

Refuse Collection Guidelines

RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

1. All Refuse Must Be Inside the Provided Refuse Cart

- A. The owner or occupant of each residence must use the provided Refuse Cart. All household waste should be in bags and placed inside the Refuse Cart.
- B. Excess Refuse: Anything outside of the Cart, and not meeting either the bulk item collection or the move-out/household cleanup collection requirements, will not be picked up. For information on what to do with excess refuse please see item #5. If you need to add an additional cart, please call (563) 506-2774 or (563) 506-2571.
- C. Refuse waste must be put out for collection by 6:00 am on the scheduled collection day. Late set outs will not be collected until your next scheduled collection day.

2. Placement of Provided Refuse Cart;

- A. Always place your Cart so that the white serial numbers are facing the street. This places the lid opening in the proper position for emptying.
- B. Place your cart in your driveway or next to it so that it is four (4) feet away from obstacles such as parked cars, mailboxes, and utility
- C. Another option is to place your cart in the grass next to the driveway. Do not place carts in the street during winter weather.

3. Winter Placement

- A. The best placement is on your driveway after you have cleared it of snow.
- B. It can also be placed on a cleared area of your terrace.
- C. Do not leave your cart on the sidewalk or on top of a snow bank
- D. Improperly placed carts will not be collected.
- E. Alley placement: Carts must be placed at the alley edge. Carts on private property or by the garage will not be collected.

4. Large Item Collection

Large items are items considered too large to fit into the provided Refuse Cart. Large items include furniture, carpets, bicycles, swing sets, etc. A separate truck collects large items, therefore, place them separate from your refuse and recycling, and away from any tree or street sign. Large items are normally collected the same day as your regular trash or the following working day.

5. Move-out/Household Cleanup

To be considered a move-out or household cleanup, you must have six (6) 30-gallon bags of material. Five or less bags are not considered a move-out/household cleanup and will not be collected outside the cart.

- A. Other Options for five or less bags of excess material.
 - 1. Check with a neighbor to see if they have room in their cart
 - 2. Hold the excess material for following refuse collection week(s).
 - 3. Request an additional cart by calling (563) 506-2774 or (563) 506-2571.

6. Building Material from Minor Remodeling Projects

- A. Collection of building material is limited to debris from minor home improvement projects done by the resident, not by contractors.
- B. There is a maximum amount of building materials that will be collected at any given time. That limit is equal to six (6) 30-gallon bags. Building material may be placed in your provided Refuse Cart.
- C. Debris from major remodeling, construction projects, or work done by contractors will not be collected. Removal of this material is the property owners' responsibility.

7. Yard Waste

Yard waste will be collected on the same day as garbage day. Tags may be purchased at City Hall. Tags are good for one (1) 30 gal. bag at \$1.00 per tag. The following items are considered as yard waste; Leaves, grass clippings, plant stalks, flowers.

8. Hazardous or Infectious Waste will not be collected. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station.

9. Medical Needles/syringes or other sharps will not be collected. Many area pharmacies and clinics dispose of used medical needles for their patients. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if they have a program for the proper disposal of medical needles. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Holiday Collection: Will be informed on pick up date one month prior to holiday

2. Dog/Cat Waste, Ashes, Sawdust, Vacuum Cleaner Dust, Remodeling/Construction dust, etc. all pose a health hazard to our operators. To protect them, all material must be double-bagged in sealed weatherproof bags and placed in your provided Refuse Cart.

A. Ashes must be cold prior to disposal or the bag may start a fire in the cart or in the truck.

3. Broken glass, mirrors, etc: must be placed in a sealed and taped cardboard box clearly marked "broken glass", and placed into your provided Refuse Cart.

4. Deer Carcasses must be double-bagged and placed in the provided Refuse Cart.

5. Explosives/ammunition will not be collected. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station.

6. Household Hazardous Waste/Infectious Waste/Flammable Liquids/Chemicals will not be collected. Items include drain cleaners, paint remover, pesticides, gasoline, etc. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station

7. Paint and Paint Related Products will not be collected. Items include liquid paint, varnish, stains, thinner stripper, etc. This material must be taken to Cedar County Transfer Station. Cans of dried paint and empty paint cans can be placed into your provided refuse cart.

8. Waste Oil will not be collected. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station

9. Vehicle Batteries (lead acid) will not be collected. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station

10. Contaminated cardboard, cardboard contaminated by oil or grease, must not be recycled. Prior to putting it in the provided Refuse Cart, follow cardboard recycling guidelines.

11. Propane Tanks and Pressurized Gas Containers will not be collected. For proper disposal information call Cedar County Transfer Station

12. Gas Cans will be collected if the cans are empty and left open at the curb.

13. Household Batteries (AA, AAA, D, etc.). Place these batteries in your provided refuse cart.

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Recycling Collection Guidelines

Absolutely no glass, Styrofoam, plastic bags, or other refuse/garbage items, no lids.

- All items must be rinsed out prior to installation in recycle bin
- All items that are not accepted and left in the recycle bin will be left behind for proper disposal
- Guidelines must be strictly followed, otherwise our recycling privileges will be revoked
- If you have any questions please call (563) 506-2774

1. All Recycling Must Be Inside The Provided Recycling Bin (With exception of cardboard)

A. The owner or occupant of each residence may use the provided Recycling Bin.

All acceptable recycling must be placed in provided recycling bin.

B. Excess Recycling: Mark additional bins as recycling.

C. Recycling bin must be put out for collection by 6:00 am on the scheduled collection day. Late set outs will not be collected until your next scheduled collection day.

2. Placement of Provided Recycle Bin:

A. Place your bin in your driveway or next to it so that it is four (4) feet away from obstacles such as parked cars, mailboxes, and utility poles.

3. Winter Placement

A. The best placement is on your driveway after you have cleared it of snow.

B. It can also be placed on a cleared area of your terrace.

C. Do not leave your bin on the sidewalk or on top of a snowbank or in the street.

D. Improperly placed bins will not be collected.

E. Alley placement: Recycle bins must be placed at the alley edge. Recycle bins on private property or by the garage will not be collected.

4. Holiday Collection: Will be informed about one month prior to holiday

5. Contaminated Cardboard, Cardboard contaminated by oil or grease must not be recycled.

ITEMS THAT ARE ACCEPTED

If your item is not in this list, we do not accept it in the provided recycle bin, please follow refuse guidelines,

- Plastic #1 through #7 (NO LIDS).
- Cardboard, must be broken down and involve no trash.
- Paper (Placed on provided recycle bin and may be in paper sacks).
- Tin Cans (Rinsed thoroughly with NO LIDS).
- Magazines/Phonebooks/Catalogues (All magazines, DO NOT BUNDLE).

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