



CITY OF FORT SMITH SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

YOUR RESIDENTIAL GUIDE TO
**Solid Waste, Recycling,
& Yard Waste**

This booklet is designed to provide you with an easy guide to services provided by The Solid Waste Services Department (SWSD). If you have a question, comment, or concern, please don't hesitate to contact us!



479-784-2350 (Option 3)



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Your Guide to All Things Solid Waste Services

Browse this booklet to learn about our services, requirements, cart types, collection types, and much more!

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City of Fort Smith Solid Waste Services Department
5900 Commerce Road, Fort Smith AR 72916

Collection Schedules



SWSD provides weekly trash, recycling, and yard waste collection to residents Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

To find your collection day, simply scan the QR code using your smartphone or search www.fortsmithar.gov/trashcollection and type in your address.



Call for Missed Service



If your scheduled collection is missed, please call SWSD at **479-784-2350 (option 3)** as soon as you can. We'll try to return on the same day to pick up your trash, recycling, or yard waste. If after **3 pm**, it may be next day or you may have to wait until the next trash day depending on schedule workload. We appreciate you letting us know!

Damaged Cart?

Carts damaged or broken in the normal course of service are repaired and replaced by SWSD at no charge to the customer. Any cart with damages as a result of abuse or neglect (e.g. hot ashes, punctures, etc.) will result in a charge to the customer of \$90 for a 95-gallon cart replacement.

Call 479-784-2350 (option 3) or email us at solidwaste@fortsmithar.gov to schedule repair or replacement.



Walk-Out Program

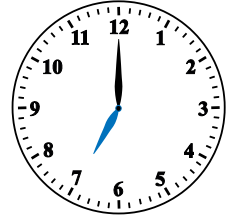
We provide free complimentary 'walk-out' assistance to elderly and disabled residents who face challenges in moving their carts to the curb. Please note that this service is exclusively available for trash disposal and is not applicable to recycling or yard waste.

Call 479-784-2350 (option 3)

CURBSIDE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CARTS

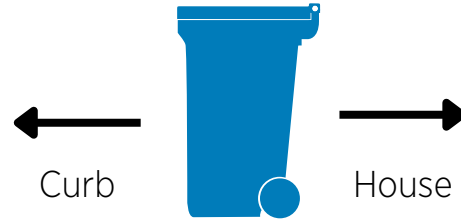
#1 Set carts out by 7 a.m.

All trash, recycling, and yard waste trimmings must be set out by 7 A.M. ***Missed your collection?*** You can call to schedule a return as troubleshooter schedule allows.



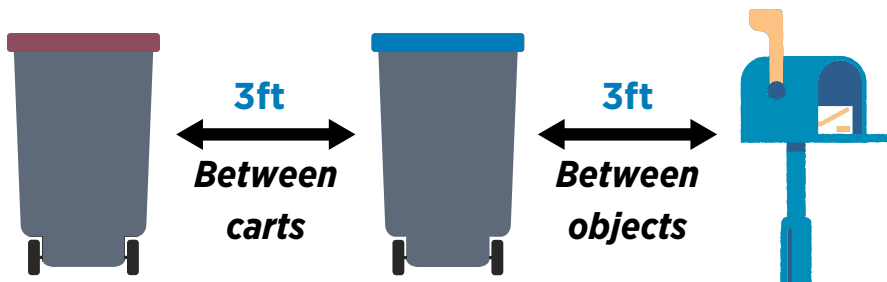
#2 Face handles toward the house

Cart handles must face your home and lid openings must face the street.



#3 Give carts 3 feet of space

Mechanical truck arms need at least 3 feet on all sides of carts in order to pick up trash receptacles.



Holidays

Collection services will not run during these holidays. All residential services for those days will be moved to each Wednesday of that week.

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|---------------|------------------|
| New Years Day | Independence Day |
| MLK Jr. Day | Labor Day |
| Good Friday | Veterans Day |
| Memorial Day | Thanksgiving |
| Juneteenth | Christmas Day |

Inclement Weather

If winter conditions impact your trash collection day, information will be shared on the SWSD Facebook page and the city's GovDelivery notification service (fortsmithar.gov/updates).

