

TOWN OF DURHAM, ME

A Guide to Your Recycling & Trash Service

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

- Trash and recycling collection occurs weekly on your scheduled day, either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday
- **Please begin using your carts the week of April 15, 2026.**
- Residents will no longer have to provide their own bins. Casella will provide each resident two carts, one for trash and one for recycling.
- Casella will no longer collect any material left outside of the carts.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will automated collection begin?

Automated collection will begin the week of April 15, 2026.

How will I know which cart is for trash and which cart is for recycling?

Each cart will have a different lid color to distinguish its purpose: black for trash and blue for recycling.

Will I have to use the new carts provided by Casella?

Yes. The new automated collection system is designed to work exclusively with specific carts provided for the program and cannot accommodate other carts or bins.

Do I still need to use Town trash tags?

No. Trash tags are no longer being sold or used. The Town of Durham will be transitioning to a bag system in August.

Where will I be able to purchase bags?

The Town is still determining the retail locations where bags will be available.

Who can I contact if my cart is broken or damaged?

Residents will contact Casella for any issues or inquiries with their carts.

Who can I contact if I have an issue with trash and recycling collection?

Residents can contact Casella's customer service representatives at **207-518-8653** or report issues through Casella's App.



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Place containers at the curb the night before pickup day, or by 7:00 AM on the day of collection.

2026-2027 CURBSIDE PICKUP CALENDAR

- Your pickup day is either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.
- If your collection day falls on a holiday, there will be a one-day delay in service. All subsequent collection days that week will also be delayed one day.
- Holiday delay:** New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas only.

APRIL 2026

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OCTOBER 2026

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DECEMBER 2026

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FEBRUARY 2027

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MARCH 2027

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KEY: WED THUR FRI = Recycling and trash pickup 📅 = Holiday with one day delay



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QUESTIONS?

Call Casella at 207-518-8653 or visit durhammaine.gov or scan the QR code >>



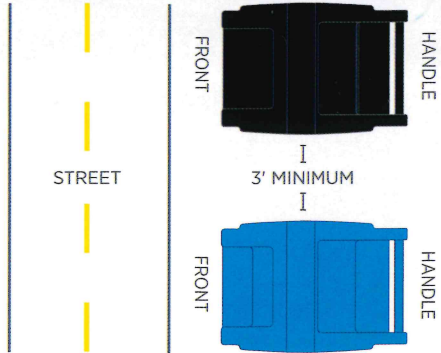


CURBSIDE CONTAINER PLACEMENT GUIDE

Do not start using your carts until the week of April 15, 2026.

PROPER CONTAINER PLACEMENT

Put containers on a hard, level surface clear of obstructions such as snow, landscaping, mailboxes, and utility poles. Do not block the sidewalk.



CONTAINER DON'TS



Containers must remain upright for pickup



Keep all materials inside the container



Do not place containers back to back



Keep container clear of all obstructions

WINTER CART INFORMATION

For safety reasons, Casella only services roads that have been plowed and treated appropriately. If you live on a private road, **please ensure the road is plowed and treated prior to 6:00 AM.**

Casella's drivers work long hours to serve hundreds of customers. Please be patient and avoid calling in a missed collection before 3:00 PM. **Winter weather can cause delays**, resulting in the truck being in any given area later than normal.

Keep cart lids closed to prevent water from entering and freezing at the bottom. Store carts indoors or covered if you can.

Avoid placing your carts in the street when there is a winter storm. This creates a hazard to vehicles, including the towns plow trucks.

If there is snow on the ground, dig out a spot for your cart where it is typically placed. **Avoid placing your cart on snow piles.** Melting or shifting snow could cause the carts to fall over and spill out their contents. The uneven ground will make it difficult for the truck to set the carts back down.

NOT ACCEPTED



BETTER RECYCLING STARTS HERE

THESE ITEMS **DON'T** BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN



PLASTIC BAGS



BAGGED RECYCLABLES



CLOTHING/TEXTILES



TANGLERS



SCRAP METAL ITEMS



BATTERIES



MEDICAL WASTE



FOOD WASTE/LIQUIDS



ELECTRONICS



**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
OR EXPLOSIVES**



**PLASTIC WRAP,
FILMS, OR TARPS**



**WOOD, WASTE,
OR TIRES**



**DISPOSABLE
ITEMS**

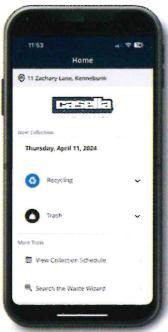
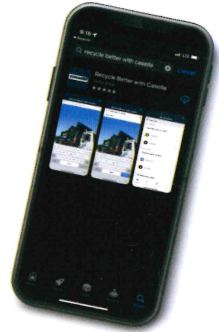


**BROKEN CERAMICS
OR BAKING GLASS**

RECYCLE BETTER WITH THE CASELLA APP

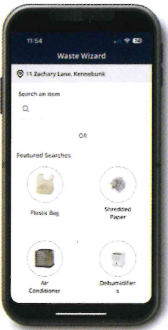
Casella's App makes it even easier for you to stay connected about your trash and recycling collection program

Get information specific to residents including a **collection calendar with reminders**, and a **searchable Waste Wizard A-Z listing** tool.



The Collection Calendar

- Receive service day reminders on your mobile device and never miss a collection day again.
- Get real time updates for service delays due to unplanned interruptions such as inclement weather.
- Choose how to receive notifications with options like an alert to your smartphone, text message, email, or phone call.



The Waste Wizard A-Z Tool

- Searchable listing of materials which gives you information on how to properly dispose or recycle items.
- If an item that cannot be taken with your curbside collection, the App will advise you of options on where and how to recycle or dispose of the item correctly.

RECYCLING

Toss **ONLY** unbagged, loose recyclable items listed below into your recycling bin

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Cardboard & Boxboard
(Clean & dry)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, Office Paper & Paper Cups
(Paper bags & cups, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tub, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry & bath containers & clamshell packaging)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Clean foil & empty food or beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & drink containers only)

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE BETTER!

- No items smaller than 2" in size
- All containers are empty, rinsed, & dry
- Cardboard is flattened & broken down
- There are NO items from the **NOT ACCEPTED** list in the recycling bin



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For recycling tips and resources, visit casella.com/RecycleBetter