



## Helpful Hints: Refuse Pick-up & Recycling

**How can you make your refuse pickups more efficient? How can you make it safer for the city workers who pick up your trash? How can you get the maximum value from city services? Here are some helpful tips:**

**Sanitation Service:** City Code now requires that you place your refuse cart at its designated pickup location no sooner than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 6:30 a.m. the day of scheduled collection. You are required to remove your cart by 10:00 p.m. the day of actual collection. Only garbage and trash generated in your household goes in your cart, and you are to place your cart with the lid handle facing toward the house, not the street. Where possible, you are required to return the cart to your private property where it may be secured and screened from view. Customers receiving alley service may continue to leave carts in the alley unless otherwise notified. To make the cart pickup more efficient, the Sanitation Division may also require you to place your cart in a specific location for pickup. Finally, your cart should contain all of your household trash and garbage where it allows the lid to close. If you find that you frequently have more trash and garbage than will fit into your cart, you may be required to obtain an additional cart at the cost of \$3.00 per month.



If your cart is **lost or stolen**, call (409) 741-4636 for a replacement cart, for which you will be billed a one-time charge of \$55. You may also call this number if you need **additional carts**, available for a fee of \$3 per month per cart. If your cart needs repairs (such as a broken lid), call 741-4636 to have it **repaired or replaced** at no charge.

**Trash too Large for Cart:** For trash that is too large for your cart, place it near your cart with 3 feet of clearance around all sides of the cart. This includes discarded furniture and most appliances. Appliances such as refrigerators or air conditioners must have the gas refrigerant removed by a licensed professional and be properly tagged for disposal prior to placement in the right-of-way. Prior contact with the Sanitation Division (741-4636) must be made for large quantities of trash including trash generated by garage cleaning, move-outs and evictions. The Sanitation Division may want to meet with you in advance to describe specific requirements for placement of the debris, containerization that may be required, required separation of material types, exclusion of certain materials, and to arrange for a pickup date. There must be at least 15 feet of clearance above your large trash for the sanitation truck to remove the materials, and must not be near low hanging trees or wires. Finally, it is essential that large trash not be placed on or near water meters, gas meters, and telephone or cable boxes.

**Brush Waste:** Please stack your brush neatly in one pile no more than 5 feet in length so that it will fit into the sanitation trucks. If you plan to generate large amounts of brush waste, please contact the





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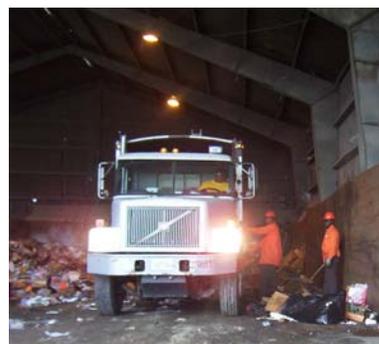
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**Building Debris:** Collection of residential building debris generated by your contractor is not included in sanitation service provided by the City. *Your contractor must remove the debris.*

The Sanitation Division may collect building debris personally generated by a residential customer. To utilize this service, the customer must make arrangements in advance with the Sanitation Division at 741-4636. A designated Sanitation Division employee must meet with you prior to placement of the debris in the public right-of-way to advise you of specific requirements for placement of the debris, containerization that may be required, required separation of material types, exclusion of certain materials, and to arrange for a pickup date. Very small amounts of personally generated residential building debris may be placed near your cart for pickup without making prior arrangements.

**The Transfer Station:** Galveston residents may make one trip per month to the City refuse transfer station with up to 1,000 pounds of material. A current water bill that matches a current valid driver's license or a photo ID is required. Businesses are assessed a fee for this service.

The Transfer Station, 5515 Harborside, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Saturday morning from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m.



**Examples of what to bring to the transfer station:** Building materials, roofing materials, things that will not fit in your trash cart. Do not bring the following: car parts, paint, gasoline, kerosene, concrete, tires, combustible materials, appliances that contain Freon, compressed aerosol cans.



**Recycling:** The City Recycling Center is located at 702 61<sup>st</sup> Street (just North of Broadway/I-45). Attendants are available to assist you from 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Please do not leave recyclables outside the gate. Curbside recycling is available for senior citizens over age 65 and people with disabilities by appointment on the first Saturday of each month. Call 741-1446 to schedule the pick-up.

The Recycling Center can also supply mulch and compost. To get compost, call 741-1446. Bring buckets or bags to the Recycling Center.

Recycling works best when you begin with recycled products. It extends the life of the landfill; saves the trees, water and fish; and creates jobs. It also saves the city funds. You are helping others as well as yourself - for generations to come!