

Cart Assistance for Accessibility Needs

Customers who are not physically able to place their trash or recycling cart at the curb for collection may place their cart at a location convenient for them. Please call the City of Galesburg Community Development at (309) 345-3619 to register for this service. A physician’s certification will be required. This service is limited to one trash cart and one recycling cart per residential address. **Please note: This service is not available for yard waste collection.**

Holiday Tree Recycling

Recycle your live holiday tree from December 26, 2026 to January 4, 2027, in the Lowe’s parking lot. (Drop-off sponsored by Lowe’s, WM, and the City’s Community Development Department). Please remove plastic bags, tree stands, lights and ornaments. Flocked trees, artificial trees and tinsel will not be accepted. You may also place your live tree at the curb for pick up on your regular refuse collection day. Please know that trees collected at the curb will not be recycled and must be no taller than five (5) feet high.

Connect with WM

Your Community Website

Visit **home.wm.com/galesburg** to check pickup schedules (including holidays), review service guidelines, submit requests, and contact us—all in just a few clicks. It’s your one-stop hub for staying informed and in control.

My WM Account

With My WM, you can easily view your service and holiday schedules, manage your account and more. Getting started is simple—scan the code, visit wm.com/MyWM or download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Let’s Chat

Visit wm.com/support to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with a customer service representative who’s ready to help.

Questions? Please contact the Community Development Department at (309) 345-3619 or WM.



At Your Door Special Collection® Service

WM’s At Your Door Special Collection® service is here to help you safely and sustainably dispose of household hazardous waste such as cleaners, chemicals, paint and paint products, old electronics, and hard-to-recycle items—all from the comfort of your home.

Automotive products: Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, transmission fluid, cleaners, upholstery cleaner, polishes, fuels and waxes

Batteries: Household and vehicle

Household Cleaners: Carpet and upholstery cleaners, tile and shower cleaners, drain cleaners, cleaning compounds and rust removers

Household items: Hobby glue, nail polish removers, and more

Electronics: Televisions, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, monitors, mouse, keyboards, mp3 players, DVD players, gaming consoles, CD/tape players, VCRs, cell phones, desktop printer, scanner, fax machines, microwaves, CD rom and related cords

Mercury containing items: Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs), straight fluorescent tubes, thermometers and thermostats

Paint products: Latex and oil based paint, spray paint, paint thinner, stain, stripper, caulk, sealer, wood stain and wood preservative

Garden chemicals: Fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide

Swimming pool chemicals: Pool acid, stabilizer and chlorine

Sharps: Syringes, needles and lancets (Select areas only)

Unable to Collect: Ammunition, EV batteries, explosives, asbestos, tires, or any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers. Additional, unacceptable materials based on local or state laws.

Schedule your home collection today at wmatyourdoor.com or call (800) 449-7587.

(Collection available weekdays. Restrictions apply. See details at wmatyourdoor.com.)



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City of Galesburg
2026 Waste and Recycling Collection Services

The City of Galesburg and WM have created this Recycling and Refuse Program Guide to share information about your available services. Inside, you'll find a convenient calendar that lists the recycling collection schedule, along with detailed instructions on how to properly prepare your recyclables. Keep this guide handy as a quick reference throughout the year.

Curbside Services

Household refuse, yard waste and recycling services are provided at curbside on your pick-up day. Visit home.wm.com/galesburg or the Community Development Department at City Hall to determine your pick-up day, or go online at <https://gis.ci.galesburg.il.us/SolidWaste>

- Refuse is picked up weekly all year long.
- Recycling is picked up every other week all year long.
- Yard waste is picked up weekly except during the winter months of December, January, and February, when it is picked up once a month.

Curbside Refuse Pick-Up

Refuse is collected weekly at the curb on your regular refuse pick up day. WM will provide each residence with one 96-gallon cart for refuse as the primary container for solid waste storage and collection. If needed, residents may place up to two additional refuse containers at the curb. Each container must be 33-gallon capacity or less, and weigh less than 50 pounds. Loose bags will not be accepted. If you are interested in renting an additional cart, please visit home.wm.com/galesburg or contact WM for additional rental details.

Service Guidelines

- Place your cart at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular refuse pick-up day or after 4 p.m. the night before your refuse pick-up. Remove empty carts from the curb by midnight on your refuse pick-up day and store them in the rear or side yard.



