

FAQs about the Borough's new trash contract. Any additional questions or concerns can be emailed to Isaiah Breinig at ibreinig@publicservices.com or 908-323-6640.

1. When do we have to start using these new carts?

January 1st, 2026. You may still use your old cans until December 31st, 2025.

2. I didn't hear anything about this switch of service, where was it advertised?

Information regarding the new trash contract has been publicly posted for a while now in several locations. The Facebook page has it posted multiple times, our Borough website has it in several locations, it was mailed out to all residents in the most recent Borough Newsletter (page 4), it was discussed and advertised publicly at several Borough Council meetings, and the Borough has been handing out flyers to residents who come into the Borough office physically. We have also been asking residents who stop in to inform their neighbors of this change in case they missed the news or do not have a computer.

Additionally, Republic Services is mailing out information in the form of a brochure. We will link the brochure below in case you have not seen it yet.

<https://www.sellersvilleboro.org/forms/trash2026.pdf>

3. I live in an HOA, will I be getting trash carts?

If you are located within an HOA, please contact your HOA board or representatives for more information. HOAs have been working separately with Republic Services to create a plan that does not violate their board rules and works best for their development's layout. Republic is aware that not every area of the Borough is conducive to automatic pickup and they have assured us that they will be flexible in meeting the needs of these residents. We are thankful that Republic has agreed to provide manual services in some areas where this option is necessary. Please note that Hickory Ridge has mistakenly received carts when their pickup is slated to stay the same and should not have received carts. Your carts will be picked up by Republic, and you will continue disposing of your trash as you have been, now once a week on Tuesdays. Please also note that the Carillon Hill HOA received carts, and then Republic mistakenly recollected them. Carillon Hill should be receiving carts once again as they are part of the Borough's solid waste collection contract. We appreciate your patience while Republic works out these mistakes! For additional comments regarding trash collection in an HOA development, please contact your HOA board or members for details as the Borough has left these decisions up to them.

4. My street has on street parking so the trash truck cannot access my carts. What should I do?

Each street in the Borough has been reviewed by Republic, and they have come up with a plan for each area of the Borough when it comes to picking up solid waste. They have assured us that a mix of manual and automated pickup will be used in areas when necessary. This means, on streets with on street parking, residents will be able to leave their trash cans on the sidewalk/their curb, and Republic's workers will get out of the truck, wheel the cart between the parked cars to their truck, let the claw empty the trashcan, and then manually roll the cart back between the cars and up onto the sidewalk again.

5. Do I have to use these new carts?

Yes, you must use the trash and recycling carts provided by Republic. They are designed for automatic pickup and are provided to every household/unit at no cost to you. They are also contractor owned, so if they incur any damage, Republic must replace or fix them at no cost to you. The only additional cost to residents would be if you would like to purchase additional trash or recycling carts if 1 of each is not enough for your family. That purchasing decision is up to you. You must contact Republic separately to request and pay for an extra trash or recycling cart.

6. Will my trash bill be coming from Republic or the Borough?

You will continue to get a quarterly bill from Sellersville Borough for your sewer and refuse (trash). The only time Republic will be billing you monthly is if you order an extra trash or recycling can directly through them. Their new contract states that they must handle the billing for any additional carts requested other than the standard 2 carts that each household/unit is receiving. If you do not receive your regular sewer and refuse bill by the 7th of the month, please contact Cheryl Zischang at 215-257-5075, ext.102, or email utilities@sellersvilleboro.org

7. Will the price of trash be going up? Why are we paying the same for once a week pickup when we had twice a week pickup?

Quarterly trash bills will be staying the same amount for 2026 at \$90.00 per quarter. We are very appreciative that Republic Services offered us prices for the next 5 years that were both fair and similar to the increases in their prices over the last 5-year contract. If trash collection remained as a twice a week pick up, the cost would have been an additional \$900,000+ over the 5-year contract in costs, which would have been passed down to the residents. Sellersville Borough Council voted to approve the bid with once a week pick-up, with 95-gallon carts provided at no charge (larger size than the current contract allows), and a bulk item pick up once a week. The trash collection fees will remain at \$90/quarter

for 2026. However, the contract with Republic has tiered annual rates with an increase each year over the 5-year contract, so there likely will be an increase in the coming years. Trash service is one of the largest expenses – Republic’s contract award was \$3.1+ million for the 5-year contract. The next lowest bidder for the same services came in at \$4+ million and the highest bidder was \$6.8+ million.

8. Can I write on or put my address on my carts?

Republic owns the carts, and they have asked that no one mark them with their name or address. If you are concerned about neighbors getting confused, losing them, someone stealing them, etc. you can take pictures of or write down the ID numbers from both your cans. That way you can make sure they are yours!

9. How do I get a new can if Republic’s new automated trucks break mine?

Please contact Isaiah Breinig at ibreinig@republicservices.com or 908-323-6640.

10. How can I go about getting a smaller cart size?

Please contact Isaiah Breinig at ibreinig@republicservices.com or 908-323-6640.

11. I already ordered a smaller cart, but they have not swapped my large carts out for the small ones yet. Are they still delivering carts?

Please contact Isaiah Breinig at ibreinig@republicservices.com or 908-323-6640.

12. I know smaller carts are still being swapped out, but I never got carts at all! What do I do?

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13. Will Republic be picking up and disposing of my old cans?

On your first pickup day in January, you can leave your empty old cans out with your new cans that are full of trash and recycling. Republic should be coming around with a special recycling truck just to pick up old cans that people would like to dispose of. If you’d like to leave a note on them that says “trash,” that would be great too!

14. How can I dispose of yard waste?

Please try to fit your yard waste into the trash carts provided by Republic the best you can. If this is not possible, they have assured us that some yard waste every week can count as your bulk pickup. Loose materials, such as grass clippings and leaves, should be placed in bags and tied. Compostable bags are recommended by Republic. As a courtesy, Christmas

trees do not count as yard waste and will always be collected by trash companies. Just put them out with your carts at the curb!

15. Will we still receive bulk pickups?

Yes, trash, recycling, and one bulk item will all be picked up once a week, all on the same day. The north side of town will be Tuesday, and the south side will be Monday. Please see the brochure and map below to confirm:

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16. Why are we switching to a new trash contract?

The Borough's 5-year solid waste and recyclable contract with Republic Services is slated to expire at the end of 2025. A new trash contract was bid out, voted on, and signed by Borough Council a few months ago.