

CITY OF WILMORE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

On June 30, 2014, the City of Wilmore will be making several changes related to our residential solid waste services. We trust that the following will answer most of your questions.

What are the main changes?

- 1) The City is purchasing a new garbage truck and they will now provide large new rollout containers to every residential customer.
- 2) Residential & small business garbage collection will now be picked up once per week. A map indicating the new routes and your day of collection (based on the street you live on) is enclosed.
- 3) The City is fully transitioning to “single-stream” recycling, whereby customers will no longer need to separate their recycling materials, except for cardboard.
- 4) Curbside residential recycling will still be collected every other week, but it will move from Wednesdays to Mondays.

What kind of container is the city providing?

The city is purchasing 1800 new roll carts; heavy-duty plastic containers with wheels and an attached lid. The city purchased two sizes; “95-gallon” roll carts for our residential customers and “65-gallon” roll carts which will be made available to our senior citizens age 65 and up.

The city will distribute a brand new 95-gallon cart to every regular customer during the month of June. If you are currently paying the senior rate for garbage services, a 65-gallon container will be delivered. It will be placed at your curb.

The holding capacity of a standard kitchen garbage bag is “13-gallons”. The 95-gallon container will essentially hold 8-10 standard kitchen garbage bags.

What will the new rates be?

The 95-gallon carts will be \$16.00 per month for once per week garbage collection. The 65-gallon cart for seniors will be \$10.00 per month for once per week collection. Recycling is “free”; it is factored into the cost of providing solid waste services.

Who owns the new roll cart?

The City of Wilmore owns the roll carts. The carts must remain at the service address. “Missing” roll carts will be billed at the current replacement cost.

What is my collection day?

Your garbage will be collected once per week on the day noted on the attached drawing. The day of your collection is determined by the street you live on, and the routes for each day of the week are color-coded on the drawing.

Carts must be placed at the curb by 7:45 a.m. on your day of collection.

What about holiday collection?

Garbage will be collected every week on every route. Generally, if a holiday falls on your normal collection day, the city will pick up your cart the day before the holiday.

If a holiday falls on a Monday, recycling will not be collected at all on that Monday. If a customer has too much material and cannot hold the material for two more weeks, they may dispose of the material in the recycling trailer parked behind the Wilmore Fire Department located at 301 W Linden St.

May I still use my own trash cans for garbage?

For curbside garbage collection, our residents must use the new city-provided cart. The cart is specifically constructed to be lifted by the new hydraulic system on the back of the garbage truck.

However, residents must provide their own hard-sided trash cans or containers for their recyclables. For ease of identification, the city will distribute an adhesive logo to be placed on all containers intended to be used for storage and collection of recycling material.

What if I have more garbage than will fit in the cart I am issued?

Our customers will have these options:

- 1) Any bags placed outside the city-provided cart, that will not fit inside of the fully closed lid of the cart, will be collected at a cost of \$1.00 per bag. The additional cost will be added to your monthly bill.
- 2) Should the container not hold all of the material on a recurring basis, customers may request a second cart which will be billed accordingly.
- 3) Seniors are not limited to the 65-gallon cart. They may request a 95-gallon cart, which will be billed at \$16.00 per month.

What materials are not acceptable for disposal?

The city is never allowed to accept liquid paint, tires, vehicle and equipment batteries, petroleum products, chemicals, dead animals and heavy construction debris. Arrangement for disposal of those kinds of items can be made by contacting the Jessamine County Convenience Center at 887-8078.

Is there a weight limit for the material in the roll carts?

Yes. The material in the roll cart cannot exceed 100 pounds.

What material may I recycle?

There are still materials that cannot be recycled. Please refer to the attached list for proper recycling practices.

Do I need to sort my recycling?

The only thing that must be sorted is cardboard. It must be flattened, bundled and placed beside the recycling containers. The city now offers "single-stream" recycling collection, which means all other materials may be co-mingled in the container. High-tech sorting machinery separates the material at the recycling center in Lexington.

Will there be an extra charge for furniture, appliance, or other large item pick up?

Yes. There will be an additional charge for large item pick up. Pricing and arrangements can be made for collection by contacting Wilmore City Hall at 858-4411.

What about yard debris, limbs, branches and brush pick up?

The city will continue curbside collection of bagged yard debris, brush, limbs & branches (up to 4" in diameter and cut in 8' lengths or less) for our residential customers. This material must be placed parallel to and adjacent to the edge of the public road.

What about leaf pick up?

The city will continue curbside collection of bagged leaves in the fall.

I have a question that has not been addressed here. Who should I call?

Please call Wilmore City Hall at 858-4411, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.