

# Residential Trash Collection Guidelines

- Set out trash in the cart provided by the City by 7:00 a.m. on your designated trash collection day. Make sure the cart lid is closed. Remove empty carts from the curb within 24 hours.
- Place the cart within 3 feet of the street or alley. Do not block sidewalks or driveways. Maintain a clear path to the cart and keep cart at least 3 feet away from other carts, mailboxes, low hanging tree branches, parked cars or utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.
- Carts that exceed the weight limits indicated on the lid cannot be picked up. Loading carts with sod, rocks, or bricks may overload the cart and cause damage.
- Sawdust, fireplace ashes (cool for one week), cat litter and other loose material must be in sealed boxes or bags and then placed inside the trash cart.
- Place household sharps (e.g. needles) in a puncture proof container such as an old detergent bottle or coffee can. Secure lid with tape, label the container "sharps" and place inside the trash cart.
- Do not place household hazardous waste (e.g. paint, cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent lamps) or used motor oil in the trash cart. Call 832-3030 for proper disposal.
- Do not set out yard waste with trash when separate yard waste collection is available; starting Mondays in March through mid-December (weather permitting, excluding holidays). Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, brush and trimmings from trees and shrubs. For yard waste collection guidelines see second page of this flyer.



Submit a pickup service request form online at [www.lawrenceks.org/swm](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm) for the following items:



- **Bulky items.** Any bulky item that does not fit in the trash cart (e.g. appliances, furniture).
- **Carpet.** Limit 8 rolls per household per year. Carpet rolls must be no longer than 5 feet long and must be 18 inches in diameter or less.
- **Tires.** Limit 5 tires per household per year.
- **Construction, remodeling, or building materials.** This type of material must be disposed of in a roll-off box. Fees apply.

**QUESTIONS? Call 832-3032.**  
**Or email [solidwaste@lawrenceks.org](mailto:solidwaste@lawrenceks.org).**



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# FAQ's. Frequently Asked Questions About Trash Collection

**Q. If I put out more trash than can fit in my cart, will I be charged for the extra trash?**

**A.** All trash needs to be placed in the trash cart for collection. There may be a couple of special occasions each year (family reunion, holidays, etc.) when you may have an additional trash bag that does not fit in the cart. Your extra trash bag will be picked up the first time and the second time. During the second overflow event, City crews will leave a tag on your trash cart. The third time, the City will switch the cart for a better size for your residence. Residents may always call the Solid Waste Division at 832-3032 to discuss any unusual situation.

**Q. Can I request a different size cart or additional carts at any time?**

**A.** Yes. Please complete the online form at [www.lawrenceks.org/swm/carts](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm/carts) or call the Solid Waste Division at 832-3032. The City will provide one cart size change per address (owner/occupant) per calendar year free of charge. The City will charge a \$20.00 service fee for any additional requests to change cart sizes.

**Q. Are the trash carts the City's property? Will the City complete any necessary repairs to these carts?**

**A.** Yes. Trash carts are the property of the City and each cart should stay at the address to which it was delivered. The City is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the trash carts. However, the City will charge the owner or occupant a fee for any necessary repair or replacement due to the owner's or occupant's abuse, misuse or neglect of the cart. The replacement fee for each trash cart is \$50.00.

**Q. What services are provided by my monthly fee for solid waste?**

**A.** Your monthly solid waste fee pays for trash collection at the curb, separate yard waste collection at the curb on Mondays, bulk item pick-up, household hazardous waste disposal services, City drop-off recycling locations and other solid waste services.

## Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

- The City picks up yard waste on Mondays, March through mid-December, weather permitting, excluding holidays. Set out grass, leaves, branches and other yard trimmings by 6:00 a.m. in cans, City carts (e.g. trash cart and yard waste cart), compostable yard waste paper bags and bundles. No plastic bags.
- Bundles must neither exceed 5 feet in length nor exceed 18 inches in diameter and must not weigh more than 65 pounds. Bundles must be tied with durable string or twine (do not use wire, duct tape, etc.).
- No container should weigh more than 65 pounds, unless it is a wheeled City cart. Do not exceed cart weight limit.
- Yard waste including tree and brush trimmings should not extend more than 12 inches above the top of the container.
- Unacceptable items for Monday collection include trash, sod, soil/dirt, landscaping rock and treated lumber (including fence posts, landscaping timbers, wood pallets, etc.)
- 95-gallon yard waste carts (pictured on right) are for sale for \$60 each to Lawrence residents. Go online to [www.lawrenceks.org/swm](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm) to order.



**More information available at:  
[www.lawrenceks.org/swm](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm)**