

Stedwick Homes Corporation - Trash Frequently Asked Questions

1. How often is trash collected? Answer: Trash is collected twice per week, currently on Tuesdays and Fridays.
2. Who pays for trash collection? Answer: Trash collection is paid for out of the HOA assessments that are paid by the owners on an annual basis.
3. Who arranges for the trash service? Answer: The Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors reviews and approves proposed contracts for trash services. A single company is selected to service the entire Stedwick community.
4. What qualifies as “trash” for the twice per week collections? Answer: Beauty products, cups, garden pots, foam under cushions, furnace/heat pump filters, ice packs, padded envelopes, pens, pencils, markers, perfume, photos, pillows, plastic shower curtains, rubber gloves, egg cartons, tarps, tennis balls, videotapes, vinyl window blinds, wallpaper, and more. More information is available on the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Environmental Protection website.
5. Where do I store trash between collections? Answer: Any trash stored outside of a unit or garage must be stored within airtight, waterproof containers (with a lid) that are vermin-proof and comply with all County laws.
6. Can I use a box or plastic bag for storing trash? Answer: No. Plastic bags, paper sacks, and cardboard boxes by themselves are NOT acceptable containers for trash if stored outside of a unit or garage. Trash needs to be in a container with a lid that is completely closed (i.e., the lid is on).
7. Can I keep my trash can in my front yard? Answer: No. No storage containers for either refuse or recyclables are to be kept in front yards, on stoops, on sidewalks (except for collection days), on driveways or in unscreened carports. Trash and recyclable containers must be stored out of sight from the street and sidewalk in front of the unit. Placement behind an approved screening wall is deemed out of sight.
8. Well, if I can't use my front yard, where can I store my trash can? Answer: Townhouses with storage sheds or trash cupboards are to use these for storing refuse and recyclables until the appropriate collection date. In The Heights, residents may apply to the MVF Architectural Review Board for a screen or shed to be constructed for a trash storage area. In Forest Brooke, the **covenants** prohibit residents from using the driveway or covered parking area “for the purposes of storage, permanent or temporary, of furniture, toys, trash receptacles, litter, or any other personal property” (Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, 8.a.).
9. What happens on collection day? Answer: Residents may put trash for pick up near the curb or sidewalk no earlier than 7:00 p.m. of the evening prior to the scheduled pickup day (7:00 p.m. on Monday for a Tuesday pickup; 7:00 p.m. on Thursday for a Friday pick up). Trash to be picked up must be placed near the curb or sidewalk no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day (Tuesday or Friday).
10. Can I place the bags curbside? Answer: No. Trash should be placed curbside within airtight, waterproof containers (with a lid). Recyclables are an exception. Please see the Recyclables section.

11. I heard that trash used to be picked up from storage sheds for Clusters residents. What happened? Answer: The contract with J&J Trash Services requires all trash for pickup be curbside.
12. What if the scheduled pickup date is a Holiday? Answer: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a holiday for J&J Trash Services, that day will be skipped. Trash pickup will resume the next scheduled pickup day. For example, if July 4th falls on a Tuesday, there will only be a pickup on July 7th (Friday) that week.
13. What is “non-metal bulk trash”? Answer: An item that doesn’t fit in a trash can or trash bag, large non-metal items, or 5 or more bags or cans of trash. Examples include: Sofas, bookcases, carpeting, mattresses, bathroom fixtures, single items from minor home repair, etc. The following link provides more information on what is considered non-metal bulk trash. https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDol/material.aspx?tag=bulk-trash&material_key=41
14. How is non-metal bulk trash collected? Answer: Residents may call J&J Trash Services (contracted trash service) at (800) 465-2350 to arrange for a non-metal bulk trash pickup. J&J Trash Services will normally schedule non-metal bulk trash pickups for Fridays. There is no limit to the number of non-metal bulk trash pickups that can be scheduled by a resident. Items scheduled for non-metal bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside no earlier than 1 day prior to the scheduled pickup.
15. What is “metal bulk trash”? Answer: Scrap metal is any large item that is 51% or more metal. To qualify for curbside scrap metal collection, the item must be larger than a trash bag or trash can. Items may be up to 8 feet long.
16. How is scrap metal collected? Answer: Please see the Recyclables Section for details on how scrap metal is handled.
17. What else can’t J&J Trash Services collect? Answer: J&J Trash Services cannot collect gasoline, acids, car batteries, ammunition, dirt, rocks, cement, oil, wet paint, hazardous materials, commercial trash, large automobile parts, tree stumps, dead animals, yard waste, newspapers, appliances, or tires.
18. I noticed the dumpster at the Stedwick Community Center. Can I use that? Answer: No. That dumpster is for trash from the Stedwick Community Center (only). Residents or others not associated with an event at the Stedwick Community Center using the dumpster are subject to a fine up to \$500.00.
19. What is illegal dumping? Answer: When trash, refuse and recyclables are placed on common property, community greenspace, Montgomery Village owned space, or similar locations without the permission of the owner of the property, this is considered illegal dumping.
20. What if I have to put my trash on another person’s sidewalk or curb for pickup because I do not have either? Answer: You will need permission of the owner of the property for you to place trash and recyclables on another person’s sidewalk or curb. Refuse and recyclables are not to be placed on the property of others for collection without the express permission of the property owner where it is to be placed.
21. What about community spaces? Answer: Stedwick Homes Corporation does not grant permission to place refuse or recyclables on any community property owned by the

Stedwick Homes Corporation – including jut outs, islands, greenspace, etc. Residents/persons depositing refuse or recyclables on Stedwick Homes Corporation property shall be considered to be illegally dumping, which is punishable by fines imposed by the County not to exceed \$500.00.

22. What should I do if I see someone placing refuse or recyclables on community property?
Answer: Residents who witness people illegal dumping or find refuse on common property should notify the MVF Management Office.
23. What if my item doesn't qualify for trash, bulk trash or recycling, or what if I am not sure of how to dispose of an item? Answer: Go to the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Environmental Protection page and click on "How Do I Recycle Or Dispose Of" (about ½ way down the page). Or click on the following link:
<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/search.aspx>
24. Who is responsible for disposal if my item cannot be collected by J&J Trash Services or by the County? Answer: The resident is responsible for proper disposal of any item that cannot be collected by J&J Trash Services or the County. The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, MD 20855 is the closest location for resident disposal of property. NOTE: The Facility will not accept roofing materials or car parts. For more information on the Facility, click on the following link. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dropoff/>