

## 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 need 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.

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 already use carts needn't do anything different. Customers who currently use only bags need to contact Solid Waste to select their cart size. Beginning immediately, they may call 962-2529 and choose their cart size. Carts are delivered within 24 hours of a request.

The changeover begins in October with clients whose collection day is Tuesday. The changeover continues in November for clients with Wednesday pick-up, December for Thursday customers 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 replace bins...no lifting. Everything in one cart...no sorting; no separate bins. Two-week collection cycle... half the effort.

Yep, if it's recyclable, it goes in the cart. It doesn't matter if it's a can, plastic bottle, newspaper, cardboard box, old paper, magazine, phone book, whatever. If it was recyclable before, it's recyclable now simply by tossing it into the one cart.

The move to a recycling cart system has already begun. After a well-received trial program of 1,800 households, about 8,000 Loveland homes are now enjoying the simplified system. The rest of the city will move to the cart-based system in early 2010 after the arrival of more carts and three new trucks.

### What About Glass?

Aha. Perhaps you noticed that recycling glass was not mentioned above. Glass bottles and jars can still be recycled by putting them in bins or the new carts. But there's a better way.

The reality is that glass in a bin or cart often gets broken by the time it's unloaded for recycling. It's simply impossible for the sorting crew to remove small pieces of glass from all the cans, plastic, paper, etc. The broken glass winds up in the landfill as trash instead of being recycled.

The better method is to collect glass bottles and jars separately and drop them all off at one of three

convenient Loveland collection sites. Because everything dumped into a collection site bin is glass, 100 percent of it gets recycled. It's much more efficient and also safer, reducing the sorters' exposure to broken glass.

### 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 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.



Select a Size ▶

Dogs of various sizes are used to demonstrate the four different size curbside trash carts available to Loveland customers.

The newest option is the smallest, a 17-gallon size.

## 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.



### Your Discards—Know Where They Go?

#### Recyclables

##### Blue Cart

Aluminum cans  
Steel cans  
Empty aerosol cans  
Empty paint cans  
Plastic containers #1-#7  
Newspaper  
Magazines  
Catalogs  
Junk mail  
Office paper  
Paperboard  
Phone books  
Paperback books  
Corrugated cardboard

#### Trash

##### Gray Cart

Food waste  
Plastic bags  
Drink boxes  
Styrofoam  
Plastic utensils  
Plastic food containers  
Non-recyclable packaging  
Diapers  
Pet wastes (in a bag, please!)

#### Yard Waste

##### Green Cart

Grass clippings  
Leaves  
Garden trimmings  
Branches

#### Recycling Center

400 N. Wilson  
Yard waste  
Raw wood  
Scrap metal  
Appliances-large & small  
Wire  
Batteries  
Tires  
Motor oil, filters  
Antifreeze  
Cooking, fryer oil  
Milk and juice cartons  
Large, durable plastics  
Hardbound books  
Clothing, shoes  
E-scrap  
Toilets & porcelain fixtures  
Concrete

#### Glass bottles and jars

Three Drop-off Sites Available

**Recycling Center** 400 N. Wilson  
**Wal-Mart** 1325 Denver Ave.  
**Kroh Park** 5200 N. Garfield

Questions: 962-2529 ~ [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org)

### Waste Rates

#### Weekly Trash Collection

17-gallon cart: .....\$2.75/month  
32-gallon cart: .....\$5.50/month  
64-gallon cart: .....\$11.00/month  
96-gallon cart: .....\$16.50/month  
Extra trash bag stamps: .....\$1.50

#### Recyclables Collection

No additional charge

#### Yard Waste Collection

96-gallon cart: \$7.50/month

#### Recycling Center

Most items: free drop-off  
Tires & e-scrap: \$2-\$30