



KENT COUNTY

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GARBAGE COLLECTION & RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

FREQUENCY & TIME

- * Household garbage collection will occur **once per week**, Monday through Friday, between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the (see the Garbage & Recycle Collection Schedule)
- * Recyclable materials collection will occur **bi-weekly**, Monday through Friday, between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (see the Garbage & Recycle Collection Schedule).
- * Residents should place containers out the night before their scheduled collection day.
- * Empty containers should be removed from curbside within 24 hours after collection.

LOCATION

- * Place all containers, with handles facing the house, at curbside for collection, typically at the end of the driveway.
- * Place containers at least (3) feet away from obstacles such as mailboxes, parked cars and utility poles.
- * Place all bulk items, cans or bundles at least (3) feet away from the container(s).

QUANTITY & WEIGHT LIMITS

- * A maximum total quantity of **five (5) items** will be taken on each collection day in a combination of 95 gallon containers, 32 gallon trash cans, bulk items and bundled items.
- * The weight limit of the 95 gallon container is approximately 300 pounds; the weight limit of the 65 gallon container is approximately 200 pounds.
- * The weight limit of 32 gallon trash cans and any bundled item is 40 pounds.

Special Note: Quantity limits cannot be altered due to personal circumstances such as moving, remodeling, spring or fall yard cleanup, etc. The property owner is responsible for the removal of large quantities of garbage and should contact a licensed private collector for this service or transport garbage directly to the "Sandtown Landfill". A separate disposal fee may be charged by the landfill.

BAGGING

- * With the exception of bulk items, all household garbage should be bagged and must be placed in a County provided container or a 32 gallon trash can.
- * Any garbage bags left outside of a container will **NOT** be collected.

CONTAINERS

- * Kent County will supply (1) 95 gallon “household garbage” container and (1) 65 gallon “recycle” container to all properties located in a “Garbage Collection District”.
- * The 95 gallon container is approximately 45” High x 29” Wide x 34” Deep and will hold 10 - 12 bags. The 65 gallon container is approximately 41” High x 27” Wide x 28” Deep and will hold 6 - 8 bags.
- * Residents may also use their existing 32 gallon trash cans.
- * The containers belong to Kent County, not the property owner, and should remain on the property at all times.
- * Containers are stamped with a serial number and are assigned to a specific property address.
- * Lost, stolen or damaged containers should be reported to the Department of Public Works. Damaged containers will be replaced, at no cost, within 5 business days. Lost or stolen containers will be investigated and replaced, at cost, within 5 business days.
- * A second container may be requested at no additional cost.
- * Close lids on all containers before rolling them to the curbside.
- * Do not sit or stand on the container.

NEW RESIDENTS

- * New residents that purchase a **NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOME** must contact the Department of Public Works at (302) 744-2429 to schedule the starting date of their garbage collection service. Kent County will supply all new residents with the “Collection & Recycling Schedule” and the “Garbage Collection & Recycling Guidelines”. Containers will be delivered within 5 business days.
- * New residents that purchase an **EXISTING HOME** may contact the Department of Public Works to obtain the “Collection & Recycling Schedule” and the “Garbage Collection & Recycling Guidelines” or may obtain this information online at www.co.kent.de.us.

BULK ITEMS & SPECIAL HANDLING

BULK ITEMS

- * Defined as a large, accessory item used in a typical residence, such as appliances, toys, electronics, bicycles and furniture.
- * A maximum of **(3) bulk items per household is allowed per collection day.**
- * Bulk items must be placed curbside and will be taken on the scheduled collection day for each “Garbage Collection District”.
- * The bulk item must be able to be lifted into the truck and must also fit into the truck or it will **NOT** be taken. If the item cannot be taken, the resident and/or property owner will be responsible for the proper disposal of the item.

APPLIANCES

- * Collection of appliances, such as stoves, washers and dryers will occur on the scheduled collection day for each “Garbage Collection District”.
- * Each appliance will be counted as one of the 3 bulk items allowed per collection day.
- * Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and any other item containing Freon (or other refrigerant) must have the Freon removed and written certification of the Freon removal must be taped to the appliance. These appliances may also be taken to the “Sandtown Landfill” for Freon removal. A separate disposal fee may be charged by the landfill.

ELECTRONICS

- * Electronic devices such as computers, printers and cell phones are recyclable. Residents may drop off their electronic devices to either the “Sandtown Landfill” or the Delaware Solid Waste Authority Administration Building, at no additional disposal fee.

CARPET

- * Carpet must be rolled and securely tied in lengths of 4 feet or less and be placed curbside for collection on the scheduled collection day for each “Garbage Collection District”. Each bundle will be counted as one of the 5 items allowed per collection day.

PAINT

- * Small quantities of water soluble paint (Latex) can be air dried in cans or absorbed with cat litter. Dry cans may then be bagged and placed into the household garbage container for collection.

