



## The City of Joliet

Garbage, Recycling,  
& Yard Waste Program



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Dear Joliet Resident:

The City of Joliet provides a comprehensive solid waste program designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The information in this brochure will assist you with the garbage, recycling and yard waste services in Joliet.

**For further information, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854. You can also visit the City of Joliet's website at [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info). Click on garbage and recycling under the Residents tab.**

Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Waste Management & the City of Joliet

### **COLLECTION TIMES AND CARTS**

All garbage and recycling items, including yard waste, must be placed by the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Carts should be placed with the handle facing away from the roadway and about two feet apart. Residents may put their carts out the night before pick up. Please do not place the carts on the street. Residents should keep carts in their garage or a location in the back or side yard if they are being kept outside. After collection, all carts should be removed no later than the evening of your collection day. Please call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 if your cart becomes damaged or needs repair.

### **SOLID WASTE**

- Each home is provided with a 96-gallon cart for solid waste free of charge. Additional waste may be placed in either plastic bags OR containers that are no greater than 45 gallons in size and do not exceed 50 lbs. All waste should be properly contained to prevent littering.
- Bulk Items will be collected with the weekly pick-up (i.e., couch, small tables, mattress, toilet, etc.).
- Carpet is considered a bulk item and must be cut and rolled into 4-foot lengths. Each roll must not weigh more than 50 lbs. All carpeting and padding must be secured with tape or string prior to collection.
- Residents may place large household appliances (white good items), such as: refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, AC units and dehumidifiers with their weekly garbage collection. These items will be collected separately and will be recycled. As a safety precaution, please remove the doors from refrigerators and freezers. Residents may call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to schedule collection of white goods.
- Incidental quantities of home improvement project debris may be collected as long as it is properly contained in either the garbage cart, a 32-gallon can and/or bundled and tied, so that each bundle does not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. There is a limit of three 32-gallon cans or three 50 lb bundles of home debris per week.



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## RECYCLING

- Each home is provided with a 96-gallon recycling cart with a yellow lid free of charge. Residents may rent an additional 96-gallon recycling cart for \$5.00 per month by calling (815) 280-7854.
- While trash and yard waste will be collected weekly on your regular pick-up day, recycling collection will occur every other week. Part of the City will be serviced one week, and the remainder will be serviced the following week. If you are unsure which week your recycling is collected, please go to the City of Joliet website: **cityofjoliet.info**, click on garbage and recycling and then on the residents tab or call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.
- Use your 96-gallon cart with the yellow lid for recyclables only that are accepted curbside. Materials acceptable for recycling are shown on the next page.
- Car and small truck tires (no rims) are picked up on your scheduled recycling day.

Please see the detachable calenders for the 2015-2016 recycling collection dates.

## YARD WASTE

Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, and brush is collected weekly on your scheduled pickup day from April 1 through the first week in December.

- Yard waste must be placed in either kraft-type paper yard waste bags OR in clearly labeled 32-gallon containers. YARD WASTE ONLY labels are available at no charge at Joliet City Hall and Joliet Jewel-Osco stores. All 32-gallon containers used for yard waste MUST be properly labeled if used for yard waste collection.
- Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths and securely bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 lbs. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.
- Residents can either rent or purchase 96-gallon yard waste carts by contacting the Customer Service Center at (815) 280-7854.
- Please note that sod, whole trees, stumps, limbs greater than 4 inches in diameter and dirt are not part of the weekly yard waste program.

**REMEMBER:** A healthy lawn needs its clippings – please mulch whenever possible. Mulching is recycling.

## OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Waste Management observes the following holidays. When your collection falls on or after one of these holidays, your pick-up will be delayed one day that week.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY



**RECYCLE OFTEN.  
RECYCLE RIGHT.**



Great things happen when Joliet residents use **Recycle Often and Recycle Right**. When everyday items like those shown below are recycled, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus the recycled materials become new products, and the cycle continues.

- Use your green cart with the yellow lid for weekly recycling.
- No sorting is needed.
- Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed and free of food debris.

Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as garbage, but at different times of the day. See calendars in this brochure to determine your recycling collection week. The following items may be recycled:

**Recycle....it's the right thing to do**



**Plastic bottles and containers**



**Junk mail, office & school paper, phone books, books, catalogs, magazines & newspapers**



**Glass bottles & jars**



**Chipboard, boxboard, brown paper bags and cardboard**



**Aluminum foil, cans and empty aerosol cans**



**Paper cardboard, dairy and juice containers**

**Recycle Correctly**

**Do NOT recycle the following:**



**No food waste and liquids**



**Keep plastic bags out of recycling**



**No foam products**

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