

City of Wisconsin Rapids

Garbage & Recycling Collection Guidelines



Garbage Guidelines

All residential garbage must be in the GRAY trash cart; no garbage shall be outside the cart.

Recycling Guidelines

All recyclables must be in the GREEN recycle cart; no recyclables shall be outside the cart.

Comingled Recycling

- Sorting and separating of recyclables is not required.
- Do not use plastic bags or bind recyclable materials in any manner. If you wish, the use of paper bags is acceptable.

Items Considered Recyclable

- Corrugated paper and other container board
- Magazines and other material printed on similar paper
- Newspaper and other material printed on newsprint
- Glass Containers
- Plastic #1 thru #7
- Office paper
- Aluminum containers
- Steel containers
- Bi-metal containers

Items **Not** Allowed in Recycling Cart – Items may go in garbage, unless starred (*)

- Plastic shopping bags
- Glass from windows and mirrors
- Foil
- Packing peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam
- Used paper towels, tissues, toilet paper
- Pizza boxes (with food/grease residue)
- Containers with a residue (oil containers)
- Photo and tissue papers
- Ceramic dishware
- Batteries *
- Electronics *
- Yard Waste *
- Containers under pressure (aerosole cans) *
- Used oil and other hazardous materials *

* For information on how to dispose of these materials, please call or visit our website.

Cart Information, Care & Storage

- Each cart is stamped with a serial number that is assigned specifically to a location.
- Carts are the property of the City. Do not take the cart with you when you move.
- Do not permanently mark the carts. Use the serial number to keep track of your cart.
- Periodic cleaning is advised.
- The cost to replace the cart is the responsibility of the homeowner if the cart is damaged or missing.
- Carts shall be stored in a garage or other permitted enclosure or outbuilding. If such an outbuilding is not available, carts may be stored along the side of primary and accessory structures in the side yard or rear yard. Carts may not be stored in the front yard or street yard.
- Carts shall be kept closed and shall be vermin and fly-proof and maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Carts shall not be overloaded, bent, broken or otherwise maintained so as to prevent the cover from properly fitting thereon.

Carts within 1 foot of curb, with serial numbers facing the street and lids closed.



Cart Placement

- Place carts within 1 foot of the curb or edge of pavement with the wheels and handle closest to the house. (The serial numbers should face the street, and the arrow on the lid should point to the street.)
- Carts must be three feet from another cart, other objects (mailboxes, trees, or streetlights) or obstructions (such as parked cars or snow banks).
- Carts may be placed at the end of the driveway or within the grassy boulevard strip. Areas that do not have a terrace may place the cart at the house edge of the sidewalk.
- Place carts on as level of a surface as possible and away from overhanging tree branches.
- The lid must be closed, with nothing overflowing over the top edge of the cart. Items outside the cart (or on top of the cart) will not be collected.
- Cart placement is allowed within 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of collection, with required removal of containers within 24 hours after the scheduled collection. All carts shall be placed as required by 6:00 a.m. on the designated collection day.

Common Reasons for Missed Collection

- Cart placement is not in accordance to the above guidelines.
- Cart is placed out at the curb after 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection date.
- Trash or recyclables are outside the cart, the cart is overfilled, and/or the lid is not closed.
- Cart contains unacceptable materials.
- Cart has been placed atop a snow bank or on an uneven surface.



Placement Tips for Winter

- Keep a spot clear at the curb or on the boulevard for your carts.
- Clearing snow after each snowfall will make it easier to move the cart to its collection point.
- Do not place carts in the street or on top of a snow bank.

Holiday Schedule

- Collection will be delayed by one day to accommodate the holiday. City observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25th.

Questions?

Please contact the Department of Public Works by calling (715) 421-8218, or visit the City's website at wirapids.org.