

Did you know recycling actually saves money? Disposing of recyclables costs significantly less than disposing of waste. Recycling also helps save our environment by diverting waste from landfills and avoiding use of raw materials.

Thanks to TFC Recycling, recycling is easier than ever. Just toss the following items directly into your can:
- Aluminum cans and (clean) foil
- Clear and brown glass jars and bottles
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Steel cans
- Phone books, junk mail, catalogs
- #1 or #2 bottles
- Cereal boxes and other clean food boxes

Be sure to rinse out all bottles and cans before tossing them in the bin. Also, leave at least 3 feet of space around your recycling bin so that the automated truck can get to it.

Recycling Perks

Get rewarded for recycling with Recycling Perks! Through this program, you earn points each time you recycle and you can use those points to redeem discounts at local businesses. It's free and easy to sign up! Visit www.RecyclingPerks.com to learn more.