



Garbage and Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I dispose of latex or acrylic paints?

A: Latex and acrylic paints are disposed of in your garbage. Paint cans need to be dried out, the lid removed and placed next to your refuse container. The paint can be dried by mixing it with cat litter, sand or a paint hardening additives, which can be purchased at hardware stores.

Q: Can I recycle florescent lightbulbs and CFL bulbs?

A: Yes. The [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) accepts these type of bulbs. Only bulbs that have not been broken will be accepted.

Q: What holidays do the residential garbage and recycling contractors observe?

A: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When a collection falls on one of these observed holidays, garbage and recycling collection will be one day later for the remainder of the week. Residents whose regular collection occurs on Friday will have their garbage and recycling picked up on Saturday.

Q: How do I dispose of used needles?

A: Needles that no longer have medication in them can be disposed in the garbage. Place needles in a sturdy container such as a sharps container or coffee can, seal the container and place in your refuse.

Q: How do I dispose of liquid medications?

A: Liquid medications can be disposed of at the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Filled syringes are not accepted; contact your pharmacy or physician's office about disposal options.

Q: How do I dispose of furniture items such as a couch or mattress?

A: Furniture items can be disposed of with your garbage on your collection day. You can dispose of two large items per week at no additional charge. If you have more than two items, you can contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 for additional cost information.

Q: Are Styrofoam and plastic bags accepted in the curbside recycling program?

A: No, Styrofoam and plastic bags are not accepted in our recycling program. For Styrofoam recycling options, contact Dart Container at (630) 896-4631. Some local grocery stores provide drop-off containers for your plastic bags.

Q: Why aren't landscaping pots accepted in recycling?

A: The landscape pots/containers contaminate the recycling. Some local hardware stores allow you to bring them back for recycling.