

Town of Smithfield

COMING SOON!!!

Automated Collection & Single Stream Recycling

Fully Automated Trash & Recycling is coming to Smithfield!



Automation is a faster and more efficient way to collect trash and recycling. In addition to being more efficient, fully automated has many other advantages: neater, cleaner appearance of roadways, reduced roadside litter, safer traffic conditions for residents, safer working conditions for contractors, durable carts and easy to maneuver. The town will see a decrease in collection costs and an increase in the town's recycling rate. Fully automated collection is the future of trash and recycling and every City or Town that has initiated fully automated collection and single stream recycling has seen cost reductions and no City or Town has gone back from fully automated to manual collection.

When the new program starts (late summer or early fall) these new roll-out carts will replace your existing refuse and recycling receptacles and are required for your refuse and recyclables to be picked up curbside. Each home is entitled to receive, free of charge, two 65 gallon, wheeled carts. One will be for trash (green with a green lid) and one will be for your recyclables (green with a yellow lid). The "No Bin No Barrel" Policy will still be in effect. You always need to place a recycling cart at the curb in order to receive trash collection. These new carts will be delivered to your residence with no appointment necessary. The town will be offering extended hours for residents to drop off their old trash and recycling receptacles if they chose to. If you do not wish to drop off your old receptacles it will be the home owner's responsibility to dispose of them properly. The town will make every effort to make the drop off of old receptacles as convenient as possible.

Weekly collection of trash and recycling will continue, but residents having excess trash resulting from a large clean out or residents having large bulky items that are not recyclable may make an appointment for a collection once per month. The same procedure will take place for disposing of whitegoods, scrap metal and electronics. You would need to make an appointment for the once a month collection. You may either call 233-1034 ext. 105 to make that appointment or you can go on line at www.smithfieldri/recycling/. There will be no fee for this service.

Lawn and yard waste will still be collected in the same manner it has always been. Please continue to utilize the 2013 Waste and Recycling Collection calendar for the lawn and yard waste schedule. The calendar is posted on the town's website at www.smithfieldri.com or at the following locations, Smithfield Town Hall, East Smithfield Library, Greenville Library, The Senior Center or the Department of Public Works.

I have also posted some frequently asked questions and answers on line to address some of your concerns. If there is something I've missed, please feel free to give me a call and I would be more than happy to give you an answer. Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful month.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Will I have to pay for my carts? No. All residents participating in the town's trash and recycling program will be issued two Town owned carts at no charge.

What size are my carts? All residents will receive two 65-gallon carts (one for trash and one for single stream recycling).

How will I know which cart is for trash and which cart is for recycling? The lid of the recycling cart is yellow and is labeled "RECYCLING ONLY". The lid of the trash cart is green and labeled "TRASH ONLY".

Why are the carts green? The Town chose carts in earth tone colors so they will blend into the landscape. Recycling carts are forest green with a yellow lid, and trash carts are forest green with a green lid. All carts will have the Town seal on the side and will be linked to the location via a serial number embedded in the plastic.

I already have a rolling cart at home, can I use that one? No. Only those carts provided by the Town will work with the automated system to lift the carts. Carts other than those provided by the Town will not be collected once automated collection has begun.

What should I do with my old trash cans and recycling bins? Clean and empty trash cans and recycle bins can be brought to the Department of Public Works, 3 Spragueville Road to be recycled during normal business hours. Old trash cans could be re-purposed for your lawn and yard waste.

If everyone's carts look the same, how will I know which cart is mine? Each cart will have a serial number and barcode embedded in the plastic and assigned to individual addresses. The lid to each cart will also have a white label where you can write your address no other markings are permitted to be placed on the carts.

What do I do with my cart if I move? Carts are issued by the Town and are the property of the Town and must remain at the property/address to which they are assigned. It is the responsibility

of the new home owner to check and make sure both carts are on the premises prior to occupancy. Landlords are responsible for ensuring carts are available for renters or occupants for each dwelling unit. If you are moving, please inform the Recycling Coordinator of changes in occupancy by calling 401-233-1034 ext. 105 or email to lgagnon@smithfieldri.com

The new carts look big. Are they easy to wheel to and from the curb? The new carts are easier and safer to maneuver around than a similar sized trash barrel. 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.

I have a long driveway. How will I get my carts to the curb each week? The new carts are extremely easy to wheel to and from the curb. Some residents with long driveways may wish to create a convenient area at the edge of their property to store their carts. Carts must be stored on the resident's property and cannot be left curbside for more than 24 hours.

Will lawn and yard waste still be collected? Yes, it will. Lawn and Yard Waste will still be collected according to the Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar. The trash and recycling will be collected first and then a separate truck will go back over the routes to collect your lawn and yard waste. Lawn and leaf debris shall NOT be placed in either of the automated carts.

Won't the new carts be more difficult in snow and ice? No. It should be no more difficult if not easier to maneuver than traditional trash and recycling containers. It is actually safer and easier to move the new carts in snow and ice rather than our existing barrels.

Will I have to shovel a larger area of snow to put these carts out? While the new carts have a similar size footprint to existing trash and recycling containers, additional snow removal may be necessary depending on the carts designated curbside location.

Will I have to shovel snow off these carts in the morning like my existing bags or barrels? No. The mechanical arm can reach in and pull the cart out of the snow. Snow on the lid of the cart will not affect collection.

