



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 p.m. the evening before your scheduled pickup day and must be out by 8 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- Refuse in plastic garbage bags cannot be set curbside prior to 6 a.m. on the morning of your scheduled pickup day and must be out by 8 a.m. 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 11:59 p.m. 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 televisions, chairs, sofas, mattresses, box springs and other furniture may be set at curbside for collection provided they are 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 extinguishers, LP, oxygen, air, etc.)
- White Goods Appliances* (*see Landscape and other Special Wastes)
- Tires*
- Landscape Waste* *on reverse side*

Garbage Cans

- Containers should be in reasonably good condition without holes, cuts or tears which are dangerous or which allow contents to spill out. Garbage cans should have watertight lids or covers with two strong handles on the outside. Each container should have a capacity of not less than 20 gallons nor more than 35 gallons, with contents weighing not more than 50 pounds. Larger containers may be used provided contents are secured in plastic trash bags (see below).

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 more than 1 cu. yard of refuse curbside (approximately six, 35 gallon, containers) on their scheduled weekly collection day or setting any refuse curbside on times other than the scheduled weekly collection must call 457-6367 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 **457-3275** to order recycling bin(s).

Blue Bins: Bottles & Cans

rinse containers, no lids or bottle caps

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

Glass Bottles & Jars

no tableware, window or broken glass

Food & Beverage Cans *steel & aluminum*

place items loose in bin (not in bags)

okay to leave paper labels on

Green Bins: Paper Products

clean items only, no food waste

Newspaper

Office paper

Junk mail *includes window envelopes*

Magazines & Catalogs

Books & Phonebooks

Cardboard Boxes (*corrugated*)

Paperboard boxes (*cereal boxes*)

Shredded Paper *please bag*

Please secure papers to prevent blowing & try to keep dry

No waxed paper/waxed cardboard • Please flatten boxes

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

Set bins out curbside by 8 am the day of your regular City trash pickup
(but no sooner than 6 am)

LANDSCAPE and OTHER SPECIAL WASTES

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

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

Set-Out – set items at curbside by 8 am, but **NO SOONER THAN 6 pm** the evening before scheduled collection.

Landscape Waste (“bag & bundle”) 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., into a **CLEAR** plastic bag

(35 gal. and 25 lbs. maximum). Tie bag securely closed and affix 1 sticker per bag. Cut and bundle sticks, branches, and limbs (maximum 5 ft. length and 25 lbs.) and tie securely at both ends with heavy twine; affix 1 sticker per bundle. Dispose of limbs 12 inches and larger as trash.

White Goods includes large home appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, cook stoves, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, etc. 10 stickers per item; 15 stickers per for items with refrigerant.

Tires include automobile, small truck, and motorcycle tires. 3 stickers for tires off-rim; 5 stickers for tires on-rim.

Paint, paint thinners, solvents, gasoline, motor oil, pressurized gas cylinders (such as LP tanks), lead acid (automotive) batteries, explosives and ammunitions are items that can be hazardous and **will not be accepted** by Carbondale’s Refuse & Recycling Solid Waste Collectors.