

# City of Galesburg

## 2023 Waste and Recycling Collection Services



Important Information  
About Your Automated  
Waste & Recycling Collection



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The City of Galesburg and WM have provided you with this Recycling and Refuse Program Guide, an important calendar showing recycling dates every other week and a recycling preparation information sheet. Keep this for reference throughout the year.

### **Curbside Services**

Household refuse, yard waste and recycling services are provided at curbside on your pickup day. Contact WM or the Community Development Department at City Hall to determine your pickup 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 each weigh less than 50 lbs. Loose bags will not be accepted. If residents are interested in renting an additional cart, call WM at (309) 343- 0256 for rental fee information.

### **Service Guidelines**

- Refuse must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular refuse pick up day. Refuse may be placed at the curb the night before pickup, if 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.
- 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.
- Carpet, boards, and other bulk items must be tied or taped to form a bundle. Bundles must be less than 50 lbs. and no longer than 5 ft in length. Remove nails or hammer down for safety.
- No loose hypodermic needles are allowed in household refuse. Please see WM's At Your Door Special Collection® service information. [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com)
- Recycle bins and wheeled carts are property of WM and must be left at the property when moving. If a repair or replacement is needed, please contact WM at [wm.com](http://wm.com) or create a My WM account at [www.wm.com/mywm](http://www.wm.com/mywm).

### **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>

For answers to your recycling questions, visit WM's Recycle Right at <http://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right> to find everything you need to recycle right, every day.

### **Recycling Drop Off**

WM, located at 1360 S. Henderson Street, Galesburg, will accept paper, plastic, and cans for recycling. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday.

### **Yard Waste Collection Program**

Yard waste will be collected weekly from March 6 through November 25, 2023, 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. 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 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.

### **Winter Yard Waste Collection**

January 9—13, 2023 | February 6—10, 2023 | December 4—8, 2023

### **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 17 through November 19, 2023. The Oversized Brush Drop Off is located at 636 Pickard Road (just west of Farm King).

### **Weekly Bulk Item Collection**

Residents now have the option to have oversized items collected weekly, at the curb, at no cost. Bulk item collection will take place on Tuesdays. Each residence is limited to ONE bulky/oversized item or appliance per month. If you have more than 1 item, a sticker may be purchased. A Bulky/Oversize pick up must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. You may schedule your pickup online by creating a My WM Account at <http://www.wm.com/us/en/user/register> or by calling WM at (309) 343-0256. 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

# RECYCLE RIGHT

Great things happen when City of Galesburg residents Recycle Right. By recycling everyday items like those shown below, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. To learn more visit [wm.com/recycleright](http://wm.com/recycleright).

- Empty recyclables loose into your cart - don't bag recyclables and no loose plastic bags. Instead, reuse or return plastic bags to local retailers.
- Containers should be empty and free from food and liquid.

Recycling will be collected every other week:

## Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard  
& Paperboard



Paper

## Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container



NO Food or Liquids



NO Loose Plastic Bags,  
Bagged Recyclables or Film



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Green Waste



NO Batteries  
Check local drop-off programs  
for proper disposal



NO Clothing,  
Furniture & Carpet

**Oversize Stickers**

If more than one oversize item a month needs collected the residents may still purchase an oversized sticker. The \$20 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.

**Refuse Service for Disabled**

A service is available for disabled individuals who are unable to place their cart at the curb for collection. For reasons of infirmity or disability of qualifying residents, the cart may be placed at a location convenient for the resident. A physician's certification or a copy of a handicap parking permit may be required. Please call City of Galesburg Community Development at (309) 345-3619 to register for this service.

**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 2023 are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Dispose of your Christmas tree at the drop off site sponsored by Lowe's, WM, and the City's Community Development Department. Beginning the day after Christmas and ending January 4, 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.

**Questions**

Questions or issues relating to residential waste, create a My WM Account at [http://www.wm.com/us/en/user/registervisit\\_wm.com](http://www.wm.com/us/en/user/registervisit_wm.com) to report a missed pickup, view service schedule and holidays and more, call WM at (309) 343-0256 or call the Community Development Department at (309) 345-3619.