



# Refuse and Recycling Program Guidelines

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The City of Carbondale provides weekly curbside collection service to single family and duplex dwellings as well as certain *prequalified* tri-plex and four-plex dwellings and some rooming houses. Recycling, landscape waste and other special waste collection services are also provided. Please refer to the following information for details.

## CURBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Refuse in garbage can containers must not be set curbside prior to 6:00PM the evening before your scheduled pickup day and must be out by 8:00AM on your scheduled collection day.
- Refuse in plastic garbage bags cannot be set curbside prior to 6:00AM on the morning of your scheduled pickup day and must be out by 8:00AM on your collection day.
- Empty containers must be removed from curbside and returned to their permitted storage location as quickly as possible after pickup but no later than 11:59PM on the evening of your scheduled pickup day.
- Residents setting out refuse at hours contrary to these guidelines are subject to citation.
- Cardboard boxes must be broken down and tied into manageable bundles or placed in approved containers. NOTE: Cardboard is recyclable and now collected with residential curbside recycling in green bins.
- Potentially dangerous refuse should be properly packaged to avoid injury or unnecessary exposure to waste handlers. Sharp objects such as broken glass and sharp metal objects should be wrapped in paper or packaged in cardboard and sealed. Medical waste must be packaged in a protective container and sealed to avoid contact by the public or by solid waste collectors.
- Small amounts of lumber may be tied into bundles not exceeding 5 feet in length and 25 pounds in weight. Remove nails from used wood or bend over to avoid injury to public and solid waste collectors.
- Larger household items such a television, chair, sofa, mattress, box spring, or other furniture item may be set at curbside for collection provided it is not part of an unusually large amount of refuse ( 1 cu. yd. or more).
- Carpeting, pads and area rugs should be cut, rolled and tied into manageable rolls not longer than 5' and weighing not more than 25 lbs. Small pieces must be placed in plastic bags or garbage cans (see below).

## Not Suitable for Curbside Refuse Collection

- Hazardous Waste such as paints, solvents, liquid petroleum products, antifreeze, pesticides, adhesives, chemicals, lead acid (automotive) batteries, mercury, etc.
- Explosives & Ammunition
- Pressurized Tanks (fire ext., LP, oxygen, air, etc.)
- White Goods Appliances\*
- Tires\*
- Landscape Waste\*  
(\*see landscape and other special wastes on reverse side)

## Roll-out Carts

- Each residential customer will be provided with one 95 gallon roll-out cart or one 45 gallon roll-out cart.
- Residential refuse customers can request one (1) additional roll-out cart at no cost for the cart. The monthly cost for the additional roll-out cost will be 50% of the standard monthly rate.

## Plastic Bags

- Bags may be used if they are of sufficient strength to prevent breakage and/or spillage of contents when handled. Plastic bags shall have a capacity of not less than 20 gallons nor more than 35 gallon, with the contents weighing no more than 25 pounds.
- Plastic Bags must be watertight without holes or tears and shall be tightly fastened at the top so that it can be grasped and supported from the top without failing.

## Unapproved Containers

- Paper bags, cardboard boxes and other similar containers are not approved refuse containers. *Residents setting refuse out in containers contrary to these guidelines are subject to citation.*

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Residents setting out more than 1 cubic yard of refuse curbside (approximately six 35 gallon containers) on their scheduled weekly collection day or setting any refuse curbside out at times other than the scheduled weekly collection must call to arrange a special collection. Residents will be billed separately for this service.



**Carbondale Recycles ... now more than ever!**  
**CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION GUIDELINES**

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Call **(618) 457-3275** to order recycling bin(s).



**Blue Bins: Bottles & Cans**

*rinse containers, no lids or bottle caps*

**Plastic Bottles & Jugs (#1s & #2s only)**

*no plastic containers, packaging, etc.*

**Glass Bottles & Jars**

*no tableware, window or broken glass*

**Food & Beverage Cans**

*steel & aluminum only*

*Please place all items loose in the bin (not in bags)  
it is okay to leave labels on the containers.*

**Green Bins: Paper Products**

*clean items only, no food waste*

**Newspapers**

**Office Paper**

**Junk Mail** *(including window envelopes)*

**Magazines & Catalogs**

**Books & Phonebooks**

**Cardboard Boxes** *(corrugated)*

**Paperboard Boxes** *(food & cereal boxes)*

**Shredded Paper** *(bag in plastic or paper bags)*

*Please flatten all boxes and secure loose papers to prevent them from blowing*

*No waxed paper/waxed cardboard; please try to keep paper dry*

*Large Boxes may be tied into bundles or used to contain other flattened boxes and set next to green bin*

Set bins out at the curbside no later than 8:00AM on the day of your regular City trash pickup  
(but no sooner than 6:00AM)

**LANDSCAPE and OTHER SPECIAL WASTES**

**GENERAL: Call for Collection** – these programs require that the resident prepare the Special Waste as specified below, affix the appropriate number of *Special Waste Stickers* and call **(618) 457-3275** to schedule a collection.

**Special Waste Stickers** are available at Schnucks, Kroger, Murdale True Value, and City Hall.

**Set-Out:** set items at curbside by 8:00AM, but no sooner than 6:00PM the evening before scheduled collection.

**Landscape Waste** (“bag & bundle program”) includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, shrub & hedge trimmings, and tree limbs up to 12 inches in diameter.

Place grass clippings, leaves, and hedge trimmings, etc., in an environmentally friendly paper lawn waste bag that

meets current EPA guidelines (maximum 30 gallon bag; weight not to exceed 25 pounds). Tie bag securely closed and affix 1 sticker per bag.

Cut and bundle sticks, branches, and limbs (maximum 5 foot length and 25 pounds) and tie securely at both ends with heavy twine; affix 1 sticker per bundle. Dispose of limbs 12 inches in diameter and larger as trash.

**White Goods** includes large home appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, cook stoves, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, etc. 10 stickers per item or 20 stickers per item for items with refrigerant.

**Tires** include automobile, small truck, and motorcycle tires. 3 stickers each for tires that are off the rim; 5 stickers each for tires that are still on a rim.

For more information about the City of Carbondale Curbside Refuse and Recycling programs, please call the Maintenance and Environmental Services office at (618) 457-3275 or visit us on the web at [www.carbondalerecycles.com](http://www.carbondalerecycles.com).