

Automated Trash Collection Frequently Asked Questions

Why has Eastampton Township moved to an automated trash truck?

The Township considered many factors before making the final determination. Communities that have chosen to go with an automated service have reported a significant reduction in the amount of trips taken to the landfill. This has the additional benefit of reducing the cost of fuel for the trash truck. The new containers with lids keeps rain and snow from impacting the weight of the loads delivered to the landfill, further reducing tonnage costs. Automation is a faster and more efficient way to collect residential solid waste. It was more cost effective to transition to the automated trash collection system then to continually repair outdated equipment on multiple vehicles. There were many instances where trash collection was delayed due to the maintenance of these outdated pieces of equipment. We wish to minimize any equipment related delays to our residents.

In a time when many communities have to contend with 2% caps on their expenditures and facing a higher cost for trash collection, it was determined an automated trash collection system offered the township the best opportunity to provide the service without negatively impacting other services.

In addition to time and cost savings, the program will help keep our neighborhoods neat and clean, improve safety on residential streets, and provide safer working conditions for trash collectors.

When and how will we receive our new carts?

Carts will be delivered to every household in the Township on or about the week of January 27, 2020.

Do I have to pay for my new trash cart?

No. All households will receive one new, 96-gallon trash cart at no charge. There is also a 10-yr. manufacturer's warranty on the trash cart provided.

What do I do if I have a large household and need a second cart?

Each trash cart holds approximately 8-9 average filled 13-gallon bags of trash. This equals an equivalent of 3-4 average household trash cans. We ask that residents take the opportunity to use the trash cart for their weekly household trash collection to see how much trash it can accommodate before purchasing a second cart at the cost of \$70.00. During the initial rollout phase of this program quantities are unavailable for the purchase of a second cart, but we will have a second cart request list for when additional quantities are available.

What do the new carts look like?

Eastampton's new trash carts are very similar to your blue recycling cart, and these uniform carts will help keep our residential streets neat and clean. The carts will have the Eastampton logo on the sides and lid, and will be linked to your address via a serial number embedded in the plastic. (Please note Eastampton's carts will be **green**, not gray as seen in the sample picture below.)



How do I prepare my trash cart for weekly collection?

All trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material should be sticking out of the cart. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and the lid opening should face the street. Trash carts should be placed at the curb at least 4 feet from obstacles such as mailboxes, telephone poles and any overhead obstructions.

When will automated trash collection begin?

Automated collection will begin the week of February 4, 2020.

Will my collection day remain the same?

Yes. Your trash will continue to be collected weekly on the same collection day.

How many carts can be put out for collection?

As per Ordinance 2019-17 a maximum of 2 trash carts per household will be collected.