How does the Solid Waste System work?

One wheeled trash and recycle cart with an approximate capacity of 64 or 96 gallons are provided by the City to each dwelling unit qualifying for residential service at no cost. There is no recurring fee for trash and recycle collection.

Garbage Collection

Dispose of your garbage in the container provided by the City of Frankfort. Make sure the lid is closed, without packing your garbage too tightly. These containers are the property of the City and are assigned to the property.

For collection, place the container as close as possible to the curb or roadside, NOT in the street. Make sure the container is at least 3 feet from mailboxes, parked cars, trees, light posts, etc. and the handle and lid hinge is facing your residence. Please ensure the lid is closed to prevent damage to cart(s).

Garbage in containers other than the City issued carts or the prepaid City Overflow Bags will not be collected, except on special pickup days scheduled by the City. These pickup days are referred to as Clean Up Week. Dates for Clean Up Week are posted on the City’s website: https://www.frankfort.ky.gov/177/Clean-Up-Weeks.

If there is a violation of a City Ordinance, the City will issue a Notice of Violation. This Notice will give the property owner 5 days to remedy the situation. If, after 5 days, the violation still exists the City will send employees to effect compliance and the property owner will be charged $35 per event.

Disposal of Excess Garbage

Garbage that does not fit into the provided container must be placed in a prepaid City of Frankfort garbage bag. Prepaid garbage bags, or Overflow Bags, will be picked up by the City. Overflow Bags may be purchased from both Kroger locations (east & west).

An additional service exists that allows for disposal of excess garbage. A resident may schedule a Bulk Pickup at an address for a prepaid service fee of $25. Once scheduled, 10 large trash carts (96 gallon) will be delivered to the address. The resident then fills all carts and sets them out on their next scheduled collection day to be emptied and carts collected by the City. Bulk pickups are not for remodeling or construction debris, household trash only.

The service fee may be paid as described in the Requesting a Different Size Cart section of this pamphlet.

Disability Assistance

While carts are usually easy to move to their collection spot, some may have difficulty. If you have a disability, please call our office so that we can review your needs. A medical waiver may need to be filled out as well.

Public Safety

Refuse collection can be hazardous. Make sure that children stay clear of curbside refuse and collection trucks. Curbside refuse should not impede pedestrian walkways or public through-fares.

Yard Waste

Yard waste, such as clippings of grass, flowers, shrubs and hedges, as well as brush, weeds and leaves (except during loose leaf collection season), must be placed into brown paper yard waste bags, or into 32 gallon heavy-duty garbage/refuse containers labeled “Yard Waste”. Plastic bags are not an acceptable method of yard waste disposal. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled trash day.

Tree limbs shall be placed adjacent to the public street and stacked neatly with the cut ends facing the street. No tree limbs shall weigh more than 50 pounds or exceed 6’ in length. The piles shall not exceed 3’ high and 10’ wide. Leaves and small sticks must be placed in brown paper bags or in 32-gallon cans.

Please note that the City does not pick up yard waste as a result of contract work.

Requesting a Different Size Cart

The property owner may exchange the City-issued trash cart for a larger size upon payment
of a one-time service charge. There is no charge when changing the size of the recycle cart.

Property owners requesting to switch their cart size at curbside may do so at any time by contacting the Public Works Department at (502) 352-2088. The service charge can be paid by check, cash, or credit card (an additional 2.95% service fee applies to credit card payments). Payments can be made at the Public Works office located in City Hall, 315 W. Second St., mailed to City of Frankfort, Attn: Public Works, PO Box 697, Frankfort, KY 40602. Credit card payments can be made over the phone. If mailing, please include information details such as; name, address, phone number and cart size request.

New property owner(s) may request a one-time cart change out within the first 30 days of new ownership at no cost. New property owners should contact Public Works at (502) 352-2088 or Solid Waste at (502) 875-8527 to schedule a cart exchange.

Cart exchanges will be done on your next scheduled collection day. Please leave the old cart to the street after being emptied.

**Bulky Items**

Bulky items such as appliances, old furniture, and the like shall be placed 3 feet from the City carts on your normal collection day. Refrigerators shall have the door removed or tied closed. Carpet, padding, vinyl flooring, etc. shall be cut and tied into 4 foot sections not weighing more than 50 pounds. Items such as tires, metal poles, swing sets, and fuel tanks will not be collected by city personnel.

The carts shall remain the property of the City of Frankfort Damaged or stolen carts will be replaced upon request.

The property owner is responsible for keeping the carts clean.

**Helpful Tips:**

All carts must be on the curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day and removed no later than the evening of collection day from the public right of way.

Paint containers must be empty or solidified prior to being picked up. Use kitty litter or sand to solidify left over paint. Leave the cans outside the City cart with the lids removed.

Your old 32-gallon garbage containers can be used to dispose of loose yard waste. The cans shall weigh less than 50 pounds and be free of trash.

Liquids (i.e. thinners, oil, acids), Medical Waste (i.e. oxygen tanks, needles), tires, hot ashes, hazardous materials, construction debris, and propane tanks are not acceptable materials for pick up.

ALL boxes need to be broken down, and placed in your cart for pick up.

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