

BAG & TIE SO YOUR TRASH WON'T FLY!



HELP STOP
BLOWING
LITTER
BEFORE
IT STARTS

Weather... happens. And no matter what the season, a day can turn windy without a moment's notice. While we can't control Mother Nature, here are some tips that can help prevent your trash and recycling from blowing away.

Trash

The number one way to prevent blowing litter is to bag your trash. Bagging your household garbage prevents windblown litter while your container is curbside, as well as during the collection process.

Use a can with a lid and make sure it is completely shut.

Take your trash and recycling to the curb the morning of pick-up, rather than the evening before. This will reduce the amount of time your materials are exposed to windy conditions.

When it comes to garbage and recycling collection on a windy day, it only takes a little extra time to help prevent blowing litter and the frustration that may come with it.



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Recycling

While you cannot use plastic bags in recycling bins or cans, there are some easy ways you can help reduce blowing litter.

The new MMWA recycling program makes it even easier for residents to keep recyclables inside the can. Instead of using 18-gallon recycling bins, switch to a 45-gallon or smaller can with a lid. Because residents no longer need to sort their recycling, it just makes sense to use one large container. Make sure the can is labeled with "Recyclables Only" stickers that are available through your municipal office or MMWA. Call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 to order free stickers.



It also helps to put heavier recyclables toward the top of the container to weigh down loose papers.