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Public Works – Solid Waste - Service Standards

Mission Statement:

The Solid Waste Division's mission is to provide environmentally sound and cost effective solid waste and recycling services for the City of Jacksonville that exceed our customers' expectations.

Residential Garbage, Yard Waste and Recycling

Separately place your garbage, recycling or yard waste curbside **no later than 6 a.m.** on your scheduled collection day. Wastes should not be placed curbside earlier than **5 p.m.** on the day before collection day. All inappropriate waste and empty containers should be removed from the curb **no later than 6 a.m.** the day after scheduled collection.

All residential waste must be placed at curb or roadway **within 5 feet** of the edge of the traveled portion of the street.

Residential garbage and yard waste must be in standard 20-32 gallon cans or sealed plastic bags with each container **weighing no more than 40 pounds.**

Garbage and yard waste **must not be stacked over** water or gas meters, under low hanging tree limbs or utility wires, or **beside mailboxes.**

Collection of **building material** is limited to 1 cubic yard weekly, not to exceed 5 feet in length (filling approximately two construction wheelbarrows) and only if the work is performed by the homeowner. Building material is collected on the same day as household garbage, but should be separated from the garbage.

Place **furniture** and other bulky items (excluding [Used Appliances](#)) curbside separately from your household garbage. Furniture items are collected on the same day as household garbage.

Fluorescent Bulbs and tubes are considered hazardous materials. Residents can dispose of these items at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at no charge. The Facility is located at 2675 Commonwealth Avenue.

Medical Waste is NOT recyclable and should not be placed in the garbage. Call 630-CITY for disposal instructions.

Garbage cans must have tight fitting lids, be free of sharp and jagged edges, with bottom intact. Clearly label for disposal or call your servicer for removal of broken garbage cans.

Oil drums, 55 gallon drums, and 200 gallon drums are collected curbside only when emptied and punctured to prevent fire hazard.

Propane gas tanks must be empty and have valves removed.

For the safety of our collection crews, all **broken glass** must be wrapped and sealed in newspaper or in some other protective covering and placed only in the garbage.

Yard waste is collected separately from garbage. Yard waste includes only vegetative matter such as grass clippings, leaves, shrub trimmings, palm fronds and tree limbs. Any limbs must be cut 5 feet or shorter, no larger than 6 inches in diameter, and stacked in piles parallel to the curb. Please do not include lawn furniture, fencing, garden hoses or treated landscape timber or rocks.

Collection of **yard waste** is limited to 5 cubic yards weekly-- approximately a standard pickup truck load or 30 bags.

Note: Tree removal and trimming services are responsible for the removal of any yard waste they produce.

For **Garbage Disposal** Information, call Trail Ridge Landfill at (904) 289-9106.

It is illegal to dump trash and debris on vacant land, roads, streets, drains and ditches. To report **illegal dumping** call **(904) 665-8025**.

Curbside Recycling

Single-family residents can recycle the following items in their blue bins (labels may remain on recycling items):

- Plastic food, beverage, detergent bottles and jugs with necks and screw-on tops that are labeled with a 1 or 2 triangle (*please place tops/lids in garbage; no butter tubs or similar items*)
- Glass bottles & jars (green, brown and clear)
- Metal & aluminum cans
- Newspapers & inserts (*on rainy days, hold for next collection day*)
- Magazines, catalogs & telephone books
- Brown paper bags can be placed in the recycle bin or be filled with additional recyclables.
- Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and cut in pieces 2' by 3' or smaller.
- **No plastic bags, milk cartons, or juice boxes**
- **No motor oil, pool chemical, pesticide or fertilizer bottles**
- **No shredded paper**

When blue recycling bins get full, place additional recyclables beside the blue bin in brown paper bags (**no plastic bags, please**). Use bins only for recycling (no yard waste). *During wet weather, please hold paper recyclables until your next collection day.*

Used oil is prohibited by law in landfills. Never pour used motor oil in the garbage, on the ground or down street drains. It can poison drinking water. One gallon of improperly disposed waste oil could pollute one million gallons of fresh water. Many local oil retailers accept used motor oil for recycling from residents at no charge (maximum 5 gallons per consumer per trip).

Arrange pick up of major Used Appliances by calling (904) 630-CITY prior to placing them at the curb. Remove or secure any doors.

Household Hazardous Wastes cannot be collected curbside. Residents may take items to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 2675 Commonwealth Avenue. Each year the Department also holds a remote collection event in each Council District. Collection Event Schedule.

Arrange pick up of up to 4 passenger car tires by calling (904) 630-CITY prior to placing them at the curb. Once scheduled, place them at the curb on the pre-arranged collection day by 6 a.m. Auto parts will not be collected. Call (904) 630-CITY for the wastehauler in your area or check online for your collection days and waste hauler. Local wastehaulers are:

City of Jacksonville
Solid Waste Division
Collection & Sanitary Services
1031 Superior Street
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(904) 630-CITY

Advanced Disposal Services (ADS)
9995 Gate Parkway North
Jacksonville, FL 32246
(904) 737-7900

Waste Pro of Florida
2940 Strickland St.
Jacksonville, FL 32243
(904) 731-7288

Southland Waste Systems (SWS)
218 Morgan Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(904) 384-2567

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Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- *Do* put your garbage, yard waste and recycling at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on collection day and remove empty containers no later than 6 a.m. the day after collection day.
- *Do* contain residential garbage and [yard waste](#) in standard 20-32 gallon cans or sealed plastic bags.
- *Do* keep the weight of waste and container at 40 pounds or less and follow quantity and size limits for yard waste and building materials.
- *Do* make sure all garbage cans have tight fitting lids, are free of sharp or jagged edges, with bottoms in tact. Call your servicer for removal of broken garbage cans, or clearly label with a signed note authorizing removal.
- *Do* wrap all broken glass in newspaper to seal for safety and place it only in garbage cans.
- *Do* put furniture and other bulky items curbside with your household waste.
- *Do* separate yard waste from garbage for collection.
- *Do* call (904) 630-CITY to find out your garbage collection day.
- *Do* call (904) 630-CITY to schedule collection of appliances and tires.
- *Do* flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and cut into 2'x3' pieces.

Don'ts

- *Don't* place plastic bags in recycling bins-- return them to your local grocer.
- *Don't* use plastic bags to hold your recyclables. Place all items in your blue bin and/or brown paper bags.
- *Don't* use cardboard boxes for yard waste. Once emptied they become windborne litter.
- *Don't* leave your garbage on or in front of vacant lots for pick up. Garbage is only picked up at properties improved for occupancy.
- *Don't* stack garbage and yard waste beside mailboxes, near water or gas meters, or under low hanging tree limbs or utility wires.
- *Don't* place more than 5 cubic yards (30 bags or a standard sized pickup truck load) of yard waste out per week.
- *Don't* exceed one cubic yard (approximately 2 construction wheelbarrows) of building materials for collection each week. Materials should not exceed five feet in length and are collected on garbage day.
- *Don't* place medical waste in [recycle bins](#) or garbage receptacles.
- *Don't* leave car parts curbside for collection-- contact your local scrap dealer for disposal.
- *Don't* block the street -- place all residential waste at curb or roadway within five feet of the traveled portion of the street.
- *Don't* put oil tanks, 55-gallon drums and 200-gallon drums curbside for collection until emptied and punctured to prevent fire hazard. Propane gas tanks must be empty and must have valves removed.

***Note: A second day of garbage collection is available for a fee by calling your [local wastehauler](#).**