Following a severe weather event, City Administration will determine if the amount of debris meets the requirements to trigger a city-wide cleanup effort. Residents will be notified.



YOUR 'BLUE LID' RECYCLE CART

Residents can request a recycling cart at no additional cost, making recycling even more convenient for your household!

1 Empty



Pour out liquids and remove contents from container.

2 Rinse



Remove any residue, preventing cross-contamination.

3 Dry



Ensure recyclables are dry before placing them in the cart.

4 Loose



Recyclables should always be loose and never bagged.



DO NOT place items on top, beside or overfill carts. Lids need to be fully closed.



ONLY THESE ITEMS BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

Plastic



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Jars, Tubs

Plastic food, beverage, cleaning product & personal hygiene

Empty, Clean & Dry
Keep caps & lids on

Remove pumps and spray nozzles from bottles and place in trash.



Steel & Aluminum



Beverage, soup, vegetable cans & pet food

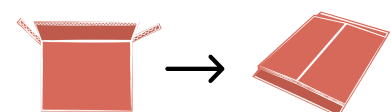
Empty, Clean & Dry

Paper & Cardboard



Mail, office and school paper newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books brown paper bags, paperboard boxes (cracker/cereal), Corrugated cardboard

Empty & Flatten Boxes



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

RECYCLING'S DIRTY DOZEN

NEVER PLACE THESE 12 ITEMS IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN!



Bagged Recyclables



Plastic Bags & Plastic Film



Wax-Coated Cartons



Glass Bottles & Jars



Takeout Food & Drink Containers & Utensils



Styrofoam of Any Kind



Paper Towels, Napkins & Tissues



Shredded Paper



Cords, Wires Ropes & Hoses



Batteries



Hazardous Waste



Toys

[For a comprehensive list of items not allowed, visit our website at www.fortsmithar.gov/solidwaste]

YOUR 'GREEN LID' YARD WASTE CART

In an effort to decrease our reliance on single-use plastic, the Solid Waste Services Department recommends the following:

- Use **paper bags** instead of plastic. Paper bags can go directly into the composting process. All yard waste placed in plastic bags must be debagged before the contents can enter the composting process.
- Use a 32-gallon bin purchased from your local home improvement store. **You can also request a city-issued 96 gallon yard waste can from the SWSD. Limited to 1 cart per household.**
- Mulch your leaves and yard waste back into your yard using your lawnmower.



YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

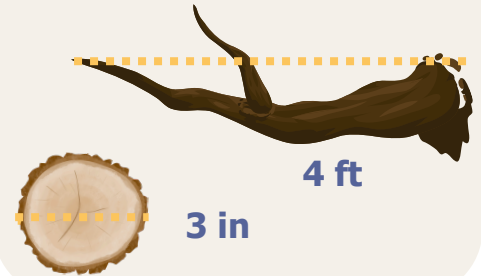
Yard Waste materials include **leaves, grass trimmings, flowers & limbs/branches**



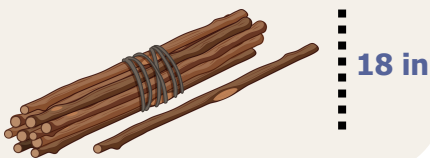
Must be kept either loose in a 32g or 96g cart with the lid **closed** or bagged



Branches up to **4 feet** in length and **NOT** be more than **3 inches** in diameter



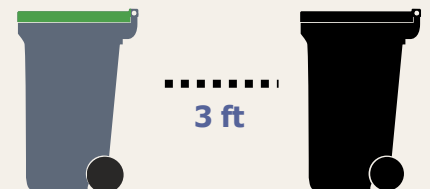
If yard waste bin is unavailable, all branches/limbs should be bundled & tied with string; Do **NOT** exceed **18 inches** in diameter and **50lbs**. Leaves must be bagged.



