

Recycling and Refuse Programs 2022

Refuse Services Brought to You by:

Waste Management
1360 S. Henderson Street
Galesburg, IL 61401
309/343-0256

and

City of Galesburg Community Development Department
55 W. Tompkins Street
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Curbside Services




Household refuse, yard waste and recycling services are provided at curbside on your pick up day. Contact the Community Development Department at City Hall to determine your pick up day or go online at www.ci.galesburg.il.us/government/departments/garbage_services/index.php

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.

Refuse




Refuse is collected weekly at the curb on your regular refuse pick up 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 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 pick up either as refuse or as a recyclable. Intact boxes will not be collected.



Refuse must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular refuse pick up day. Homeowners may place refuse at the curb the night before pick up as long as it is out after 4 p.m. Remove the empty cans from the curb by midnight on your refuse pick up day and store them in the rear or side yard.

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



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

Yard Waste




Yard waste will be collected weekly from March 7th through November 26th, 2022, on your refuse pick up 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 and should be contained in a paper yard waste bag or a trash container designated for yard waste. Longer limbs must be tied with a degradable twine and must be less than 5 feet long and weigh no more than 50 lbs. In order to be picked up at the curb, limbs cannot exceed 5 inches in diameter.

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.

Winter Yard Waste Collection

January 10—14, 2022
February 7—11, 2022
December 5—9, 2022



Every Other Week Curbside Recycling



Co-mingle items to be recycled in the wheeled cart or bin provided to each household. 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 pick up 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/government/community_development/garbage_services/recycling.php


Accepted Recyclable Items:

- 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 plastic liners
 - 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

Items **not** Accepted:

- 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.



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

Electronics Recycling



The following electronic items are prohibited for disposal in Illinois landfills and **must** be disposed of at an approved recycling center.

- 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

The Electronic Recycling Drop-Off is located at Waste Management, 1360 S. Henderson Street. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Saturday. This is a self-serve program, meaning staff at the drop-off facility cannot unload electronics. The electronics listed above, plus small appliances, (no air conditioners, dehumidifiers or large appliances) are accepted at this location, free of charge. This is a residential service only.



Business Electronic Pick Up

If your business is looking to recycle electronics, schedule a pick up by calling the Tri-County Regional Collection facility at 309/331-4782. There is a fee for this service based on the

Clean-Up Days

Unless otherwise specified, Clean-Up Days are held twice per year, once in the Spring and again in the Fall, on residents' regular solid waste collection day. During the special collection time there is no limit to the size, or quantity, of household refuse items placed at the curb. Doors must be removed from large appliances for safety, and appliances should not be filled with other items.

There are some restrictions to the Clean-Up Days event. Listed are specific items not accepted.



2022 Clean-Up Days


April 11-15, 2022 for odd week recyclers
April 18-22, 2022 for even week recyclers
September 12-16, 2022 for odd week recyclers
September 19-23, 2022 for even week recyclers

Important Guidelines to Follow

- Loose Trash will **NOT** be accepted. Bundle or bag loose household trash. 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.
- Construction material or demolition debris will **NOT** be accepted.
- Scavenging items from the curb is not allowed.
- Yard waste is not included in this special program. Prepare yard waste for this week as directed on page 1 of this program.
- The Clean Up Days program is funded entirely by city of Galesburg residents. Waste from businesses and out-of-town sources are prohibited. Fines will be assessed.

Oversize Stickers

Sometimes there is a need to dispose of something that weighs more than 50 lbs and is longer than 5 feet in length and cannot wait until Clean Up Days. The city of Galesburg offers a curbside oversize refuse pick up 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. Pick up will be on your regular refuse pick up day.

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

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 & Drop Off

Galesburg residents may obtain a 1.4-quart, approved rigid plastic sharps container from the Knox County Health Department 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. and is located at 1361 West Fremont Street in Galesburg.



SHARPS DISPOSAL

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.

Walmart Paint Drop Off

From May through September, Galesburg's Walmart will accept 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 paint in the can has been dried and can be disposed of at the landfill.



Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs

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.

Battery Collection

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

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 309/343-0256. The application requires a doctor's certification and a copy of the applicant's most recent income tax return.

Oversized Brush Drop Off at Pickard Road

The Oversized Brush Drop Off program's hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 18th through November 20th, 2022. **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 Community Development 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.

You may also place your Christmas tree at the curb for pick up on your regular refuse pick up day. Please know that trees collected at the curb will not be recycled and must also be **no longer than 5 feet in length.**



Other Information

Holidays

When a holiday occurs during the work week, there will be no waste service on that day. That day's pick up will take place the following day with the remainder of the week being one day behind. Holidays which affect waste pick up in 2022 are: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Contact Information

Waste Management, our contracted residential waste hauler, is located at 1360 S. Henderson Street, Galesburg. Should residents have any questions or issues relating to residential waste, their local office may be reached by phone at 309/343-0256. The Community Development Department, located at City Hall (55 W. Tompkins Street), can also assist residents and may be reached at 309/345-3619.



Recycling Cart

Recycling is easier than ever!

The city of Galesburg has provided you with this updated Recycling and Refuse Program Guide along with an important calendar showing every other week recycling dates and a recycling preparation information sheet. Keep this for reference throughout the year. The recycling carts are emptied every other week. For answers to your recycling or solid waste disposal questions, Waste Management at 309/343-0256.

Top ten recycling problems for Waste Management collection staff

Please do not place the following items in your recycling container: 1) Clothing, 2) plastic bags, 3) diapers, 4) Styrofoam(TM) - plastic coded 6, 5) pizza boxes with pizza, 6) cigarette butts, 7) plastic wrap/food wrappers, 8) unopened cans or bottles with food or drink, 9) wood/particle board and 10) yard waste/trash/electronics.

Visit the city's website at www.ci.galesburg.il.us for more details on residential refuse, recycling and yard waste services.



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