Solid Waste Basics

- Solid waste services are provided to customers with an active city of Galesburg refuse account.
- Household refuse, yard waste and recycling services provided curbside on pickup day.
- Call 309/345-3619 or go to www.ci.galesburg.il.us to determine pickup day.
- Refuse picked up weekly.
- Recycling picked up every other week.
- Yard Waste picked up weekly March 1 through November 30; except December, January and February (monthly pickup).

- Refuse containers and bags must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on pickup day; no sooner than 4 p.m. the day before.
- Containers must have a secure lid to deter animals and blowing trash.
- Plastic trash bags are allowable but must be stored in a secure can, garage, or other enclosure.
- Empty containers must be removed from curb by midnight on pickup day and stored out of public view.
- Refuse containers cannot be stored in the front yard. Containers must be stored out of public view either in the rear yard, or a side yard if screened.
- Containers, bags and bundles are unlimited when properly prepared. Refer to guidelines in this brochure.

Refuse

Refuse is collected weekly at the curb on your regular refuse pickup day. Refuse may be contained in plastic garbage bags or in garbage cans. Filled garbage bags and cans must be less than 50 lbs each. A 96-gallon roll-out cart can be rented from Waste Management for $3.50/month making it convenient for homeowners that generate a large amount of refuse. Call Waste Management at 309/343-0256 for information on cart rental. Another option is to bundle refuse, it must be bundled with twine or tape and be less than 50 lbs and no longer than 5 feet in length.

Cardboard boxes are not an acceptable refuse container. 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 pickup either as refuse or as a recyclable. Intact boxes will not be collected.

No loose hypodermic needles are allowed in household refuse. See page 3 for information on how to properly dispose of sharps.

Carpet, boards and other bulk items must be tied or taped to form a bundle. Remove nails or hammer down for safety.

Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected weekly, except during the winter months. Yard waste consists of leaves, grass, shrub clippings, garden waste, brush and woody material and should be contained in a paper yard waste bag or a trash container designated for yard waste. Limbs must be tied with degradable twine and must be less than 5 feet long, weigh no more than 50 lbs and cannot exceed 5 inches in diameter.

Winter Yard Waste Dates

- January 8 - 12, 2018
- February 5 - 9, 2018
- December 10 - 14, 2018

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 is 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.
Every Other Week Curbside Recycling

Co-mingle items to be recycled in the wheeled cart or bin provided to each household. If you need a recycling bin, one may be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours. Wheeled carts/bins can be delivered to you at no charge by Waste Management by calling 309/343-0256. Set the recycling container at the curb on refuse pickup day. Waste Management has provided a calendar showing the dates for every other week collection. This calendar will also be available on the city’s website at www.ci.galesburg.il.us/services/recycling.

Below is a list of accepted recyclables:
- Glass bottles and jars — clear, brown and green—rinse, labels are ok
- Plastic tubs, bottles and lids coded 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 — rinse, labels are ok
- Aluminum, Steel & Tin Food and beverage cans—rinse, labels are ok
- Paper products—flatten and remove plasticliners
  - Newspapers and inserts
  - Magazines, catalogs, phone books and paperback books
  - Corrugated cardboard and paperboard (collapse boxes so no larger than 2 1/2’ by 4’)
  - Junk mail, computer paper and copier paper—staples are ok

Recycle bins and wheeled carts are the property of Waste Management and must be left at the property when moving.

Items not accepted include:
- Drinking glasses, ceramics, window glass, Pyrex, mirrors, crystal and any broken glass.
- Foam or flat plastic coded 6 also know as Styrofoam (TM).
- Film plastic. Plastic grocery bags—take back to grocery store to recycle.
- Wrapping paper, cardboard with waxed surfaces, shredded paper, paper towels and tissues.
- Hypodermic needles or diabetic pens.
- Food, clothing, disposable diapers.
- Furnace filters.

Electronics recycling

The following items are prohibited for disposal in Illinois landfills and must be disposed of at an approved recycling center. See options described below for electronics recycling programs.
- Cable or satellite receiver
- Computer
- Computer monitor
- Electronic keyboard
- Electronic mouse
- Digital converter box
- DVD recorder or player
- FAX machine
- Portable digital music player
- Printer
- Scanner
- Small-scale server
- Television
- Video game console
- VCR recorder

Residential Self Serve Drop Off

The electronics mentioned above plus small kitchen appliances (no air conditioners or large appliances) are accepted free of charge. This is a self serve program meaning staff at the drop off facility cannot unload electronics. Bring items to Waste Management at 1360 S. Henderson Street., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Business Pickup

Schedule a pickup by calling the Tri-County Regional Collection facility at 309/331-4782. There is a fee for this service based on the weight of the electronics collected.

Clean Up Days

2018 Dates
April 9 -13, 2018
September 17 -21, 2018

Twice a year residents are encouraged to clean out attics, garages, basements and backyards getting rid of any large unwanted items. During these special weeks, oversized items can be placed at the curb on your regular refuse pickup day by 6 a.m. without extra charge. Clean Up Days for your address will occur on the regular solid waste pickup day.

