



The
CITY OF JOLIET

Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Program



Dear City of Joliet Customer:

We are excited to introduce the City of Joliet's new garbage and recycling program! This brochure is being provided to you to help you understand the features of the new cart program and the changes to the services which will help Joliet residents Think Green!

Garbage Cart Service: Waste Management will provide each resident with a wheeled collection cart for the placement of your garbage/waste to be disposed of in a landfill. The carts will be all green and have hinged lids to contain the material. The carts are also on wheels for easy movement. Once the cart is full, additional garbage must be contained in a rigid container no larger than 45 gallons and placed next to the cart on collection day. As is current policy, plastic bags may not be placed for collection on a stand-alone basis.

Recycling Cart Service: Waste Management will also provide each resident with a wheeled collection cart for placement of your recyclables. The carts will have a green body and a yellow lid with recycling instructions. The carts will provide five times more capacity for your recyclables than the current recycling bins.

Every Other Week Recycling: Beginning in April 2011, recycling services will be provided on an every other week basis. Recyclables, when properly rinsed, should not leave odors when stored for short periods. Collecting the recyclables every other week takes the efficiency of recycling a step further because it will save fuel, labor and wear and tear on city streets. The new carts will provide five times the capacity of the current bins and having recyclables secure under a lid will prevent recyclables from blowing out of containers on a windy day. This program will not only enhance the city's appearance but contribute to the city's long term sustainability initiatives.

Please find the enclosed sheet detailing your specific Every Other Week Recycling schedule.

This packet also contains additional program details and frequently asked questions, please review fully.

If you have any further questions please call us at 815-280-7854, e-mail cityofjoliet@wm.com or visit www.cityofjoliet.info/RecyclingGarbage

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to servicing the residents of Joliet with this new program.

Sincerely,
Waste Management



Questions? 815-280-7854

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Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Guide for the City of Joliet

All garbage, recycling and yard waste should be placed out for collection by 7:00 am on the designated pick up day

Garbage Collection

- All households covered under the agreement will receive a 96-gallon cart for garbage collection. Additional carts may be rented from Waste Management by calling them at 815-280-7854.
- Additional garbage may be placed in containers that are 45-gallons in size and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags as a stand-alone container are not permitted by City ordinance.
- Bulk items such as chairs, couches, mattresses or furniture pieces will be collected with the weekly pick-up.
- Carpet is considered a bulk item and must be cut and rolled into 4-foot lengths. Each roll must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Rolled carpeting and padding must be secured with tape or string.
- Incidental quantities of home improvement project debris may be collected as long as it is properly contained in the can and/or bundled and not to exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Recycling Collection

- All households covered under the agreement will receive a 96-gallon cart for recycling. Additional carts may be rented from Waste Management by calling them at 815-280-7854.
- A list of recyclable materials is listed on the lid of your container.
- Recycling will be collected on an every other week basis starting in April 2011.
- Appliances (refrigerators, washers, dryers) will be collected with the weekly collection.
- Automobile tires may be placed out for collection.
- See page 5 for specific instructions on how to recycle.

Yard Waste (collected April 1 through the first full week of December)

- Yard waste must be placed in either a kraft-type paper yard waste bags OR in a clearly labeled 32-gallon container. YARD WASTE ONLY labels are available at no charge at City Hall, Jewel and Dominick's stores.
- Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 pounds and must. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.
- Residents may either rent or purchase a 96-gallon yard waste cart by calling 815-280-7854.

REMEMBER: *A healthy lawn needs its clippings- please mulch when ever possible. Mulching is recycling!*

Restricted Items: The following items will not be collected as part of the weekly program:

Construction/demolition materials	Medical Wastes	Large automotive parts
Materials from floods, fires, evictions	Sod, dirt, boulders, rocks	Fencing, permanent pools
Materials too large for the vehicle or for one person to handle	Hazardous wastes (paints, oils, flammables, hot ash)	
Electronics, such as computers		

Home Improvement Project?

Call Waste Management at 815-280-7854 for large projects – Waste Management has a variety of roll-off containers for your home improvement or project needs. You can also visit Home Depot, Menards or Lowe's for The Bagster. For more information, visit www.thebagster.com.

Medical Waste/ Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronics

- For tips on where to dispose of these, contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at 217-785-8604.
- Toxic products such as automotive batteries, oil base paints, insecticides, oil, anti-freeze, etc. cannot be collected through your residential pickup.
- The Will County Land Use Department holds several recycling events for hazardous wastes, electronics and tires throughout the year. You can visit the website at www.willcountygreen.com for more information or call 815-727-8834.
- Syringes used for home medical purposes may only be disposed of in rigid plastic containers. "Sharps" containers designed for syringe disposal can be obtained through your local pharmacy.



Recycling Materials



Follow these simple instructions in preparing your materials for recycling.



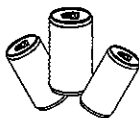
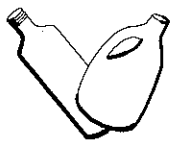
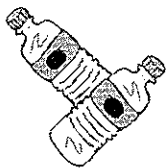
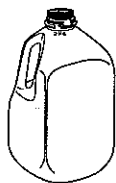
NEWSPAPERS, NEWSPRINT, and MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS

Various types of low grade mixed papers are acceptable, including:

- CARDBOARD BOXES - We request that these be flattened and cut down to 1 foot in diameter or less.
- CHIPBOARD BOXES - cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper tubes, soda/beer cartons.
- BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS
- PHONE BOOKS and MAGAZINES
- MIXED HOUSEHOLD PAPERS Including used mail.
- PIZZA BOXES - No food or grease please.

CONTAINERS AND OTHER MATERIALS

A variety of different types of containers will all be accepted for recycling, including (Please thoroughly clean and rinse all food containers):



- GLASS JARS & BOTTLES - Food and beverage containers - clear, green, blue, brown. Does NOT include... Window or plate glass, dishes, ceramics or Pyrex, bulbs, etc.

- ALUMINUM / METAL CANS - Food and beverage cans, aluminum, steel, metal, and aluminum foil and pie tins.

- PLASTIC FOOD GRADE CONTAINERS

- PET - 2-liter or other size beverage containers.

- HDPE - Milk and water jugs, laundry, and household detergent bottles.

- PVC - Vegetable oil bottles, window cleaner, and detergent bottles.

- LDPE - Other food grade bottles.

- PP - Yogurt cups and syrup bottles.

- Other plastic food containers.

(Look for the recycling symbols shown above. Acceptable bottles will have one of these #'s on the bottom.) Polystyrene (carry-out containers) is no longer accepted. Bottles that contained motor oil, pesticides, or chemicals will NOT be accepted.

Place your recycling cart at the curb on your regular pickup day. It's that easy!!
Recycling will be collected every other week on your regular garbage pick-up day.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Questions? 815-280-7854