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**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR  
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICE**

Welcome to the City of Joliet! This brochure contains information that will help you understand the features of the garbage, recycling, and yard waste program for Joliet residents. The City adopted a new garbage and recycling program in 2011 which is aimed at increasing the amount of materials that residents recycle as well as reducing fuel consumption for recycling collection. Please keep this brochure for future reference or call Waste Management at 815 280-7854 if you have questions regarding the program.

**Refuse and Recycling Carts:** Waste Management provided each City household with one cart for garbage (green) and another for recyclables (yellow lid). The carts are made of a sturdy commercial grade plastic, have wheels for easy movement, and have hinged lids to contain litter and minimize animal pilferage. These carts should be used as the primary receptacle for garbage or recycling. **Please note that the carts are the property of Waste Management. All carts should remain at the property in the event you move.** If there are no carts at your property, please call Waste Management at 815 280-7854 for delivery. Additional carts may also be rented or purchased.

**Bi-Weekly Recycling:** Recycling services are provided to residents on an **every other week basis**. A map of the recycling area and recycling schedules are available at the information desk at City Hall located at 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. Residents may also go on-line at [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) to see the recycling map and download the correct recycling schedule for your address.

We've also provided other important information in this brochure, which explains other aspects of the program. If you have any questions please call us at 815 280-7854. Residents can also e-mail questions at [cityofjoliet@wm.com](mailto:cityofjoliet@wm.com).

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to servicing the residents of Joliet.

Sincerely

Waste Management

## WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Collection will be conducted one day later if the holiday occurs before or on the regular collection day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
MEMORIAL DAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY  
LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING  
CHRISTMAS

## Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Guide for the City of Joliet

All garbage, recycling and yard waste should be placed out for collection by 7:00 am on the designated pick up day

### Garbage Collection

- All households covered under the agreement will receive a 96-gallon cart for garbage collection. Additional carts may be rented from Waste Management by calling them at 815-280-7854.
- Additional garbage may be placed in containers that are 45-gallons in size and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags as a stand-alone container are not permitted by City ordinance.
- Bulk items such as chairs, couches, mattresses or furniture pieces will be collected with the weekly pick-up.
- Carpet is considered a bulk item and must be cut and rolled into 4-foot lengths. Each roll must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Rolled carpeting and padding must be secured with tape or string.
- Incidental quantities of home improvement project debris may be collected as long as it is properly contained in the can and/or bundled and not to exceed 50 pounds in weight.

### Recycling Collection

- All households covered under the agreement will receive a 96-gallon cart for recycling. Additional carts may be rented from Waste Management by calling them at 815-280-7854.
- A list of recyclable materials is listed on the lid of your container.
- Recycling will be collected on an every other week basis.
- Appliances (refrigerators, washers, dryers) will be collected with the weekly collection.
- Automobile tires may be placed out for collection.
- See page 3 for specific instructions on how to recycle.
- Every Other Week maps are located online at [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) or at City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432

### Yard Waste (collected April 1 through the first full week of December)

- Yard waste must be placed in either a kraft-type paper yard waste bags OR in a clearly labeled 32-gallon container. YARD WASTE ONLY labels are available at no charge at City Hall, Jewel and Dominick's stores.
- Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 pounds. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.
- Residents may either rent or purchase a 96-gallon yard waste cart by calling 815-280-7854.

REMEMBER: A healthy lawn needs its clippings- please mulch when ever possible. Mulching is recycling!

### Restricted Items: The following items will not be collected as part of the weekly program:

Construction/demolition materials	Medical Wastes	Large automotive parts
Materials from floods, fires, evictions	Sod, dirt, boulders, rocks	Fencing, permanent pools
Materials too large for the vehicle or for one person to handle	Hazardous wastes (paints, oils, flammables, hot ash)	
Electronics, such as computers		

### Home Improvement Project?

Call Waste Management at 815-280-7854 for large projects – Waste Management has a variety of roll-off containers for your home improvement or project needs. You can also visit Home Depot, Menards or Lowe's for The Bagster. For more information, visit [www.thebagster.com](http://www.thebagster.com).

### Medical Waste/ Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronics

- For tips on where to dispose of these, contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at 217-785-8604.
- Toxic products such as automotive batteries, oil base paints, insecticides, oil, anti-freeze, etc. cannot be collected through your residential pickup.
- The Will County Land Use Department holds several recycling events for hazardous wastes, electronics and tires throughout the year. You can visit the website at [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com) for more information or call 815-727-8834.
- Syringes used for home medical purposes may only be disposed of in rigid plastic containers. "Sharps" containers designed for syringe disposal can be obtained through your local pharmacy.
- Medication should NEVER be discarded in the garbage or down the drain. Unused, expired or unwanted medication can be taken to the Joliet Police Department or Basinger Pharmacy.



## Recycling Materials

Follow these simple instructions in preparing your materials for recycling.



### NEWSPAPERS, NEWSPRINT, and MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS

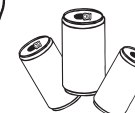
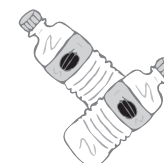
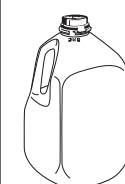
Various types of low grade mixed papers are acceptable, including:

- CARDBOARD BOXES - We request that these be flattened and cut down to 1 foot in diameter or less.
- CHIPBOARD BOXES - cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper tubes, soda/beer cartons.
- BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS
- PHONE BOOKS and MAGAZINES
- MIXED HOUSEHOLD PAPERS Including used mail.
- PIZZA BOXES - No food or grease please.

### CONTAINERS AND OTHER MATERIALS

A variety of different types of containers will all be accepted for recycling, including (Please thoroughly clean and rinse all food containers):

- GLASS JARS & BOTTLES - Food and beverage containers - clear, green, blue, brown. Does NOT include... Window or plate glass, dishes, ceramics or Pyrex, bulbs, etc.
- ALUMINUM / METAL CANS - Food and beverage cans, aluminum, steel, metal, and aluminum foil and pie tins.
- PLASTIC FOOD GRADE CONTAINERS
  - PET – 2-liter or other size beverage containers.
  - HDPE – Milk and water jugs, laundry, and household detergent bottles.
  - PVC – Vegetable oil bottles, window cleaner, and detergent bottles.
  - LDPE – Other food grade bottles.
  - PP – Yogurt cups and syrup bottles.
  - Other plastic food containers.



(Look for the recycling symbols shown above. Acceptable bottles will have one of these #'s on the bottom.) Polystyrene (carry-out containers) is no longer accepted. Bottles that contained motor oil, pesticides, or chemicals will NOT be accepted.

Place your recycling cart at the curb on your regular pickup day. It's that easy!!  
Recycling will be collected every other week on your regular garbage pick-up day.