The Clean Up Days program is funded entirely by city of Galesburg refuse customers and is provided to customers with an active refuse account. Waste from businesses and out-of-town sources are prohibited. Fines will be assessed.

Yard waste is not included in this program. Prepare yard waste as directed on page 1 of this brochure.

Break down or disassemble large cumbersome items such as play sets.

Oversized items Infested with bugs must be wrapped in plastic.

Tape shut or remove doors from large appliances for safety.
**Walmart paint drop off**

From May through September, Galesburg’s Walmart will accept residential paint and varnishes for recycling on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon. If paint is disposed of at the curb, it must be solidified. Fill a disposable tray with cat litter and then pour the liquid paint into the tray with cat litter and let dry and then dispose in trash. Place the empty paint can upside down with the lid removed next to your trash can. This will show the waste collector the can has been dried and can be disposed of at the landfill. No business waste.

**Prescription medication drop off**

The city of Galesburg, in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Knox County Health Department, will collect unused or expired prescription medicine, inhalers and mercury thermometers for proper disposal. Disposing of these items in the household refuse poses environmental hazards. Place your unwanted prescription medicines in clear plastic bags loose, not bottled, and take them to the Knox County Health Department at 1361 W. Fremont Street, Galesburg, during their normal business hours.

**Hypodermic needle containers and drop off**

Galesburg residents may obtain a 1.4-quart, approved rigid plastic sharps container from the Knox County Health Department, 1361 West Fremont St., Galesburg, for storage of the home-generated sharps. Residents can drop off the full container at a kiosk located in the lobby of the Health Department and obtain a new one. The Knox County Health Department is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Knox County Health Department
1361 W. Fremont Street, Galesburg
309/344-2224
M-F, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulb**

Lowe’s accepts used CFL bulbs for recycling free of charge. Bulbs to be recycled should be placed in a sealed plastic bag, such as a sandwich bag.

**Recycling drop off**

Waste Management, located at 1360 S. Henderson Street, Galesburg, will accept paper, plastic and cans for recycling. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Saturday.

**Battery collection**

Automotive batteries are accepted at places that sell batteries. Lowe’s accepts alkaline and rechargeable batteries for recycling at no charge. Tape both ends of alkaline batteries.

**Oversized brush drop off**

The Oversized Brush Drop Off program’s hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 16 through November 17, 2018. The Oversized Brush Drop Off is located at 636 Pickard Road (just west of Farm King).

**Christmas tree recycling**

Dispose of your Christmas tree at the drop off site sponsored by Lowe’s, Waste Management and the city’s Public Works Department. Beginning the day after Christmas and ending January 4th, take your Christmas tree to the Lowe’s parking lot. Please remove plastic bags, tree stands, lights and ornaments. Flocked trees, artificial trees and tinsel will not be accepted. Another option, place your Christmas tree at the curb for pickup on your regular refuse pickup day. Please know that trees collected at the curb will not be recycled.

**Oversize stickers**

Sometimes there is a need to dispose of something that weighs more than 50 lbs (i.e. sofa, appliance, water heater) and is longer than 5 feet in length and cannot wait until Clean Up Days. The city of Galesburg offers a curbside oversize refuse pickup service for a fee. A $19 sticker may be purchased at City Hall or Hy-Vee and affixed to the item to be picked up. Pickup will be on your regular refuse pickup day.

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- Scavenging items from the curb is not allowed. Fines can be assessed.
- No loose trash. Household trash must be bagged or bundled.
- Any leftover waste on the curb after your pickup day will be subject to additional fees for pickup. No notice is required to be sent. Leftover waste must be removed by midnight the following day.

Liquid paint
Auto batteries
Propane tanks
Specified Electronics
Boards with exposed nails
Large amounts demo waste
Large concrete chunks
Large auto parts
Motor oil

Items above are not accepted. Please call 309/343-0256 or 309/345-3619 with questions
Other Information

**Refuse service for disabled**
A service is available for low-income disabled individuals who are unable to take their refuse to the curb and do not have the means to pay someone to do it for them. Refuse will be picked up at a location convenient for the resident. Qualifying residents are limited to one bag or can per week. An application can be obtained by calling 309/345-3619. The application requires a doctor’s certification and a copy of the applicant’s most recent income tax return.

**Roll-out cart rental**
A 96-gallon roll-out cart (similar to the yellow and green recycling cart that is provided free of charge) can be rented from Waste Management for $3.50/month making it convenient for homeowners that generate a large amount of refuse. Call Waste Management at 309/343-0256 for information on cart rental.

**Holidays**
When a holiday occurs during the work week, there will be no waste service on that day. That day’s pickup will take place the following day with the remainder of the week being one day behind. Holidays which affect waste pickup in 2018 are: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

**Contact information**
The Planning and Public Works Department at City Hall, 55 W. Tompkins Street, Galesburg, can answer all your household waste questions. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 309/345-3619 or email Julie Main at juliem@ci.galesburg.il.us.