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Mobile Recycling coming to a park near you

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Recycling is about to get much easier, thanks to a new program from the Harrisonburg Public Works Department.

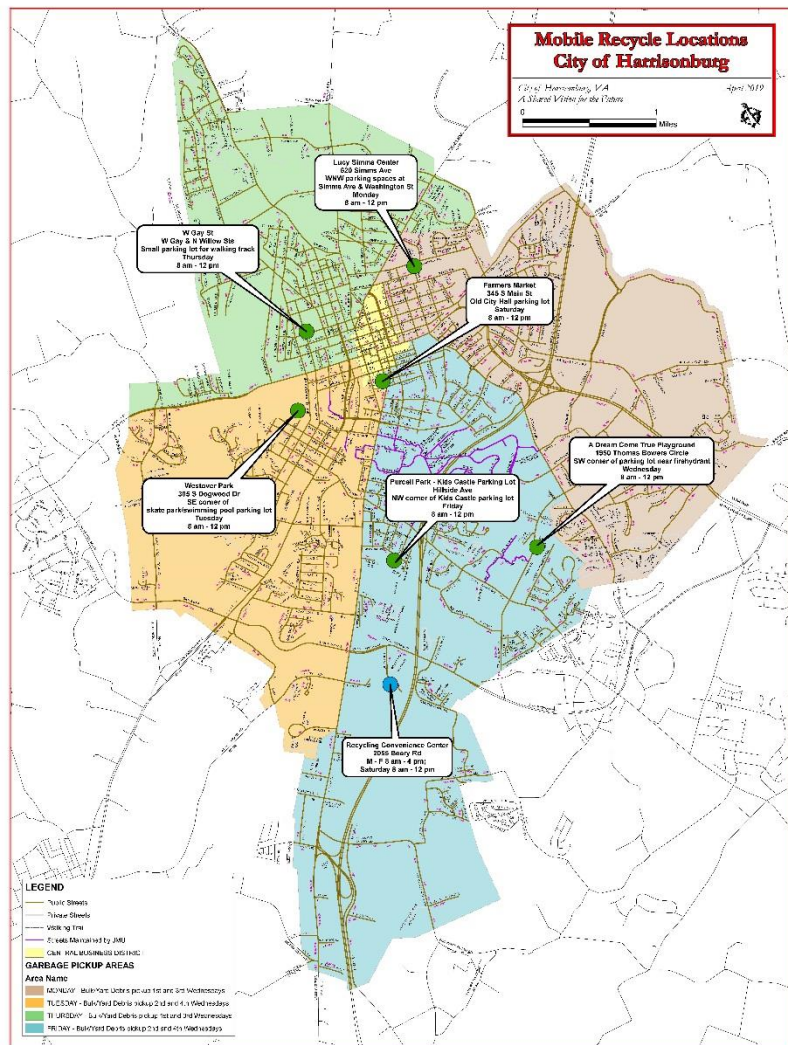
The Mobile Recycling Unit, which utilizes individualized bins for residents to sort their recyclables, will start visiting parks and other locations across the city starting May 6 in order to encourage recycling and make the effort easier for Harrisonburg neighborhoods. The mobile unit is in addition to the Recycling Convenience Center, which operates six days a week.

With recent changes to local recycling due to international changes in the market, this effort will play a large role in ensuring recyclable materials do not end up in the garbage. Harrisonburg Public Works collected nearly 400 tons of recyclables in 2018.

“As municipalities around the globe work to adjust to this new recycling market, it’s been very important for us to make sure our residents continue to have the ability to recycle,” Harrisonburg Public Works Director Tom Hartman said. “By getting the Mobile Recycling Unit into as many neighborhoods as possible, while continuing to remind everyone to Reduce and Reuse when possible, we hope to have a major impact on removing recyclables from the landfill.”

The Mobile Recycling Unit will be located at the following locations on the day listed from 8 a.m. to noon:

- Mondays - Lucy Simms Center, 620 Simms Ave.



(Above) A map showing when and where mobile recycling days will be.

- Tuesdays – Westover Park, 305 S. Dogwood Drive, at the swimming pool/skate park parking lot
- Wednesdays – A Dream Come True Playground, 1950 Thomas Bowers Circle near fire hydrant
- Thursdays – The walking track small parking lot at W. Gay St. & N. Willow St.
- Fridays – Purcell Park, 41 Monument Ave., at the Kids Castle parking lot
- Saturdays – Farmers Market, 345 S. Main St., in the Old City Hall parking lot
- Additionally, the Recycling Convenience Center, at 2055 Beery Road, is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Visitors to the Mobile Recycling Unit will be asked to sort their items by type. Plastics #3-7 are no longer acceptable. A complete list of what can be recycled at the center is available at our website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/recycling. An attendant will be on hand to help with any questions.

The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains more than 300 lane miles, 42.37 miles of public sidewalk, 250 miles of curb and gutter, and hundreds of acres of city right-of-way. The Department strives to ensure a safe, clean, and clear passageway for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More information about street and sidewalk maintenance is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works.



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