Carts & bags should **NOT** exceed more than **50lbs**



Carts, bags, & bundles to be placed at curb leaving **3 feet** between carts



Brush Service Collection

Solid Waste Services offers a convenient bulk brush/limbs collection service for situations where bagging or bundling is not practical.

This one-time service incurs a fee that can be added to your utility bill.

Residents can request an estimate by calling (479) 784-2350 (*Option. 3*). A city employee will visit and provide an estimate for the volume of material.

Please note that the charge applies each time we collect debris, and it is essential to place the brush/limbs at the curb for pickup.

This service is **not** for commercial tree trimmers or landscapers.

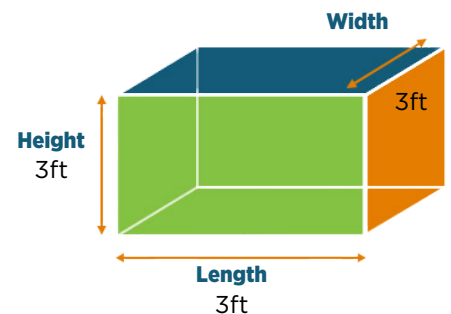
Pricing

0-10 cubic yards = \$60 flat fee + taxes

11-20 cubic yards = \$120 flat fee + taxes

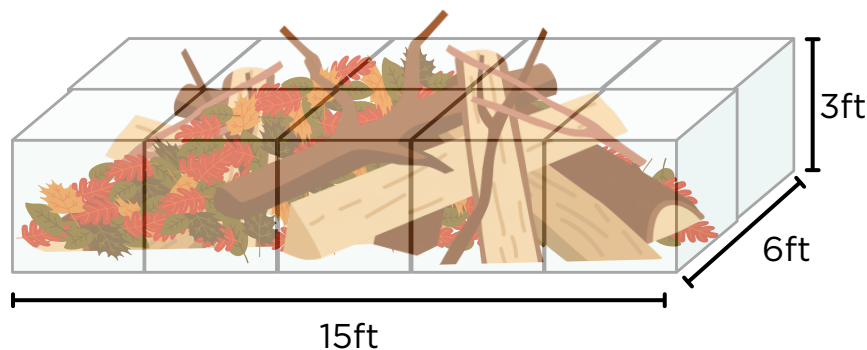
Greater than 20 cubic yards = \$180 flat fee + taxes

**pricing subject to change before book reprint*



Example:

10 cubic yards



Purchasing Compost

The Fort Smith Landfill's composting facility processes all yard waste received and produces compost. The availability of compost to customers is first come first serve. Customers are limited to two (2) cubic yards per week.

▶ Residents of Fort Smith: \$10 per cubic yard + tax

▶ Non-Residents: \$15 per cubic yard + tax

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YOUR 'BURGUNDY LID' WASTE CART

Each single-family home, including up to 4-plex residences, is entitled to receive one city-owned trash cart at the monthly service rate.

***note that residents are required to utilize the city-issued carts as per City Ordinance 83-12 Sec. 25-304.*

The following items are prohibited in your trash cart:

- ❌ Yard waste
- ❌ Dead animals
- ❌ Concrete
- ❌ Rocks
- ❌ Tires
- ❌ Hazardous Waste (see pg. 10 for detailed list)
- ❌ Large pieces of metal
- ❌ Dirt
- ❌ Construction debris
- ❌ Acid lead & Lithium ion batteries

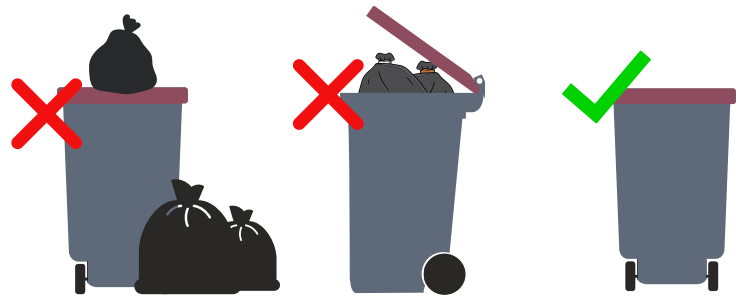


Trash must be contained

Place your trash in securely-tied plastic bags. Using bags prevents litter and spilled trash.



