

City of Harrisonburg Single Stream Collection Program and how it affects you.



Providing for solid waste disposal needs to a modern society is a difficult task. Harrisonburg is leading the efforts with an "all in one" system for waste and recycling collection.

What is Single Stream Collection and how does this new program work?

Those who **currently receive** the city's curbside refuse and recycling collection services will have an easier way to get rid of their household waste and recycling. Single stream collection will accept waste and recyclables in the same container. One benefit of this new program is that **everyone in Harrisonburg will now recycle!** Residents will no longer have to think about or research which plastics are collected or even how to carry two separate containers to the curb. It is encouraged to remove many food scraps as possible from your household trash. Composting is also encouraged. It is required that your trash be free of liquids.

This program **does not apply** to apartment complexes and businesses with private refuse and/or recycling pickup not affiliated with the City's collection service.

Those living in a neighborhood with private collection should contact their property manager or HOA to determine if they recycle. If the neighborhood does not have a recycling program, please contact the Public Works Department at

540-434-5928 to coordinate a weekly pick up of your recyclable materials.

Unlike the previous recycling program, with the new Single Stream Collection, **the city will now collect ALL recyclable materials** (various metals, tin, all plastics, cardboard, aluminum, styrofoam and paper products).

Glass: Bottles and Containers

Procedure: Remove lids and caps, rinsing the bottle or container before placing it in the recycling bin.

Plastics: Ketchup bottles, Drink Bottles, Milk jugs, Plastic bags. ALL Plastics as noted in chart below.

PLASTIC RESIN CODES						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PETE	HDPE	V	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
Polyethylene Terephthalate soda bottles water bottles shampoo bottles mouthwash bottles peanut butter jars	High Density Polyethylene milk, water and juice jugs detergent bottles yogurt and margarine tubs grocery bags	Vinyl clear food packaging shampoo bottles	Low Density Polyethylene bread bags frozen food bags squeezable bottles (mustard, ketchup)	Polypropylene ketchup bottles yogurt and margarine tubs	Polystyrene meat trays egg cartons cups and plates	Other ketchup 3 & 5 gallon water bottles some juice bottles

Aluminum: Beverage cans, Aluminum Foil, Baking Containers.

Procedure: Rinse, Flatten and drop in bin

Steel and Tin: Food Cans

Procedure: Remove labels, lids and rinse and drop in bin.

Miscellaneous: Metal Cookware (Pots, Pans, etc) Metal Flatware (knives, forks and spoons)

Procedure: Make sure all are free of food debris

Newspapers:

Procedure: Store the newspaper in a separate recycling bin such as a cardboard box. Keep newspaper dry and please do not bind newspapers together.

Exceptions:

Citizens can arrange for a one time pick-up of a large quantity of cardboard (25 or more boxes) when moving into a residence.

Unacceptable Materials: The following material cannot be put out with regular refuse or recycling.

- Pet Waste
- Needles
- Automotive parts
- Construction Materials

Businesses who received City refuse collection can call Public Works to request the pick-up of the following items as needed.

Corrugated Cardboard- Procedure: Call Public Works at 540-434-5928 to request a cardboard pick up. Place your cardboard out taking care to break the boxes down. Do not bundle the cardboard.

Office Paper- Procedure: Call Public Work at 540-434-5928 to request an office paper pick up. Put your office paper out in a clear plastic bag for pick up.



Department of Public Works
540-434-5928

Household Hazardous Waste

Please hold these items for the Household Hazardous Waste dates at the location at 2055 Beery Road. From that begin in April and continue in June, August and October on the third Saturday in these months. 5 Units are accepted per vehicle to include:

- Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Gasoline
- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Household cleaners
- Oil based Paint, Spray Paint, Wood Stain
- Needles- Must be in container with screw-top lid
- Fluorescent Bulbs – Green Tips Only
- Energy Efficient Light bulbs containing Mercury.

Note: Containers must be under 5 gallons. No Latex Paints or Chlorinated Solvents.

Household Hazardous Waste Dates

Dates: HHW is collected on the 3rd Saturday in the months of April, June, August & October.

Time: 8 am – 12 Noon

Location: 2055 Beery Road, Harrisonburg

The proper disposal of unwanted household hazardous waste keeps these materials out of our local environment and away from landfill facilities which are not permitted to manage these types of wastes. If you have a question about the disposal of an item, please contact Public Works at 540-434-5928

Bulk and Yard Debris

Bulk Collection consists of large items that are not appropriate for regular refuse pick up. Limit 5 units. These include items such as:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Rugs
- Office Chairs
- TV's, Computers and other Electronics
- Tires off the rims
- *Construction Materials is not accepted*

Yard Debris consists of organic material from yard clean up such as leaves, grass clippings and branches. Limit 10 units.

- Leaves and Grass Clippings should be placed in a biodegradable bag or placed directly in a trash can with no bag. (Plastic Bags cannot be accepted.)
- Branches must be cut into a maximum of 4 ft. sections and bundles with rope into manageable bundles weighing less than 75 lbs

Stumps and Branches larger than 2 inches in diameter are not accepted on Bulk and Yard Debris Pick-up. If residences need to remove branches larger in diameter, Yard Debris containers are available for rent by calling Public Works at 540-434-5928. Restrictions may apply.

If your regular trash day is:

Monday or Thursday- Bulk and Yard Debris pick up is 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Tuesday or Friday- Bulk and Yard Debris pick up is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month



Goals of the Solid Waste Management Plan

- To protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Harrisonburg with effective solid waste disposal plans.
- To provide for the efficient and economical disposal of the city's solid waste.
- To maintain recycling activities in the city to comply with current state mandated recycling rate of 25%
- To continue to develop an integrated approach for the handling and disposal of solid waste.
- Effectively and efficiently use limited natural resources.
- To protect the environment from the mismanagement of solid waste.
- To comply with state regulations
- To Develop and Improve education and training in environmental programs for schools and the general public.