

## **Waste and Recycling Guide**

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### **Curbside Pickup of Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Compost:**

#### **Johnson County Refuse Inc.**

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PO Box 200, North Liberty, IA 52317

Phone 319-665-4498

[Cart Information and Placement Diagram](#) from Johnson County Refuse.

#### **General Information:**

- Tuesday morning pick up: place carts and yard waste at the curb between 3:00 p.m. Monday and 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.
- Remove carts by the end of the day on Tuesday.
- Place carts at the curb with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.
- Carts must be at least 4 feet from obstacles (other carts, mailboxes, yard waste, lamp posts, utility poles, trees, etc.), and not placed under low hanging branches or power lines.
- Cart lids must be completely closed.
- If your garbage/recycling spills or blows around your neighborhood, clean it up.
- Garbage placed in carts does not need stickers. An additional bag requires a pink garbage sticker.
- A pink garbage sticker is \$3.00. Yard waste bags are \$8.25 for a pack of 5. Purchase at Fareway Grocery on Westwinds Drive off Mormon Trek.

#### **Garbage:**

- In the garbage cart, use bags (tied closed) to keep the cart clean. Bags inside the cart do not need stickers.
- Place your cart at the curb with arrows on the lid pointing toward the street, with 4 feet of clearance around the cart from any obstacles.
- The cart lid must close entirely with no garbage sticking out.
- If you have additional garbage, you will need to purchase a \$3.00 pink sticker (see above instructions). The bag (35-gallon, 40-pound limit) should be tied closed and placed on top of the closed lid of the garbage cart.
- No yard waste, toxic items/liquids, electronics, dirt, sand, concrete blocks, bricks, medical sharps, or cardboard.

#### **Recycling:**

- Do not use bags in the recycling cart.
- Place your cart at the curb with arrows on the lid pointing toward the street, with 4 feet of clearance around the cart from any obstacles.
- Cart lid must close entirely without anything sticking out.
- All recyclable items must be emptied and rinsed clean. You may leave labels on.
- Recyclable items:
  - Plastic food and beverage containers with emblems 1 through 7.
  - Plastic health and beauty product containers with emblems 1 through 7.

- Plastic household product containers with emblems 1 through 7.
- Glass food and beverage containers only.
- Aluminum and steel cans (no other metals).
- Cardboard: corrugated and chipboard cardboard, flattened and cut to fit freely in cart
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, phonebooks, junk mail, computer paper, envelopes, books
- Non-recyclable items include: styrofoam, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, electronic waste, plastic bags, toys, ceramics, cookware, dishes, scrap metal, monitors, medical needles or waste, animal food bags, kitty litter bags, containers used for hazardous materials such as antifreeze or motor oil, chemical containers, cast iron, food waste, yard waste.

**Yard Waste & Compost:**

- Use Johnson County Refuse yard waste bags.
- You may dispose of 1 free branch bundle per week: no more than 3 feet long, 36 inches around, tied with garden twine.
- You have the option to get a 35-gallon compost cart from Johnson County Refuse for a \$25 deposit; Johnson County Refuse yard waste bags must be used in the cart.
- You may take yard waste to the Iowa City Landfill at no charge.

**Christmas Tree Curbside Pickup:** Dates TBD; paid by city.

**Appliances and Large Items:** call Johnson County Refuse, 319-665-4498.

**Leaf Vacuuming:** Dates TBD; paid by city. Leaves only; no sticks or other yard waste. Do not rake leaves into the street or gutter.

**Hazardous Waste/Materials:** Never dispose of hazardous materials in the garbage, sink, toilet, storm drains, or community waterways. Take hazardous materials to the **Hazardous Waste Collection Facility** at the Iowa City Landfill, 3900 Hebl Avenue (off Melrose Avenue about 2 miles west of Iowa City). There is no charge, but you must call 319-356-5185 to make an appointment.

**Prescription Drugs/Medication:** Use the drop box in the Community Center hall across from the Police Department (medications only, no sharps).