DO NOT place items on top, beside or overfill carts. Lids need to be fully closed.



Need an additional trash cart?

- Additional 1 - 2 carts: \$10 per cart / per month
- Additional 3 - 5 carts: \$15 per cart / per month

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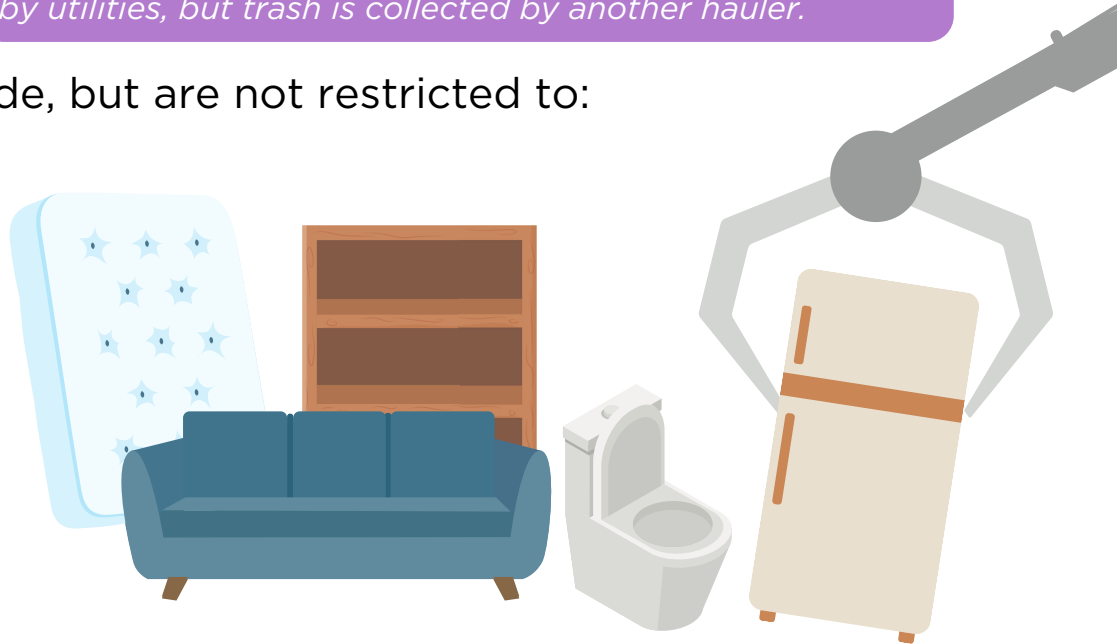
DIAL-A-TRUCK

The Dial-A-Truck program is exclusively for residential homes with within within the City of Fort Smith who have solid waste services collected by the SWSD. Through this service, individuals can easily request and schedule the removal of sizable and bulky items.

NOTE: *Some multi-family housing is considered residential by utilities, but trash is collected by another hauler.*

Accepted items include, but are not restricted to:

- Appliances
- Couches
- Tables
- Chairs
- Mattress
- BBQ grill
- Lawn Mowers



Dial-A-Truck does not collect the following items:

- Bagged or boxed items
- Glass
- Mirrors
- Loose trash
- Construction debris
- Tires



This service is available once every three (3) months for up to five (5) items for free. More service is available for an additional charge.

Items should **not** be placed near *mailboxes, gas meters, under trees or power lines, etc.*

To schedule a pick up call **479-784-2350** (*Option 3*)

CONVIENIENCE PAD

On behalf of Sebastian County Waste District, the City of Fort Smith Solid Waste Services Department accepts hazardous waste to help protect the health of our residents and preserve the environment.

Our Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is exclusively offered at no cost to residents of Fort Smith and Sebastian County. Please be aware that individuals residing outside of Sebastian County will not be able to utilize this service. Please note that this service is not available for commercial businesses.

