

Stedwick Homes Corporation - Recyclables Frequently Asked Questions

1. How often are recyclables collected? Answer: Recyclables are collected once per week. Recyclables are picked up in the Club Hill division on Wednesdays. For all other Stedwick neighborhoods, recyclables are picked up on Tuesdays.
2. Who pays for recyclable collection? Answer: Recycling is a program of Montgomery County. Recyclables are collected by the County. For more information, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs/>
3. What recyclables qualify for the week collections? Answer: Aluminum foil products; cans – aluminum, steel, bi-metal; glass bottles and jars; and plastic bottles, containers, and tubs with lids.
4. How do I recycle paper items? Answer: You can bundle the paper items separately or use a paper recycling cart. For more information on a paper recycling cart, please visit https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/itemdetail.aspx?item_id=104&subcatalog=11
5. Can I use a box or plastic bag for storing recyclables? Answer: The preferred acceptable container for recyclables is the blue bin. Blue bins are provided by the County. A unit may order up to 1 bin per year. For more information on blue bins, visit https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/itemdetail.aspx?item_id=101&subcatalog=11
6. Can I keep my recyclable bin 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.
7. Well, if I can't use my front yard, where can I store my recyclable bin? Answer: Townhouses with storage sheds or trash cupboards are to use these for storing refuse and recyclables until the appropriate collection day. 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 other personal property” (Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, 8.a.).
8. What about yard trim? Answer: Yard trim is considered a recyclable and is collected on your scheduled Recyclable collection day (Wednesdays for Club Hill and Tuesdays for all other neighborhoods).
9. What is yard trim? Answer: Grass clippings; twigs; cuttings from plants, bushes and trees; branches; limbs; and leaves. Branch or tree limbs may be up to 4 feet in length and up to 4 inches in diameter.
10. How do I prepare yard trim for collection? Answer: 1. You can place the materials in a large paper yard trim bag (available at most grocery stores, home improvement stores and garden centers). 2. You can place the materials in a reusable container, like a trash can.

The container must have a County “yard trim label” on it. The label should be facing the street. You can order yard trim decals from the County https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/itemdetail.aspx?item_id=303&subcatalog=35 NOTE: Containers must not exceed 45 pounds for collection. 3. You can bundle brush and other similar yard trim with twine. Bundles must be 30 inches or less in diameter and weigh less than 45 pounds (each bundle).

11. What won't be collected? Answer: Yard trim in plastic bags; dirt/soil; rocks; sod; root balls or tree stumps; lumber; oversized yard trim; storm debris.
12. What are the limits per collection day? Answer: As long as the recyclables are properly prepared and set out, there are no limits as to the number of bins, bags or containers.
13. What happens on collection day? Answer: Residents may put recyclables and yard trim 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). Recyclables 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).
14. What if the scheduled pickup date is a Holiday? Answer: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a holiday for the County, or the County services are closed for some reason, the pickup will roll to the next business day. For example, if July 4th falls on a Tuesday, Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday.
15. The trash section talks about “non-metal bulk trash”. What if I have a large metal item? 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. What items qualify as scrap metal? Answer: Scrap metal items include metal filing cabinets, appliances, bicycles, exercise machines, fencing, grills, iron railings, etc. There is an extensive list of items that qualify as scrap metal available at https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=scrap-metal&material_key=69
17. How is scrap metal collected? Answer: Pickup of large metal items has to be scheduled with the County in advance of the scheduled Recyclable pick up date (Tuesday or Wednesday). Please see the online form at <https://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/SolutionView.aspx?SolutionId=1-17LFVN> or call 311 or (240-777-0311). Once scheduled, you handle your scrap metal the same way you handle other recyclables – curbside by 7:00 a.m. of the pickup date. Please separate your scrap metal items from your trash and other recyclables.
18. Does illegal dumping apply to Recyclables? Answer: Yes.
19. What if I have to put my recyclables 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 them 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.
20. 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.

21. 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.
22. 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 is 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/>