

Refuse and Recycling Guide

Curbside Collection of Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Compost:

Johnson County Refuse / LRS

Phone 319-665-4498

Carts and Yard Waste at Curb — Allowable Times:

- Tuesday morning pick up.
- Place at curb after 12:00 noon on Monday and before 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.
- Remove by midnight on Tuesday.
- Holidays may affect collection days. Check the City calendar.

Carts at Curb — Placement for Pickup:

- [Cart Information and Placement Diagram](#) (also included below).
- Cart lids must be completely closed.
- Arrows on the lid must point toward the street.
- Leave at least 4 feet of clearance from other carts, mailboxes, yard waste, utility poles, trees, etc.
- Do not place carts under low hanging branches or power lines.
- Clean up garbage/recycling if it spills or blows around the neighborhood.

Stickers and Yard Waste Bags:

- Purchase stickers and bags at Fareway Grocery on Westwinds Drive off Mormon Trek.
- Garbage that fits inside the cart **with the lid closed** does not need stickers.
- An additional bag (35-gallon, 40-pound limit) requires a pink garbage sticker.
- A pink garbage sticker costs \$3.00.
- Yard waste bags are \$8.25 for a pack of 5.

Garbage Cart:

- Use bags in the garbage cart and tie them closed.
- Cart lid must be entirely closed with no garbage sticking out.
- No yard waste, hazardous/toxic waste, electronics, dirt, sand, concrete, bricks, medical sharps, or cardboard.
- An additional garbage bag requires a \$3.00 pink sticker. The bag (35-gallon, 40-pound limit) must be securely tied closed and placed **on top of the closed lid** of the garbage cart.
- Place cart at curb with arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.
- Leave 4 feet of clearance around the cart.

Recycling:

- No bags in the recycling cart.
- Cart lid must be entirely closed with nothing sticking out.
- Place cart at curb with arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.
- Leave 4 feet of clearance around the cart.
- 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.
- The following items are not to be placed in the cart: plastic bags, styrofoam, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, electronic waste, 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:

- Use Johnson County Refuse yard waste bags; purchase at Fareway Grocery on Westwinds Drive.
- You may dispose of 1 free branch bundle per week.
 - No more than 3 feet long and 36 inches around.
 - Tie the bundle with garden twine.
- You may take yard waste to the Iowa City Landfill.

Compost:

- You have the option to get a 35-gallon compost cart for a \$25 deposit. Call Johnson County Refuse, 319-665-4498.
- Johnson County Refuse yard waste bags must be used in the cart.

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

Hazardous 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).

Prescription Drugs/Medication:

- Drop box in the Community Center hall across from the Police Department.
- Medications only, no sharps.

Leaf Vacuuming: Dates TBD; paid by City.

- Leaves only; no sticks or other yard waste.
- Keep leaves out of the street and gutter.

Christmas Tree Pickup: Dates TBD; paid by City.

- Natural, unflocked trees.
- No decorations.

RULES FOR PLACING CARTS AT CURB:



Lid needs to be closed.



One additional bag up to 35 gallon with 40# weight limit on top of can with bag.



ONE CART ON EACH SIDE OF DRIVEWAY



Place your garbage and recycling carts at the curb with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.

All carts need to be placed at the curb by 6:30 am on Tuesday Morning
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RECYCLABLES ONLY

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PAPER

- Newspaper-including inserts
- Mixed paper-including writing, copy paper, magazines, envelopes, folders, paper board/Kleenex boxes, etc.
- Cardboard. Please flatten.



PLASTICS

- Food & beverage containers #1-7
- Health & beauty product containers #1-7
- Household product containers #1-7
- No plastic bags or film
- No Styrofoam
- No containers used for hazardous materials such as antifreeze or motor oil



GLASS

- Food & beverage containers only
- Emptied & rinsed
- Labels are ok
- No ceramics or cookware
- No vases, mirrors or window glass
- No fluorescent or light bulbs



CANS

- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Emptied & rinsed
- Labels are ok
- No cast iron or other metals

IMPORTANT:

- Do not place any items in a bag. Items must be free from each other.
- Rinse all food & beverage containers.
- Flatten or cut cardboard boxes.
- Empty containers only.

PLEASE NO:

- Hazardous materials
- Automotive fluids
- Garden chemicals
- Paint products
- Cleaners
- Soiled paper
- Diapers
- Garbage
- Plastic bags & film
- Plastic or fiber feed sacks
- Styrofoam
- Tupperware
- Rubber hoses
- Electronics
- Clothing
- Rope
- Wood
- Spent or live ammunition
- Medical needles or waste