In order to accept hazardous materials, the hazardous material **must be in its original containers with original labels**. The City cannot accept products without labels or unknown products or materials.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
7:30AM to 4:30PM

Saturday
7:30AM to 3:30PM

Sunday
CLOSED

If you have items that are in question, please call:

(479) 452-4101



Hazardous Waste

ACCEPTED

- **Automotive Products:** Motor oils, oil filters, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluids
- **Lead Acid Batteries:** Car, motorcycle and marine
- **Dry Cell and Button Batteries:** Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium and Alkaline
- **Paints:** Oil-based, water/latex-based, stains, shellacs, lacquer, varnish, turpentine and aerosol cans
- **Thinners, Strippers, and Selected Solvents:** Non-chlorinated solvents only
- **Household Pesticides and Herbicides:** Over-the-counter products only
- **Fluorescent Light Bulbs:** Ballasts included
- **Aerosol Cans:** Full or empty
- **Sharps:** Used medical needles (deliver in heavy, clear plastic container with lid)

Must be in its original containers with original labels.

NOT ACCEPTED

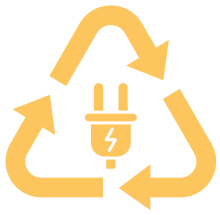


Tires

Explosive Materials



CONVIENENCE PAD



Electronic Waste

What electronics can be recycled?

- Laptops
- Computer Towers
- Copiers
- Keyboard/Mouse/Speakers
- Servers
- Scanners
- Routers
- Phones
- TV's
- Paper Shredders
- Cameras
- VCR/DVD/Blue-ray Players
- Printers
- Tablets
- Game Consoles/Accessories
- Microwaves
- Monitors
- Hard Drives



Glass Recycling

Only empty and clean food and beverage bottles/jars can be brought to the Convenience Pad at NO COST to residents of Fort Smith and Sebastian County. Please remove lids and corks before tossing them into the onsite container.

NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS: *Mirrors, cooking/ baking glass, drinking glassware, ceramic cups/plates, and window glass.*



Appliance Recycling

City residents can bring broken appliances to the Convenience Pad for proper disposal and recycling. Individuals will be charged the standard tipping fee for bringing in these items.

- Refrigerator
- Water heater
- Dishwasher
- Deep Freezer
- Oven
- Stove
- Dryer
- Washing Machine



Re-use Center

We manage a dedicated facility for storing usable items, including paints, paint thinner, paint stripper, pesticides, and herbicides. These are offered to Fort Smith residents at no cost in our re-use area. Visit our Convenience Pad to explore and acquire these items.

Note: *All items must be in their original containers with labels intact*

PLACES TO DONATE ITEMS

Consider making a positive impact by donating gently used items to local establishments in need. Your generosity can make a real difference.

	FURNITURE & APPLIANCES	CLOTHES & TEXTILES	ELECTRONICS	Toilets, Sinks & bathtubs	BATH	TOYS	TIRES
Habitat for Humanity 421 Townson Ave	●	●	●		●	●	
Half of Half 4619 Rogers Ave.		●					
Savers 7751 Rogers Ave.	●	●	●			●	
Good Will 3225 S 74th St. 4600 Townson Ave.	●	●	●			●	
Salvation Army 3325 S. 74th St.	●	●	●			●	
Westark Tires 601 Oak Grove Rd, Van Buren 479-652-3705 <i>**Call before visiting**</i>							●



SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL CALENDAR

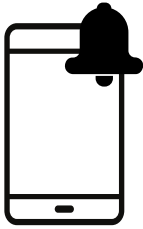


2024

RECYCLING & YARD WASTE is now serviced **EVERY WEEK** along with trash

Holiday Service
City Holiday

REMEMBER HOLIDAYS **MOVE** collections to **WEDNESDAY**. Sign-up for reminders at: cofs.info/stayconnected



PLEASE CLOSE CART LID fully and ensure it is placed 3 feet away from other carts or objects



Place carts out at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day!

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Questions, concerns, or missed collections?



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