



Automated Trash

Upper Moreland Township will begin transitioning to automated trash collection.

Upper Moreland Township is beginning the transition to an automated trash collection system for all households. This system will initially function by utilizing automated tippers on the back of the sanitation trucks. The trash container will be picked up manually and loaded onto the automated tipper. Upper Moreland Township will become fully automated in 2025.

Beginning the week of **September 18, 2023** every household in the Township currently receiving trash and recycling services will receive a new, 95-gallon, wheeled cart, to replace existing trash bins. If you currently have a 45-gallon recycling container, you will receive a 45-gallon trash container. If you would like the larger container, please contact the Public Works Department for the container to be exchanged.

Starting the week of **September 25, 2023** only solid waste that has been placed inside the bin will be collected. Trash placed at the curb in any other receptacle and/or placed outside of the container will not be collected. Also, these cans are not permitted to be used for the Monday Yard Waste Collection.

Please note there will also be changes to “large item” trash collection such as tables, chairs, couches, dressers, mattresses, carpet etc. These items **must now be scheduled for a free pickup by contacting the Public Works department at publicworks@uppermoreland.org or 215-659-4070**. The Public Works Department will confirm pickup with the resident and schedule a date/time for pickup. If you do not receive confirmation, the item(s) will not be picked up. Large item trash **does not** include items that currently require a permit such as electronics, appliances, etc. Please see [Upper Moreland Township Trash Regulations](#) for those items. Residents may obtain a permit at the Upper Moreland Township Administration Building

The bins will be delivered directly to each home. No appointments are necessary, and you do not need to be home to receive your new trash bin.

Towns across the country have made the move to automated collection, and have reported both decreased collection costs and efficiencies in collection. It is the Township’s goal to transition to fully automated trash collection similar to our current automated recycling collection over the next few years

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the benefits of moving to automated trash collection?**
Automation is a faster and more efficient way to collect residential solid waste. Additionally, other towns that have moved to automated collection have reported an increase in recycling rates and an overall reduction in the amount of trash collected. The hinged lids help to keep rain water out of carts, reducing trash weight, and are animal-proof as well. In addition to anticipated time and cost savings, the program will help keep our neighborhoods neat and clean, improve safety on residential streets, and provide safer working conditions for trash collectors. The carts are durable and easy to maneuver.
- **Can I order a second cart?**
Your new trash cart can accommodate as much volume as 3 to 4 standard-sized trash cans. We expect these carts to be sufficient for your household.
- **When will we receive our new carts?**
Carts will be delivered to every home in the Township mid-September 2023. No appointment is necessary and you do not need to be home to receive your new cart.
- **What should I do with my old trash cans and recycling bins?**
Old trash cans can be re-purposed for other household uses. You can also put them to the curb on your trash day for the Public Works Department to pick-up
- **Do I have to pay for my new trash cart?**
No. All households will receive a new, 95-gallon trash cart at no charge.
- **How do I prepare my trash cart for weekly set-out?**
All trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material should be sticking out of the cart. Trash and recycling carts should be placed at the curb approximately 3 feet apart from each other, and at least 3 feet from obstacles such as mailboxes, telephone poles and any overhead obstructions. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and the lid opening should face the street.
- **I already have a rolling cart at home, can I use that one?**
No. Only those carts provided by the Township will be collected. Carts other than those provided by the Township will not be collected once your new cart has been delivered.
- **What do I do with my cart if I move?**
Carts are issued and owned by the Township and must remain at the property/address to which they are assigned.
- **The new carts look big. Are they easy to wheel to and from the curb?**
As with your recycling bin, the new trash carts are easier to maneuver than a similar-sized trash can. They are designed for weight distribution and safety and are easy to move to the curb even when they are full. They are senior-friendly and roll easily on all types of terrain. It is easier to pull the cart uphill and push the cart downhill.
- **What if my cart is damaged?**
Contact the Department of Public Works at (215) 659-4070 to report a damaged cart.
- **What should I do with overflow trash that does not fit into my cart?**
Your new trash cart can accommodate as much volume as 3 to 4 standard-sized trash cans. We expect these carts to be sufficient for your household. If you have a one-time overflow of trash from a party or event, please contact the Department of Public Works at (215) 659-4070 to schedule the pick-up
- **Will collection of bulk items (sofas, mattresses, other furniture) change?**
Bulk items that do not fit inside the trash cart such as tables, chairs, couches, dressers, carpet etc. **must be scheduled for a free pickup by contacting the Public Works department at publicworks@uppermoreland.or or 215-659-4070.** The Public Works Department will confirm pickup with the resident and schedule date/time for pickup. If you do not receive confirmation the item(s) will not be picked up.

Thank you for your patience while we kick off the new trash program!