

The  
**CITY OF JOLIET**  
and  
**WASTE MANAGEMENT**



Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Program

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Dear City of Joliet Customer:

Waste Management is pleased to offer you this helpful brochure that explains and details the services offered for the collection of refuse, recycling, and yard waste under the City of Joliet program. Please take a few moments to review program features as you will want to ensure that your containers are properly sized and your yard waste material is properly prepared.


**Multi-family Units:** Owners and occupants of multi-family buildings of 4 units or less serviced under the City of Joliet contract are required to obtain a 96-gallon container for each unit. The containers may be purchased for \$105.00 or rented for \$6.00 per month. **This requirement is only optional for owner-occupied two flat units.** Multi-family units, single family attached, and detached units must have containers to ensure weekly service.

**Refuse Containers:** Residents are required to use containers that are **no greater than 45 gallons in size.** Containers that are larger can be difficult to lift and may cause injuries to the drivers. Please avoid using plastic barrels, 55 gallon drums or other non-standard containers, as they can be difficult for the driver to handle. City residents may either rent or purchase a 96-gallon container for use as a refuse container. The containers are on wheels and are easy to use. The hinged lid minimizes litter and keeps animals out.

**Yard Waste:** Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and branches will be collected from April 1st through the the first full week in December. Yard waste materials must be placed in either a 30-gallon kraft bag or a standard rigid container that is **no greater than 32 gallons in size.** Rigid containers should be clearly labeled with the "YARD WASTE ONLY" labels. The labels are available free of charge at City Hall, Jewel, and Dominick's. Sod is not subject to collection.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance please call us at (815) 280-7854

Sincerely,  
Waste Management

 **815-280-7854**



# WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 815-280-7854

### **TIPS ON GARBAGE PICKUP FOR THE CITY OF JOLIET:**

For environmentally safe disposal of your refuse, keep in mind these guidelines for your solid waste service.

#### **Refuse Collection**

- All refuse should be placed at the curb or alley by 7:00 a.m. on the collection day.
- Refuse may be placed in cans or containers that are no greater than 45-gallons in size and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Containers should have handles on them.
- 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 (3 32-gallon cans) 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.
- Residents may either rent or purchase a 96-gallon cart by calling (815) 280-7854.
- Christmas trees are treated as refuse. Trees larger than 6 feet should be cut in half.

#### **Recycling Collection**

- All households will receive one 18-gallon bin for recycling. The bins are the property of the City.
- Recycling includes tin, aluminum, news print, cardboard, glass, plastics
- Appliances (refrigerators, washers, dryers) and automobile tires will be collected for recycling.
- See the next page for specific instructions on how to recycle

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

- Yard waste must be placed in one of the following containers: Kraft-type paper yard waste bags which can be purchased at local retail stores **OR** a clearly identified container that is no greater than 32-gallons and weighs no more than 50 pounds.
- Sod is not yard waste and is not subject to collection.
- The driver will not collect yard waste containers that are not properly labeled or misidentified.
- **"Yard Waste Only"** container labels can be obtained at City Hall or at local grocery stores.
- Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 pounds. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.
- Please do not put refuse in a container labeled for yard waste. This will result in a missed collection.

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

#### **Restricted Items: The following items will not be collected**

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)	

#### **Home Improvement Project?**

Call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 for large projects – we have a variety of roll-off containers for your home improvement or project needs.

#### **Medical Waste/ Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronics**

- For tips on where to dispose of these, contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at (217) 782-9285.
- 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.willcountylanduse.com](http://www.willcountylanduse.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.

#### **Holiday Schedule**

Collection will be conducted one day later if the holiday occurs before or on the regular collection day. Call Waste Management Customer Service if you have any questions.

New Year's Day      Memorial Day      Independence Day      Labor Day      Thanksgiving      Christmas Day

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

## ***What types of containers can I place my garbage into?***

You can place your garbage into a store bought rigid container NOT TO EXCEED 45-gallons in size. Containers that are larger than 45-gallons will not be accepted. In addition, non-standard or homemade containers such as plastic drums, milk crates, fiber drums, 55-gallon drums, will also not be accepted as refuse or recycling containers. Waste Management recommends that 33-gallons container be used as they are the easiest for residents and drivers to handle.

## ***How do I get my refrigerator collected?***

The collection of “white goods” such as refrigerators, clothes washers, dryers, dishwashers, and water heaters are part of the weekly collection program in Joliet. Just place it out in the alley or on the curb on your regular collection day. You may call the local number to let us know if you have these items.

## ***How do I dispose of my yard waste materials?***

Items such as grass, weeds, and leaves can be placed in a kraft paper bag OR in a clearly marked plastic or metal 32-gallon container. “YARD WASTE ONLY” labels are available at Jewel, Dominick’s, and at City Hall. Please note: plastic or metal cans greater than 32-gallons and/or weighing more than 50 pounds will not be collected –**avoid the double work of refilling your yard waste container**. Please do not place refuse or recyclables in cans that have been labeled as YARD WASTE ONLY as it could result in a missed collection.