YARD WASTE

- * Tree branches must be (3) inches in diameter or smaller, cut to a length of 4 feet or less and must be tied into bundles. Each bundle should be placed curbside for collection on the scheduled collection day and will be counted as one of the 5 items allowed per collection day.
- * Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste can be bagged and must be placed into a container and will be taken on the scheduled collection day for that “Garbage Collection District”.
- * Residents may take large quantities of yard waste directly to the “Sandtown Landfill”. A separate disposal fee may be charged by the landfill.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

The following items are restricted and will **NOT** be collected.

- * Hazardous materials - such as liquid gas, oil based paint, solvents, stains, chemicals, propane fuel tanks, bleach, pesticides, pool chemicals, explosives, antifreeze, oil filters and motor oil.
- * Automobile parts - such as tires and batteries.
- * Construction materials - such as drywall, lumber, sinks, tubs, showers and toilets.
- * Landscaping materials - such as cinderblock, patio block, pavers, stones, decking and fence materials.

Special Note: The resident and/or property owner is responsible for the proper disposal of these restricted items. For all hazardous materials, contact the DSWA for disposal information. Other restricted items may be taken to the “Sandtown Landfill”. A separate disposal fee may be charged by the landfill.

HOLIDAY SERVICE

- * Garbage and recycling collection will **NOT** occur on the following holidays:

**New Years Day
Memorial Day
Fourth of July**

**Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day**

When a collection day falls on a holiday, garbage and recycling collection for the remainder of that week will occur on the **following day**, including Saturday.

Example: If a holiday falls on Monday, residents with a “Monday” collection day will have garbage or recycling collected on Tuesday; residents with a “Tuesday” collection day will have garbage or recycling collected on Wednesday, and so forth. If a holiday falls on Thursday, residents with a “Thursday” collection day will have garbage or recycling collected on Friday; and residents with a “Friday” collection will have garbage or recycling collected on Saturday.

- * Christmas trees will be collected on the scheduled collection day during the first two weeks in January of each year.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

- * If garbage and/or recycling cannot be collected due to inclement weather, collection will occur as soon as weather conditions will allow.

RECYCLING SERVICE

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- * Curbside recycling collection will occur Monday through Friday, between to 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the (see the Garbage & Recycle Collection Schedule).
- * Each property will receive (1) 65 gallon recycle container.
- * Place the recycle container curbside with the handles facing the house and at least (3) feet away from obstacles such as mailboxes, parked cars and utility poles.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE

- * Recycled items do NOT require bagging or separation and may be placed loose within the provided 65 gallon recycle container.
- * Remove and discard all plastic lids, bottle tops and jar tops before placing items in the recycle container.

PAPER - Junk Mail, Catalogs, Magazines, Newspapers, Phone Books

GLASS - Clear, Brown and Green glass bottles and jars

ALUMINUM - Canned goods and pet foods

PLASTICS - Narrow-neck milk jugs, shampoo, water & soda bottles, laundry detergent jugs, plastic grocery bags

PAPERBOARD - Cereal boxes, food boxes, envelope boxes, gift boxes

CARDBOARD - Corrugated, shipping, moving and storage boxes

- * Residents may dispose of cardboard boxes by placing flattened boxes into the 65 gallon recycle container. Larger quantities of cardboard that cannot fit into the container should be **flattened, bundled with twine, and placed under or beside the recycle container**.
- * Residents may also dispose of large quantities of cardboard boxes by taking them to one of the recycle drop off stations located within Kent County.
- * The following items are **NOT RECYCLABLE** and should **NOT** be placed into the recycle container. These items should be placed in regular household garbage for disposal.

HOUSEHOLD GLASS - Window glass, Pyrex glass, Corning Ware or china dishware, light bulbs

ALUMINUM FOIL - Foil, disposable baking pans

STYROFOAM - Styrofoam packing material

OTHER INFORMATION

LANDFILL INFORMATION

- * All landfills are operated by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA).
- * The "Sandtown Landfill", located on Route 10 West in Sandtown, Delaware.
- * the DSWA Administration Office is located at 1128 South Bradford Street in Dover, Delaware.
- * A separate disposal fee may be charged by the landfill for disposal of certain items.
- * To locate a recycling drop off station or for additional information on any of the services and special programs provided by the DSWA, residents may call (800) 404-7080 or visit their website at www.dswa.com.

BILLING INFORMATION

- * Garbage collection service is billed once per year, in June, on the property owner's County Tax Bill.
- * Billing is for 1 tax year in advance. The tax year is June 1st through May 31st.

- * Residents that purchased a newly constructed home anytime during the current tax year will receive a pro-rated invoice, billing them for their garbage collection service for the number of months until the end of the current tax year.

LANDLORDS & RENTORS

- * Kent County bills for garbage collection service annually on the property owner's County tax bill. Kent County will **NOT** bill tenants or land-leased mobile home owners.
- * Property owners should provide their tenants with the "Garbage Collection & Recycling Guidelines".

QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding service and billing or to request a copy of the "Garbage Collection & Recycling Guidelines", please contact the **Kent County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division at (302) 744-2429 or visit our website at www.co.kent.de.us**.

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