

- Trash piles must be at least three feet away from obstacles like mailboxes, fences, trees, telephone poles, etc. to avoid damage. Trash piles placed too close to these items may not be collected.
- Trash piles must be in reach of the mechanical arm of the truck. Place items within ten feet of the curb.
- Trash piles must not be locked by cars or other objects. Piles that are blocked will not be collected.
- Do not place trash piles at the end of a cul-de-sac or dead end street.

What Can I Recycle?

www.tuscaloosa.com/recycle

Newspapers & Magazines

Including all inserts. Bundle and separate from mixed paper.

Paper

All types. Bundled separate from newspaper/magazines. Staples, plastic windows, and shredded paper are ok.

Cardboard

Empty and flattened.

Aluminum and Steel Cans

Clean and empty. Labels are ok. Aerosol cans are accepted if empty and the plastic lids are removed.

Plastics

- **Plastics #1**—Stamped. Ex: water bottles, soda bottles, salad trays and berry trays. Lids and labels are ok.
- **Plastics #2**—Bottles ONLY. Stamped. Ex: milk jugs, detergent bottles. Lids and labels are ok.
- **Plastic film**— Clean grocery bags, bread bags, etc. Bundle.

Glass Bottles & Jars

DROP OFF ONLY. Separate by color. Lids and labels are ok.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING AT CURBSIDE OR AT DROP-OFF TRAILERS

Household Garbage	Aluminum Foil Items
Clothes Hangers	Construction Materials
Styrofoam	Diapers
Wax-lined Containers	Hard Plastics #3-#7

Metallic-lined Bags

Free Drop Off Electronic Recycling

Electronics can be brought to the ESD main office for recycling. Visit www.tuscaloosa.com/recycle for the list of accepted item. NO TELEVISION.

Take the Tour

Tour the new recycling plant and see how recycling is working in Tuscaloosa and for Tuscaloosa! Call Tuscaloosa 311 or email ESD@tuscaloosa.com to schedule a tour.

Disabled Collection Service

For our customers who are physically unable to roll a garbage cart or carry the recycling bin to the curb, we proudly provide



disabled collection service for both garbage and recycling at not extra charge. This service is not provided when other physically able adults are in the home. For more information, contact ESD.

NEED TO REPORT A LITTER BUG OR AN AREA IN NEED OF LITTER CLEAN-UP?

You can help ESD and the Tuscaloosa Police stop litter bugs. When you see litter thrown from a car, report the litter bug by calling Tuscaloosa 311 with the license plate number. ESD and TPD will send an educational letter, including penalty information, to the registered owner of the vehicle from which the litter was thrown, along with a litter bag for their car.

Area's in need of litter clean-up can be reported through Tuscaloosa 311.

Tuscaloosa **311**.com

Tuscaloosa 311 (205-248-5311)

Customer Guide

The easy-to-follow overview of ESD services for City of Tuscaloosa residential and non-residential garbage customers.



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RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

The city of Tuscaloosa offers several recycling options for citizens and businesses of Tuscaloosa and surrounding areas. All city of Tuscaloosa residential garbage customers may choose to utilize our curbside recycling program. The service and the recycling bin are offered at no charge.

Curbside recycling is collected on the same day as garbage and trash. Contact Tuscaloosa 311 to request a bin or find out more information on our curbside recycling program. Those that do not receive City services, or live outside City limits may use the public drop-off recycling trailers located throughout the County. Visit our website www.tuscaloosa.com/recycle to see a list of current drop-off and glass only glass drop-off locations.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES OVERVIEW

The city of Tuscaloosa Environmental Services Department provides garbage, trash, recycling, environmental code enforcement and litter control services for residents and businesses in the corporate city limits of Tuscaloosa.

Collection Days

Curbside garbage, trash, and recycling routes are all collected on the same day of the week for each customer, with routes running Monday through Thursday. Please contact us or visit our website to determine your regular collection day.

Collection Times

Collection routes begin early. Garbage carts, recycling bins, and trash piles must be placed at the curb before 7AM (before 6AM from Memorial Day to Labor Day) to ensure collection. Carts, bins, and piles placed on the curb later may not be collected.

