



Working with your Collector

After completing your waste audit, discuss any necessary changes with your collector.

Topics for Discussion include:

- Frequency of collection of trash & recycling at your property (trash and recycling is required to be collected at least once a week).
- Container needs of the property:
 - Number of containers/dumpsters needed.
 - Location of these containers/dumpsters.
- Discuss potential recycling contamination issues and possible solutions.
- Consider all other items you need to manage, including appliances, furniture, kitchen grease, fluorescent bulbs, etc., that must be managed sustainably.

Notes on Container Needs of the Property

Research the different sizes of wheeled carts and dumpsters available and think about what the best solution would be for your property. Keep in mind that:

- Recycling containers must be at least 25% the capacity of the trash containers.
- Ease of use - are the refuse and recycling locations convenient for residents?
- All containers must be labeled appropriately, indicating the materials that should be placed in the container, and the hauler name (at a minimum).

Costs of Collection

Keep in mind that recycling is required in Fairfax County. Your collector should provide you with a service cost that includes recycling in the base price. Recycling service should never be optional.

