

Refuse and Recycling Guide

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

Johnson County Refuse Inc.

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.

Carts at Curb — Placement for Pickup:

- [Cart Information and Placement Diagram](#)
- 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 (see information above). 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.
- Place cart at curb with arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.
- Leave 4 feet of clearance around the cart.
- Cart lid must be entirely closed with nothing 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
- 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 at no charge.

Compost:

- 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.

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.