Holidays

When a City observed holiday affects solid waste collection, routes will resume on the next scheduled workday. Generally, routes will be collected the day after the normal collection day, but may be two days later in some cases. Please contact us or visit our website for specific holiday collection information.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE OVERVIEW

City garbage service is mandatory for all single family residential premises in Tuscaloosa. Multi-family and non-residential premises may be eligible for City garbage service. If these properties are ineligible or do not subscribe to City garbage service, they must contract with a licensed commercial solid waste provider for private dumpster service.

The use of City regulated garbage carts is required for ESD garbage collection. Carts will not be collected if overloaded or if they contain unacceptable items.

What goes in my garbage cart?

General household waste generated (i.e. waste from kitchens and bathrooms)

What cannot go in my garbage cart?

Items that should be set out for trash (i.e. construction or yard waste), unprepared residential medical waste (i.e. unprotected needles), bodily wastes, unprotected broken items that could harm crew workers (i.e. broken mirrors or glass) or hazardous wastes (i.e. fuels, liquid paints, fertilizers, etc...)

How do I prepare my garbage for collection?

All garbage should be bagged before placing inside your garbage cart. All bags must be contained inside the cart. To protect ESD crew workers, bags of garbage left outside the garbage cart will NOT be collected.

When do I put my cart at the curb?

Carts should be at the curb before the start of the routes on your regular collection day to ensure collection. See the Solid Waste Services Overview section for information.

Do I have to remove my cart from the curb by a certain time?

Yes. Carts must be removed from the City right-of-way by 8AM the day after collection. Properties in the Historic District must store their carts behind the front of the house unless at the curb for normal collection or service.



GARBAGE CART INFORMATION

How do I get a City regulated cart?

The owner of the property must contact Tuscaloosa 311 to request a cart. A cart will be delivered to an address as long as we have not delivered a City-owned cart to property before.

What if my cart breaks or is broken?

Carts are repaired at no charge, if the damage was due to normal wear and tear. The owner of the property must call Tuscaloosa 311 to generate a request for garbage cart service.

What if my cart is lost/missing/stolen?

The city of Tuscaloosa does not replace City-owned carts that are lost, missing or stolen, but we will help you try and locate a stolen cart. The owner of the property must call Tuscaloosa 311 to generate a request for garbage cart service. If the cart cannot be found, the property owner will be required to purchase the City a Replacement cart.

Can I take my cart when I move?

It depends. If you purchased a City regulated cart before the new program began on October 1, 2007, then the cart is your property and may be moved. Any cart that you did not purchase or any cart that is owned by the city of Tuscaloosa must remain at the address to which it was delivered.

TRASH COLLECTION

The city of Tuscaloosa Environmental Services Department provides once a week residential trash collection free of charge for family unities that also receive garbage collection services from the City with active current City water accounts. Trash from non-residential businesses will NOT be collected.

The City will not collect more than 20 cubic yards of trash from any one premise per weekly service.

What should be put out on my trash day?

Bulky items such as household furniture and tree limbs are collected on this day.

When should my trash be placed on the curb?

Trash must be placed at the curb on your collection day before the routes begin to ensure collection. See route day and time information in the Solid Waste Collection Services Overview section.

How do I prepare my trash for collection?

Limbs, brush, shrubbery, and other yard waste should be shorter than 8 feet and less than 8 inches in diameter. Please bag all leaves and loose debris.

Leaves and yard clippings must be bagged so that they will not blow away or clog storm drains.

What items are unacceptable in the trash pile?

Paper, cartons, cardboard, refuse, garbage, litter, rubbish, sludge, liquids, toxic or hazardous waste will not be accepted for trash collection.

ESD will not collect trash from or generated by private contactors, including landscapers, tree surgeons and general contactors. It is unlawful for these contractors to place debris at the curb for City collection.

Where should my trash be placed for collection?

- Trash piles should be placed at the curb in front of the residence. Trash should not be placed in the street. ESD will not collect trash placed in front of a vacant lot.
- Do not place trash piles under utility lines, wires or trees.