Will the new carts tip over in the wind? The new carts are very stable and withstand winds up to 35-45 MPH when empty. The lids are attached and won't blow away.

Are the new carts animal proof? The new carts are the most animal proof available. If you store your cart outside and encounter a problem with animals, you can use a bungee cord to secure the lid to the lift bar, but please remember to remove the bungee cord on your collection day or your cart will not be emptied.

Will the new carts take up more space? The footprints of the carts are not very different than those of the blue recycle bins or a typical trash barrel. The major difference is the height of the cart vs. your existing containers.

My recycling cart is too small. Can I get a larger cart? Residents with an excess of recycling are permitted to exchange their Town owned 65- gallon cart for a larger (96-gallon approximate) at no cost. Please note that exchanges are not permitted within the first 4 - 6 months from the start of the automation program.

My trash cart is too small. Can I get a larger cart? Resident with an excess of solid waste are permitted to exchange their Town owned 65-gallon cart for a larger (96-gallon cart). There will be a one-time charge for the upgrade. Carts to be exchanged must be clean and in good condition. Please note that exchanges are not permitted within the first 4 - 6 months from the start of the automation program.

How often will my trash and recycling be collected? Both trash and recycling will be collected weekly, and on the same collection day as they are now. Please make sure that your carts are out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled day. In order for your trash cart to be emptied it must be accompanied by the recycling carts.

How do I prepare my trash cart for weekly set-out? All trash must be bagged before being placed in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material may be sticking out of the cart. Place cart no more than three feet from the street and at least four feet from obstacles such as mailboxes and telephone poles. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and arrows on the lid should face the street and the carts should be approximately 3 feet apart or one on each side of the driveway.

How do I prepare my recycling cart for weekly set-out? Place mixed recyclables loose in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material may be sticking out of the cart. Place cart no more than three feet from the street and at least four feet from obstacles such as mailboxes and telephone poles. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and arrows on the lid should face the street and the carts should be approximately 3 feet apart or one on each side of the driveway.

Do I have to put both carts out each week? No, you do not. In order for your trash to be collected you need to always have a recycling cart out with the trash cart. You do have the option of just putting a recycling cart out or nothing at all.

Who will maintain my cart? Department of Public Works will be responsible for repairs including, but not limited to wheels, axels, lids, hinge pins, and replacement of carts damaged by Town plows or Town vehicles. The trash contractor is responsible for replacement/repair of carts damaged by the contractor. Residents are responsible for regular periodic cleaning and disinfecting the carts, properly storing the carts each week and during extended absences.

What if my cart is stolen? If a cart is stolen, the resident must go to the Smithfield Police Department and file a report. A copy of the report must be submitted to DPW with a written

request for a new cart. Residents are allowed one Town owned replacement cart per dwelling at no charge in the event a cart is stolen.

What should I do with overflow trash that does not fit into my cart? Residents with an excess of solid waste are permitted to exchange their Town owned 65-gallon cart for a larger (96-gallon cart). There will be a one-time charge for the upgrade. Carts to be exchanged must be clean and in good condition. Please note that exchanges are not permitted within the first 4 - 6 months from the start of the automation program. If you have an occasional overflow of trash you would need to hold it over until the next regular collection day.

How do I get rid of large or bulky items (sofa, heavy-item) that are not recyclable? To schedule a pick-up, go to our [online form](#). Please place bulky items out for collection no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up day. You can also schedule an appointment by calling 233-1034 ext. 105. Bulky items will be picked up once per month by appointment only.

- Bulky items may not be made of metal, cannot be more than 6 feet long and may not weigh more than 60 pounds.
- Carpets must be cut to lengths of 3 feet, rolled and tied.
- Contractors are responsible to dispose of their own building materials and remodeling debris.

How will I get rid of large appliances?

White Goods/Appliances are collected for recycling on the 1st Friday of the month.

Electronics are collected for recycling on the 2nd Friday of the month,

To schedule a pick-up, go to our [online form](#). Please place e-waste/appliances out for collection no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up day. Please remove doors from refrigerators, and place next to the unit. You can also schedule an appointment by calling 233-1034 ext. 105.

Winter Storm Automated Collection Tips:

When snow is predicted to fall during the overnight hours please wait until early morning to put out your trash and recycling carts so that plow trucks can efficiently clean snow during the overnight hours.

Please have your carts out by 6:00 am and be sure to properly space them 3 feet apart and 4 feet from other obstacles such as snow banks, cars, poles and mailboxes.

Please bring empty carts in as soon as possible to allow plow trucks to complete access to roadways.

Updates and changes will be posted on this page and a message will be left on the Recycling Coordinator's voicemail 233-1034 ext. 105.

Automated Collection Tips:

All trash and recyclables must be in Town provided carts.

Place one cart on each side of the driveway or 3 feet apart.

Place carts no more than 3 feet from the curb or road edge.

Trash and Recycling carts are the property of the Town and no markings are permitted on the cart other than in the white address label on top.

Arrows on cart lid face the street

Cart lids must be closed with no material sticking out, and no material may be placed on top of the cart lid.

Changes or delays in your trash/recycling pick-up are posted on this webpage and a message will also be left on the Recycling Coordinator's voicemail 233-1034 ext. 105. Please contact

Lori Gagnon with questions at lgagnon@smithfieldri.com or by calling 233-1034 ext. 105.