Trash, recycling changes ahead

Bye bye bags. Loveland’s trash collection service will soon roll out its all-cart collection service. Recycling, too.

**Trash Collection**

The first phase of moving to carts as the primary trash container begins this month for about a fourth of Loveland. Households that subscribe to the City’s trash collection service will be required to use a cart to contain the waste.

To meet the demand and reality of different households with different trash quantities, households can select from four—yes, four—different cart sizes and collection fees.

Trash bags with the $1.50 collection stamp attached will no longer be accepted as the primary means of disposal. Customers can still purchase stamps and use bags for extra capacity on those occasions when their cart capacity isn’t enough—when their trash cart runneth over. But all clients can select the trash cart size of their choice when they subscribe to the City’s weekly collection service.

Households can continue to choose cart capacities from extra large, 96-gallon; large, 64-gallon; regular, 32-gallon or the brand new small 17-gallon cart. The new, smallest cart can contain the equivalent of a tall kitchen trash bag (13 gallons) plus a bit more.

Customers can trade in their carts for a larger or smaller cart if they find their current selection isn’t quite right. A call to the Solid Waste Division at 962-2529 is all that’s needed. Their old cart will be picked up and a new size delivered.

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Warts, phantoms and vampires – Oh my!

Wall warts – phantom load — vampire appliances? Sounds like something from a Harry Potter movie, but these little energy gremlins are lurking all over houses and they’re costing money for the owners.

Many people don’t realize that “OFF” doesn’t necessarily mean off when it comes to appliances and electronic devices in the home. Even after hitting the off switch, many of these pieces of equipment—including TVs, computer monitors, printers, DVD players, stereo, microwaves and even some coffee pots—still draw power even when turned off.

In terms of energy used and money spent, it can really add up. According to the EPA, a household can spend $100 or more per year just for wasted, phantom energy. Nationwide that translates to a staggering $10 billion in energy costs annually.

Even small, innocent looking chargers for gadgets such as cell phones, blackberries, digital cameras and MP3 players are serious energy-sucking culprits. Wall warts—those over-sized, AC adaptor square plugs that come with many electronic devices—are especially inefficient.

But there are a number of steps to reduce the amount of energy these energy vampires are usurping.

- Switch to more efficient appliances: Appliances today are much more efficient than their predecessors. Those that have earned the government’s Energy Star rating for example, will use less energy in an off or sleep mode while still maintaining features such as clock displays, channel settings and remote control functions. See www.energystar.gov for more information.

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And again, after that big party or housecleaning, customers can always set out extra trash in 32-gallon trash bags in addition to filling their cart by purchasing trash stamps.

Customers who use carts needn’t contact Solid Waste to pick up their cart. Beginning immediately, they may call 962-2529 and choose their cart size. Carts are delivered within two business days of a request.

The changeover begins in October with clients whose collection day is Tuesday or Thursday. The changeover continues in November for Wednesday collections and January for Monday households. All current bag customers will receive reminders in the mail shortly before the transition takes place.

Recyclables Collection

Recycling is getting simpler, too. Wheeled carts will replace bins…no lifting. Everything in one cart…no sorting; no separate bins. Two-week collection cycle…half the effort.

Yard Waste

With all the rain Loveland has received in recent months, many local properties may be greener than ever. Grass has grown faster and required mowing more often. Bushes and shrubs need more trimming. And:

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All-cart-system easier for all

Why the change to all carts? Safety, ease and efficiency for everyone.

As the current collection systems have evolved, containers and procedures have become diverse. Currently, the City collection system utilizes bags, bins and carts. Each requires a different process, different human effort and different equipment to get material into the collection truck. Moving to an all-cart system for the primary containers offers several benefits. For the customers, everything goes into carts. Just roll the carts to the street. No more bending over and lifting heavy bins. No more wind blowing paper out of the bins. No more dragging bags or having them split open.

For the Solid Waste operation, the benefits are standardization, cost savings and employee health. Soon, there will be only one type of collection truck with fewer backup vehicles needed. Pickup will be more efficient.

