

# ONE AND DONE

Recycling, trash and compost all collected on the same day.

## Laurel, say hello to your new carts!

**Your home is receiving new carts** thanks in part, to an important relationship between the City of Laurel and The Recycling Partnership, a nonprofit organization utilizing public-private partnerships to transform recycling across America. Your community was selected to receive grant support because of the City's long-standing dedication to advancing recycling in the community.

**Your new *Blue* carts for recycling and Black carts for trash**, roll easily to the curb, provide large capacity for materials, and the attached lids help keep contents from blowing away. The new, larger, *blue* recycling carts make it easier for you to recycle more. The more we recycle these materials, instead of sending them to the landfill, the more we provide to manufacturers to use to create the products and packaging we buy and use every day. In all, everyone wins when recycling with carts.

**The City of Laurel's new One And Done Collection is here!** Simplifying your collections: trash, recycling and composting will all be collected on the same day! Easy! Larger recycling containers make it easier for you to recycle more and keep recyclables out of our landfill. Keeping recycling and food waste out of our landfills helps to reduce Green House Gas emissions by reducing methane gases at the landfill. Your support for this new program will go a long way in creating a "Green and Sustainable" Laurel for current and future generations of Laurel residents.

**The City of Laurel, The Recycling Partnership and The Partnership's funding members know that recycling is fundamental to a healthy environment and economy.**

When we recycle, jobs are created, our environment is protected, and communities thrive.

Thank you, Laurel, for making the most of these new carts.

**Craig A. Moe**  
Mayor  
City of Laurel

**Keefe Harrison**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Recycling Partnership



To learn more:  
visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone)  
or email [OneAndDone@Laurel.md.us](mailto:OneAndDone@Laurel.md.us)  
or call **240-294-1305**.



# CITY OF LAUREL, MEET YOUR NEW CARTS!

No more worries about losing your lid; critter snacking or dragging carts to the curb! Your new trash and recycling carts have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep things tidy. The larger recycling cart makes recycling easier and the new trash cart will help make the transition to a once a week collection a snap. Add the voluntary curbside composting collection and this is a true win-win for you!

## WHY IS THE CITY SWITCHING TO ONCE A WEEK COLLECTION?

It's all about the environment and economics. Reducing what we send to a landfill, in turn, reduces the amount of greenhouse gases emitted at the landfill—most notably methane gas. Recycling more, reusing items and composting our food waste is a simple and effective way to have a direct impact on lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling also saves money! The cost of landfilling our waste is almost three times more than recycling and composting. Saving the environment and saving money is a big win for current and future generations of Laurel residents.

## WHAT ARE MY NEW TRASH AND RECYCLING DAYS?

We want to simplify your life and make it easy—your new One And Done day is your old recycling day! Both trash and recycling will be collected on your old recycling day. Check your collection schedule on the new map, Recycle Coach or by checking out [www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone). If you are part of the voluntary curbside composting program, your collection day will be on the same day. It is really One and Done!

## WHY ARE WE CHANGING RECYCLING CARTS FROM GREEN TO BLUE?

Blue is the color most often nationally recognized for “recycling”. In addition to being consistent, the new 65-gallon carts contain up to 40% post-consumer recycled content including 10% ocean bound plastics—another way the City is keeping plastic bags out of the oceans.

## HOW DO I SET OUT MY CARTS PROPERLY ON COLLECTION DAY?

Place your carts at the curb after 7 p.m. the night before your collection day or no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. Place the carts by the curb with the handle facing away from the street and make sure the sidewalk is not completely blocked.

## DO I HAVE TO PUT MY RECYCLING IN THE NEW CART? DO I HAVE TO PUT MY TRASH IN THE NEW CART?

Yes to both questions. Residents must use the new carts to for recycling and trash collection. Recycling should be placed loose in the cart, not in plastic bags. Large cardboard boxes should be collapsed and stacked next to your recycling cart. Trash may be placed in plastic bags and placed inside the black cart.

## WHAT MATERIALS CAN I PUT IN THE RECYCLING CART?

Your new cart comes with information about what can be recycled, and you can find a detailed list online at [www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone).

## CAN I RECYCLE HOSES, CORDS, WIRES, OR CLOTHES IN MY CART?

No. These items wrap around equipment at the recycling processing facility, creating a safety hazard for workers and causing facility shutdowns. You can schedule a curbside special pickup via [DPW@laurel.md.us](mailto:DPW@laurel.md.us). Lightly-used clothing can be donated to charitable organizations. Cords and wires can also be saved for our twice-a-year electronics recycling event in April and October.

## CAN I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC WRAP IN MY CART?

No. Plastic bags and wrap cause equipment jams at the recycling processing facility. Your household plastic film—like grocery bags, drink case wrapping, cling wrap, and bubble wrap—can be dropped off at almost any large retail or grocery store for recycling.

## CAN I RECYCLE SHREDDED PAPER IN MY CART?

Yes, but it must be placed in a sealed paper bag or a sealed cardboard box so the small, shredded pieces won't be loose in the cart and fly around the neighborhood.

## NEW CARTS WERE DELIVERED TO MY HOME, BUT I DO NOT WANT THEM. WILL YOU TAKE IT BACK?

No. Households **MUST** use the new carts to set out recycling and trash moving forward.

## WHAT IF I WANT A DIFFERENT SIZE CART? OR AN ADDITIONAL CART?

The new 65-gallon carts are designed to provide enough space for the average household. Additional recycling carts will be provided at no extra charge! If after 90 days you find you need a different cart size, please contact City of Laurel DPW at 240-294-1305 or e-mail: [OneAndDone@laurel.md.us](mailto:OneAndDone@laurel.md.us).

## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD BIN/CART?

The City is collecting all old, green recycling bins and carts. The City will also collect your old trash cans by request or you can keep them for your yard debris. Please place any old green recycling carts out at the curb and they will be removed. You can also call or email our office at 240-294-1305 or [OneAndDone@laurel.md.us](mailto:OneAndDone@laurel.md.us) to schedule a day for us to collect your old green recycling cart or your old trash can.

## WHAT IF MY NEW CART IS STOLEN OR DAMAGED?

Each cart will be assigned to an address and can be identified by its RFID tag. If your cart is lost or stolen, please call 240-294-1305 or e-mail: [OneAndDone@laurel.md.us](mailto:OneAndDone@laurel.md.us). You may write your house number on the cart with a permanent marker for easy identification.

## I HAVE SO MUCH TRASH—WHAT CAN I DO?

We understand that changes can be difficult, but some **easy ways to manage your waste collection** is to:

1. Understand what can be placed in your curbside recycling collection – visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/GreenLiving](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/GreenLiving) for shortcuts to “recycle” right, Recycle Coach (for up-to-date changes to the program) and Reduce/Reuse events hosted by Public Works.
2. Sign up for the City's curbside food waste collection—the organic material collected from your household will greatly reduce the amount of “trash” in addition to reducing methane gas emissions from the landfill. As an extra incentive, residents participating in the program will get free composting twice per year.
3. Do not place household electronics, furniture or other non-organic materials in your trash, these are collected as part of a bulky item pick up.



To learn more: visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/OneAndDone) or email [OneAndDone@Laurel.md.us](mailto:OneAndDone@Laurel.md.us) or call 240-294-1305.