



Dear Borough Resident,

Back in 2022, we made all residents aware that our current trash contract would expire at the end of June. Borough Administration went through the bid process for a new contract last month. The Borough received three bids and we went with the lowest bidder, which was A.J. Blosenski. Since we knew the cost of this contract was going to increase substantially due to the economy and other factors beyond our control, we chose a once a week trash and recycling pick up to keep the cost down. Malvern Borough was one of the last municipalities to have a two time a week pick up. Changing to a once a week pick up not only saves money, but it is also an environmentally conscious decision as well. Limiting the amount of times a large truck comes into the Borough will help our environment and streets. **Our pick up day for both trash and recycling will be on Fridays.**

Note that change only affects households whose trash is collected by the Borough. Apartment complexes and HOAs which arrange their own trash service are not affected by this change.

While we understand this is a change for most residents, we want to work with everyone to help with some best practices for reducing trash, trash storage and recycling. Here are a few tips we think will help with the updated pick up schedule:

- **All containers for the storage of household trash shall: completely confine the material so as not to create litter; be rodent and insect proof; not be subject to rust and corrosion; metal or plastic containers be regularly cleaned and maintained in a sanitary condition.**
- **Separate your recyclables and place them in Malvern Borough's blue recycling can. A list of what you can and cannot recycle is attached to this letter.**
- **While trash pickup is once a week, you may have more than one trash can out for pick up. Each residence is limited to 4 refuse containers (reusable) or 6 plastic bags per week.**
- **Try not to leave bags of trash out separately from a trash container. This can provide easy access for animals and rodents.**
- **Try composting! The Borough has a pilot program going on right now. Even though we have received 50 applicants for the pilot, you can still join on your own by visiting <https://backtoearthcompost.com/>**

More information from the Chester County Health Department on Solid Waste Disposal can be found here: <https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/432/504?bidId=>

You should also be aware that bulk trash collection will be returning to twice per year, rather than one item per week. Leaves and Christmas trees will still be collected as usual. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Borough Administration via phone at 610-644-2602 or via email at malvern@malvern.org.

“Let’s work together and keep Malvern clean!”

"HOW TO" ON RECYCLING

COMMINGLED: Place in blue bin

- Glass: Green, Brown & Clear
- Plastic: We now accept codes # 1-7 inside triangle on bottom of the container
- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Bi-Metal (Tin) Cans
- Container Form: Bottles, Cans, and Jars Only
- Rinse Clean; Labels and lids may be left on

PAPER & CARDBOARD: Place in additional blue bin, paper bag, or bundled

- Newspapers
- Phone books
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Colored paper
- White & Ledger paper
- Corrugated (cardboard boxes flattened)
- Paperboard (cereal type boxes)
- Envelopes (with and without windows)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING:

- Plate glass
- Aluminum foil
- Five gallon buckets
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Pesticides, Cleaners,
- Chemicals
- Window tempered glass
- Aluminum trays
- Flower pots
- Tissues
- Oil, transmission fluid
- Wrapping Paper
- Plastic cups
- Wax coated cartons

THOUGHT PROVOKING RECYCLING STATS

ALUMINUM

Recycling 1 pound of steel or aluminum saves enough energy for a 60 watt light bulb to run for over 1 day. This equates to enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes in 1 year.

PLASTIC

Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

GLASS

The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle can run a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. Recycling also results in 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than making a new bottle from raw materials.

PAPER

Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents an energy savings of 64%, water savings of 58%, and 60 lbs less air pollution.