The automated cart-grabbing devices on the trucks mean the workers will rarely need to exit the truck. The process will be faster and a lot less physically demanding for the workers. The all-cart standardization will save effort and money for everyone.

Curb address painting illegal

The City has recently received calls from residents who have concerns about solicitors offering to paint address numbers on the curbs in front of their homes. These solicitors are not licensed to conduct business within the city and Loveland residents should not hire anyone for this purpose.

Curb painting violates City code because it can interfere with emergency services and mail delivery. These solicitors also endanger themselves and other pedestrians and motorists when painting curbs due to lack of proper traffic control and other safety measures.

If you have questions about illegal address curb painting, call 962-2335.

Business Appreciation Expo Sept. 30

The City of Loveland’s Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Expo will be held 7:30-10:30 a.m., Wed., Sept. 30 in the Embassy Suites Ballroom in Loveland.

The year’s event, entitled “Loveland: Where Art & Science Meet,” will include a presentation by keynote speaker former Senator Hank Brown. This yearly event provides area businesses the opportunity to enjoy a free buffet breakfast, network and share information on doing business in the Loveland area. The expo will also feature not-for-profit business service organizations.

To make a reservation, e-mail garshn@ci.loveland.co.us or call 962-2535. For the Solid Waste operation, the benefits are standardization, cost savings and employee health. Soon, there will be only one type of collection truck with fewer backup vehicles needed. Pickup will be more efficient.

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Attend police Academy

Citizens can increase their interaction and education about local criminal justice issues by enrolling in the Loveland Police Department Citizens Police Academy. The academy is held 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Sept. 10 for ten weeks at the Loveland Police and Courts Building, 810 E. 10th St. There is no cost to participate.

The program helps get the community involved to better understand the policing and problem solving efforts of the police department. Employees from the police department and other criminal justice agencies will speak on various topics such as traffic enforcement and DUI, criminal investigation and use of force.

Police academy participants must be eighteen years of age or older, live, work or volunteer in the City of Loveland; have no felony convictions, no significant or recent misdemeanor convictions; and sign a Waiver of

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before long, all those lush, healthy tree leaves will blanket the ground.
Instead of filling trash carts and then the county landfill with grass, garden trimmings and leaves, homeowners can subscribe to the April–December yard waste collection service. Simply put the yard debris into a cart, wheel it out to the street, and it will be picked up for composting.

A Whole Lot More
Got more stuff—oil, tires, lumber, batteries, a toilet, the kitchen sink? How about out-of-date electronics such as a computer, TV, phone or stereo? These items and many more—plus yard waste that you haul—can be brought to the Loveland Recycling Center, 400 N. Wilson, for recycling or composting.

Liability. Application deadline is Aug. 28. For an application, visit the police department section of www.cityofloveland.org or call Lt. John Manago, 962-2225.

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establishment of the Food Sales Tax Rebate Program.
McClure cites her work with volunteers and area human service agencies as the most inspiring and rewarding aspect of her work. “I have a special place in my heart for the staff in Loveland’s non-profits,” McClure said.
“I feel honored to work with this great group of people so dedicated to the community.”

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• Turn on power-saving features on the computer. Computers and monitors have built-in energy-saving features that can be enabled to reduce energy use. Turning off the computer’s screen saver is a great place to start. Screen savers actually keep computers running at full power.
• Use power strips: The on/off switch on a power strip or surge protector provides an off that is truly OFF. Turning off the power strip eliminates phantom power consumption.
• Just unplug it: Simply removing a device’s plug from the outlet eliminates its ability to draw phantom power. This is especially important for the wall wart/AC adaptors.

Getting rid of energy-sucking gremlins in a home has numerous and broad-reaching benefits. By incorporating these energy-saving strategies, money is saved while lessening reliance on the coal-power plants that generate most of the nation’s power.

For more information on phantom power and saving energy in your home, call Loveland Water & Power, 962-3000, or go to the Water & Power webpages at www.cityofloveland.org.