

## FAQ's

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**Q: What if I have something to throw away that the City will not take?**

*A- The City holds a bi-annual spring and fall clean-up. Fall 2020 Clean-Up is scheduled for September 14th - September 25th.*

**Q: Can I request additional trash carts?**

*A- YES! Each additional trash cart will cost \$6.00 and will be added to your monthly utility bill. The City of Columbus has a 2 cart maximum.*

**Q: Where can I take my brush and limbs?**

*A- The City has a brush and limb drop off location at the Columbus Animal Shelter, 315 W. Cedar St. Items left are required to be less than 6 feet in length and less than 6 inches in diameter. This service is for residential use only, NO COMMERCIAL USE.*

**Q: When the City is closed for a holiday, when is my trash picked up?**

*A- If your pickup day falls on a Federal Holiday, your pickup will be on the next business day.*

## Trash fees

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*Residential: \$12.50/month  
Outside the Fire Zone*

*Commerical: \$12.50/month  
Outside the Fire Zone*

*Fire Zone: \$22.00/month*

*Additional trash can: \$6.00/month*

## WARD MAP

CITY OF COLUMBUS

WARD 1 MONDAY

WARD 2 TUESDAY

WARD 3 WEDNESDAY

WARD 4 THURSDAY

WARD 5 FRIDAY

DON'T KNOW WHICH WARD YOU ARE IN? CONTACT CITY HALL AT 429-2159

## Contact Us

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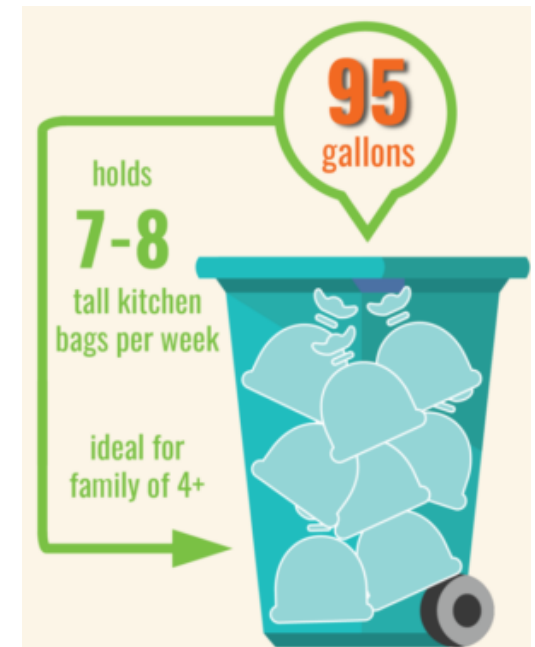
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## City of Columbus

Trash Cart Program



Starting August 3rd, City trash carts will be available upon request. Please call 429-2159.

## How it Works

Starting August 3rd, the City will be taking requests for 95-gallon trash carts. The carts will be provided at no cost to the customer. With our curbside collection services, both you and the environment will breathe a little easier! We will stop by your home every week (depending on your pickup date). Simply roll your cart to the curb! The City has ordered a limited supply of carts and will be testing this cart system through 2020. If successful, we will be ordering carts for all residents in 2021. Each household will be provided with one blue wheeled cart for weekly trash collection.

## What Is Collected

Normal household garbage generated from your residential property only. Animal waste, ashes, sawdust and similar materials are collected only if securely bagged.

## What Is Not Collected

Materials from commercial activities. Dirt, sod, rocks, mattresses, furniture, large appliances, major household renovation materials, construction debris, live ammunition, electronics (TVs, etc.) and household hazardous waste including, but not limited to: paint, fluorescent bulbs, tires, flammables, acids, pesticides, motor oil, pool chemicals and their containers. Medical waste, such as needles cannot be accepted.

We will not pickup your garbage if the lid is not properly closed. If overflow garbage is causing your lid to remain open your trash will not be picked up.

## Cart Guidelines

Containers must be placed curbside (do not obstruct drainage or walkways) by 7 a.m. on collection day. Garbage needs to be bagged or wrapped and placed in cart. Do not place loose garbage in your cart. This prevents the cart from being emptied completely and leads to a dirty and smelly cart. Residents must ensure that their carts are:

- Approximately 10 ft away from vehicles
- No more than 3 ft from the curb or street
- Approximately 5 ft from other objects (mailboxes, poles, other roll carts, etc.)
- Oriented with the handle and wheels facing away from the street.
- Empty Carts must be removed no later than 7 p.m. on collection day.



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**Q: Can I pick the size of my trash cart?**

**A- At this time, we have decided to go with 95-gallon carts to provide the most space for our customers.**

**Q: What if I don't need or want a City provided trash cart?**

**A- At this time, the city trash carts are optional (first come, first serve).**

**Q: What if I cannot fit all my trash inside the cart?**

**A- We will be going to a complete trash cart system by 2022. The 95-gallon cart is the equivalent of three regular 32-gallon trash cans. The average household sets out about three trash cans per week. Hold any additional trash that does not fit into the cart until the next scheduled collection day, or you may purchase an additional trash can for \$6.00/month.**

**Q: Do I have to pay for my new trash cart?**

**A- No. Your first trash cart has been paid for with your trash service fees.**

**Q: What if my cart becomes damaged?**

**A- You can request a cart repair by calling 429-2159. The cart repair will take place on your next collection day. Carts that cannot be repaired will be replaced. There is no charge for cart repairs or replacements due to normal wear and tear, weather, or contractor handling. Please note there is a fee for replacement carts due to damage caused by the resident.**

**Q: How can I reduce the amount of trash that goes into my cart?**

**A- The City provides 3 recycling bins for cardboard. Cherokee County also provides recycling containers for metal (pop cans, etc.), plastic (#1 or #2 only), and paper. These containers are located on the east side of Tennessee Ave. between Maple and Sycamore.**