Washington, DC Sanitation Schedule

Hauler: District of Columbia Department of Public Works | Support Phone: 202-673-6833

REGULAR TRASH

Days: Mon - Fri (by zone)

Frequency: weekly

Cart Out: By 6:00 AM

Container Placement:

- City-issued green DPW trash cart
- Set out containers between 6:30 ...
- All household trash must be bagg...

RECYCLING GUIDE

Days: Same day as trash

Stream: single stream

Accepted in Bins (Clean & Dry):

[OK] Paper items (office paper, fla...
[OK] Plastics (plastic bottles, jug...
[OK] Metal containers (aluminum can...

Never in Bins (No Bags/Batteries):

[X] Plastic bags, plastic wraps, a...
[X] Foam and polystyrene (Styrofoa...

BULK & YARD WASTE

Bulk: Yes (7 items max)

Rule: DPW collects bulky items by ap...

Notice: call 202-673-6833

Curbside Yard Waste:

Days: Same day as trash

- Yard waste must be placed in br...

2026 OBSERVED HOLIDAY DELAY SCHEDULE

Delay Strategy: one day slide

HOLIDAY	2026 DATE	WEEKDAY	COLLECTION IMPACT & SERVICE SHIFT
New Year's Day	2026-01-01	Thursday	Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	2026-01-19	Monday	Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat
Presidents' Day	2026-02-16	Monday	Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat
Memorial Day	2026-05-25	Monday	Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat
Juneteenth	2026-06-19	Friday	Friday routes delayed to Saturday
Independence Day	2026-07-04	Saturday	Weekend holiday; routes unchanged
Labor Day	2026-09-07	Monday	Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat
Columbus Day	2026-10-12	Monday	Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat
Veterans Day	2026-11-11	Wednesday	Wed, Thu & Fri delayed 1 day
Thanksgiving Day	2026-11-26	Thursday	Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day
Christmas Day	2026-12-25	Friday	Friday routes delayed to Saturday

CURBSIDE PLACEMENT & BEST PRACTICES:

- Space carts at least 3 to 5 feet apart from mailboxes, parked vehicles, and utility poles.
- Point cart handles toward your house and wheels against the curb or street pavement edge.
- Bag household trash to prevent windblown litter during automated side-loader truck collection.