- Place your carts at least 3 feet apart and 3 feet away from any obstacles (trees, cars, mailboxes, etc.) to allow the automatic arm to lift and empty the carts. Place the cart's wheels toward the house.
- Cardboard boxes are not acceptable refuse containers. They do not hold up when wet. Refuse placed in a cardboard box will not be picked up. Cardboard boxes need to be broken down for pick up, either as refuse or as recyclables. Intact boxes will not be collected.
- Recycle bins and wheeled carts are the property of WM and must be left at the property when moving. If a repair or replacement is needed, please contact WM or request it through your My WM account. Don't have an account? Visit www.wm.com/MyWM to get started.

Every-Other-Week Curbside Recycling

Comingled items must be recycled in each household's wheeled cart or bin. Set the recycling cart/bin at the curb on refuse pick-up day. The recycling carts are emptied every-other-week. View the every-other-week recycling calendar on the city's website at: <https://gis.ci.galesburg.il.us/SolidWaste>.

Yard Waste Collection Program

Yard waste will be collected weekly from March 2 through November 28, 2026, on your refuse collection day. Yard waste is only collected once during the winter months of January, February, and December on your regular refuse pick-up day of that specified week.

Yard waste consists of leaves, grass, shrub clippings, garden waste, brush and woody material. Place your yard waste in a paper yard waste bag or a trash container designated for yard waste.

Longer limbs must be tied with a degradable twine, less than five (5) feet long, and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Limbs cannot exceed five (5) inches in diameter.

Winter Yard Waste Collection

January 5 - 9, 2026 | February 2 - 6, 2026 | December 7 - 11, 2026

Yard Waste Tips

- If using a garbage can for yard waste, mark the can with a YW to identify it as yard waste and not refuse.
- Mulching grass and leaves are healthy for your lawn.
- Composting is a great alternative for non-woody yard and garden waste. Refer to the Municipal Code for guidelines.
- Don't put plastic pots in yard waste bags/cans.
- During cold weather, consider using a paper yard waste bag as yard waste will freeze to an empty trash can.
- Mowing or raking grass or leaves into the street is prohibited. Open burning of yard waste is also prohibited.

Oversized Brush Drop-Off Location

Oversized brush can be dropped off at 636 Pickard Road (just west of Farm King) on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 20 through November 16, 2026. Please note that the site will be closed on April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday) and July 4, 2026 (Independence Day). Grass clippings and leaves are not accepted at this location.

Weekly Bulk Item Collection

You now have the option to have oversized items collected weekly at the curb at no cost. Bulk item collection will take place on Tuesdays. Weekly bulk items may be placed at the curb after 4 p.m. the night before the scheduled Tuesday pick up. Each residence is limited to one (1) bulky/oversized item or appliance per month. A sticker may be purchased if you have more than one (1) item.

A Bulky or Oversized pick-up must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. You may schedule your pick-up online at home.wm.com/galesburg or by contacting WM.

Examples of oversized items include sofas, appliances, water heaters, and mattresses.

- Items covered in fabric (mattresses, box springs, sofas, etc.) must be covered in plastic.
- Items that hold water (dishwashers, hot water heaters, toilets, etc.) must be drained or the liquid solidified.
- Dehumidifiers and appliances containing Freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, etc.) are not eligible for collection.

Oversize Stickers

If more than one oversized item a month needs to be collected, you may purchase an oversized sticker for \$20 from City Hall or Hy-Vee. Attach the sticker to the item before pickup. Pickup will be on your regular refuse collection day. Oversize stickered Items may be placed at the curb after 4 p.m. on the night before your regular pick up day.

RECYCLE RIGHT



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

- Empty recyclable materials directly into your recycling cart - don't bag recyclables
- Containers that held food should be rinsed and free of food debris

The following items may be recycled:



Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Paper



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cans



Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container



NO Batteries, Power Tools, Flammables or Hazardous Waste



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Food or Liquids



NO Clothing, Furniture or Carpet



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film
Empty recyclables directly into your bin



NO Green Waste

To learn more, visit wm.com/recyclerright. © 2025 WM Intellectual Property Holdings, LLC. The Recycle Right recycling education program was developed based upon industry best practices. Please consult your local municipality for their acceptable materials and additional details of local programs, which may differ slightly.

Galesburg, Illinois 2026 Collection Calendar

Gold Week Collection Green Week Collection Observed Holiday

January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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Observed Holidays

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1
Memorial Day: Monday, May 25
Independence Day: Saturday, July 4

Labor Day: Monday, September 7
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26
Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.