

Garbage Pickup Rules

In accordance with City Ordinance, Chapter 102, refuse shall be placed for weekly collection in accordance with the following regulations. They are intended to maintain the efficient collection, minimize neighborhood nuisance, and protect public health.

Garbage must be placed at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on collection day and not before 5:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection. Materials must be placed at and parallel to the curb or alley. If necessary, an area should be cleared of snow for placing materials. Do not place on top of snow banks.

In addition, garbage must be placed in clear or white, opaque plastic bags that are securely closed. Black bags, garbage cans, or receptacles are not acceptable. Recycling must be placed in plastic blue bags that are securely closed. The maximum weight for all items left at the curb for collection is 35 pounds. Household refuse not suitable for placement in bags should be bundled. The bundle should not exceed a dimension of more than 3 feet and must be less than 35 pounds. Bundles should be made to be handled by one person.

The following items should be recycled and placed in plastic BLUE BAGS:

- **Glass:** Recyclable bottles and jars only. No ceramics, ashtrays, drink glasses, light bulbs, window or mirror glass, chemical bottles, medical containers, or laboratory glass.
- **Aluminum:** Rinsed food trays, foil, and beverage cans only.
- **Bi-metal:** Steel and tin food cans. No aerosol or paint cans.
- **Plastic Containers:** Recycle codes #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. No Styrofoam, plastic grocery bags, or hazardous chemical containers.

PAPER PRODUCTS - The following items should be placed for collection in BLUE BAGS or bundled with string or twine.

- **Newspaper and Magazines**
- **Corrugated cardboard:** Small amounts in a blue bag, large boxes need to be flattened and bundled. No waxed coated corrugated cardboard.
- **Miscellaneous paper products:** Clean paper products such as cereal and soda boxes, office paper, envelopes, gift boxes, junk mail, and shredded paper should be placed in the blue bag. Paper products that have been contaminated with food such as paper coffee cups, used paper towels and pizza boxes are not recyclable and should be placed in the garbage.