

Trash and Recycling Additional Information



Why is the Town going to a Trash and Recycling Cart/Tote System for collecting trash and recycling?

To reduce costs. In 2021, the first year of the last contract, the annual town cost for trash and recycling collection was \$286,000. In 2024, the first year of the new contract, annual cost was \$484,000. From FY 2021 to the end of the current contract, those costs are going to increase 87%. By instituting the cart/tote system, the Town was able to negotiate a modest increase for trash collection by extending the existing contract.

Does the Town send the trash and recycling out to bid?

Yes, Trash/Recycling Collection is sent out to bid every 3 to 5 years. Under the current bid cycle, the town selected the contractor with the lowest bid proposal.

Was the decision of Cart/Tote system ever discussed in a Public Meeting?

Yes, the trash/recycling collection Cart/Tote subject was discussed in several town meetings: on January 24, 2024, on February 6, 2024, on February 20, 2024, March 5, and on several FY 2025 Budget Hearings. If you are unable to attend a town meeting, you can listen online through the webinar link provided. Also, all meetings are recorded and posted on the town's website. We encourage you to visit the town's website at www.perryvillemd.org, under the Town Meeting tab to listen to all recorded town meetings.

What if I can't place my carts/totes 3ft apart?

Having to place carts/totes 3ft apart only applies to those residents who have multiple carts/totes. Residents will be given one trash cart/totes and one recycling cart/tote and because trash and recycling do not occur on the same day this will not effect most residents. If residents need additional cart/totes for either trash or recycling they must contact and purchase them through Trash Tech directly.

To view a short video please copy & paste the link below to your browser:

[Columbia Solid Waste carries out first automated trash collection for roll carts \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)