## ***How do I dispose of brush?***

Branches and brush should be either placed in one of the containers as mentioned above or tied into bundles with string or twine. The bundles should not exceed four feet in length or weigh more than 50 pounds.

## ***What items are prohibited from the weekly collection?***

The following is a list of items that are commonly prohibited. There may be other prohibited items not included on this list. Sod, earthen fill, boulders, rock and other materials normally handled in construction operations, roofing materials, fencing and fence posts, permanent pools, solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage or other significant pollutants in water resources, such as silt, dissolved or suspended solids in industrial waste water effluents, dissolved materials in irrigation return flows, or other common water pollutants, hot ash, paint (unless dried to a solid), materials too large for a compactor vehicle to accept or too large for one man to handle, and materials from floods, fires, or evictions.

## ***How should I handle small amounts of home improvement materials?***

Residents may place up to three 32-gallon containers (½ cubic yard) per week of homeowner-generated construction debris, such as lumber and dry wall, when bundled or containerized properly. Bundles are not to exceed 50 pounds and materials placed in containers are not to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds in weight. Contractor generated materials are not subject to collection. Homeowners with large construction projects can call Waste Management for roll-off containers. Arrangements for the collection of loose construction/demolition materials must be made independently by the property owner.

## ***How can I rent or purchase a 96-gallon cart?***

You can rent or purchase a 96-gallon cart by calling our customer service department at (815) 280-7854. The cost to rent a cart is \$6.00 per month. The cost to purchase the cart is \$105.00, which includes the delivery. The carts are sturdy, have hinged lids to reduce litter and keep animals out. In addition, the carts have wheels and are easy to move. Carts that are rented remain the property of Waste Management and we will repair or replace the cart if it becomes damaged through normal wear and usage.

### ***Can I purchase carts from the hardware store?***

Purchasing other brands of carts is NOT recommended for the following reasons. Different manufacturers have a corresponding tipping mechanism for the trucks. The carts that are available at major retailers do not fit well with our equipment and therefore may break over a short period of time. If you require additional carts, you may purchase or rent one through Waste Management. This will help ensure that there are no service interruptions. Please remember: The maximum can size is 45-gallons unless you've rented or purchased a cart from Waste Management.

### ***What can I place in the carts?***

Please place all of your regular household trash and garbage in the cart. The carts are large enough to accommodate the weekly refuse needs of most families.

### ***What are the requirements for multifamily buildings?***

Owners of multifamily dwellings of 3 and 4 unit building must either rent or purchase a cart for each unit from Waste Management. Owners of 2 units building must also rent or purchase a cart for each unit unless one of the units is owner occupied.

### ***What are the refuse services for small businesses?***

Small businesses and institutional units may dispose up to 1 cubic yard (approximately six 32-gallon cans) per week under the contract. If the weekly amount of refuse exceeds 1 cubic yard, the owner must obtain and pay for commercial refuse services from a licensed scavenger service.

### ***What should I do if my rental cart breaks?***

If the cart you are renting breaks or becomes damaged through normal wear and tear, Waste Management will repair or replace the cart. Simply call 815 280-7854. Carts damaged from negligence or abuse must be replaced at the homeowner's expense. Carts that have been purchased through Waste Management may be repaired for a charge.

### ***Which holidays are observed?***

Waste Management observes the following 6 holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Collection will be delayed 1 business day when the holiday falls on or before your regular collection day.



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# Bin Recycling Materials

Follow these simple instructions in preparing your materials for recycling.



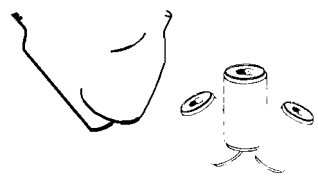
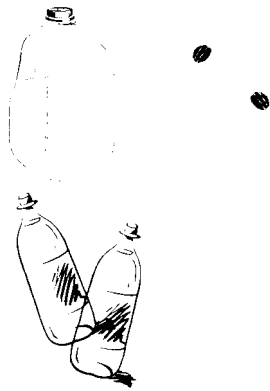
## **NEWSPAPERS, NEWSPRINT, and MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS**

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 - Can be thrown out with food or grease.

## **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 bin at the curb on your regular pickup day. It's that easy!!  
Recycling will be collected on the same day as refuse, but at different times of the day.



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## ***Recycling Facts***

### **Paper & Fiber**

- Every day, U.S. businesses generate enough paper to encircle the earth 20 times.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper is the equivalent of saving 16 trees and keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air. One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.

### **Cans and Beverage Containers**

- Aluminum cans can be recycled using less than 5 percent of the energy used to make the original product. That means, you can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one new one.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television or a computer for three hours.
- The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will operate a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.