



CUDAHY Recycling/Garbage Newsletter

Trash Talk

Collecting and disposing of trash, yard waste and recyclables is very costly. The City of Cudahy has one of the most efficient processes for collecting curbside trash and recyclables through a fully automated system. Other services such as providing a Drop-Off Site, doing an annual Spring Clean-up and collecting leaves in the fall have all been changed to provide the most cost effective operation possible. But even with those changes the City anticipates that the funds will not be solvent in the next two years. The reason for this is that much of the money used to fund garbage and recycling comes from three sources: a garbage fee (tax fund), a recycling charge (a non-tax fund) and a State recycling grant. Recent State tax legislation penalizes communities that increase fees, making it impractical for fully developed cities like Cudahy to provide the same level of service from year to year. In addition, within the past three years the City's recycling grant has been cut in half by the State, and each year State legislation proposes to cut more to make up for the large State budget deficit.

Points of Interest

- 2015 Pickup Schedule & Holiday Pickups
- Recyclable Items
- Drop Off Center
 - Fees
 - Hours
- Hazardous Waste
- E-Waste
- Appliance Pickup
- Cart Requests
- Spring Cleanup

So what is the City going to do? Over the course of 2015, the Board of Public Works, elected officials and staff will be considering a number of options that will either eliminate special services such as Spring Clean-Up and the operation of the Drop-Off Site or they will need to increase annual charges to pick up your recycling cart or increase the charge to dispose of items at the City's Drop-Off Center.

Do City Crews pick up our Garbage & Recycling Carts?

The Cudahy Department of Public Works no longer collects garbage carts and has not collected recycling carts for decades. The City has contracted with Advanced Disposal. At the end of 2013, the City chose to contract out the service as a result of the capital costs necessary to continue to do the work using City crews and trucks. The City's Public Works crew could compete with a contractor from a labor cost standpoint, but the City needed to invest over \$150,000 each year for the next 20 years to purchase and maintain equipment and to maintain the Garbage Transfer Station.

All service issues with garbage and recycling pickup or arrangements for special pickups should be directed to:

Advanced Disposal at (262) 679-0860.

Recyclable Items

What does my recycling cart fee pay for? The City charges an annual fee per recycling cart. This fee not only pays for the pick-up and processing of recyclable material that you put in your cart, but it also pays for the cost of operating the City Drop-Off Site and the disposal of leaves and yard waste. These services are not tax-supported and are solely paid for through the recycling fee.

What can I put in my recycling cart? The following items can be placed in your GRAY recycling cart. There is no need to separate the items. All items including cardboard must be contained in the 64-gallon recycling cart.

Reminder: Residents are asked not to bundle or bag any recyclables.

The following items should be placed in your recycling cart:

- Any plastic containers marked No. 1 – 7.
- Aluminum Cans: Beverage containers only. No foil food trays. No other aluminum products.
- Tin or Bi-Metal Containers: Food containers only. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Glass Containers: Jars and bottles only. No window glass, Pyrex, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics, drinking glasses, kitchenware or auto glass. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Aerosol Spray Cans: Containers must be empty with the cover removed. Labels do not need to be removed. Any empty aerosol container may be recycled.
- Paper & Cardboard: Acceptable materials include junk mail, telephone books, magazines, catalogs, file folders, newspaper, notebooks, newspaper inserts, corrugated cardboard, boxboard (cereal, cake or cookie boxes). NO contaminated cardboard (such as pizza boxes). Contaminated cardboard should be placed in your garbage cart.



What if my pickup was missed?

Call **Advanced Disposal** at
(262) 679-0860

Help Us – Help You!

Proper placement and participation in the garbage and recycling program will help to ensure a safe and **efficient** collection of trash and recycling.

Please make sure carts are not placed within **three (3) feet** of any vertical obstruction, including other carts. All items (including cardboard) must be contained in the carts, with the lid being able to be shut. Garbage and/or Recycling may not be picked up if the lid is propped open. No items should be placed on the ground or on top of carts. Place carts at the street or alley by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day.

Cudahy Drop-Off Center

Located: 5631 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Summer Hours (April 2 - September 30):
Tuesday & Thursday -- 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fall Hours (October 1 – December 7):
Tuesday & Thursday -- 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Winter Hours (December 8 – April 1):
CLOSED

The Drop-Off Center will be open **Saturday, January 2, 2016** for extra Holiday garbage & recycling.

Proof of residency or ownership of property is required.

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| 1- (32 gallon container or less) | = \$ 2.00 |
| Car trunk load or equivalent | = \$ 5.00 |
| Pick-up Truck (1/2 -3/4 ton)(full) | = \$10.00 |
| SUV/Van/full car | = \$10.00 |
| Station Wagon (full) | = \$10.00 |
| Small Trailer (full) | = \$10.00 |
| Large Trailer (full) | = \$20.00 |
| Concrete | = \$20.00 |
| Truck & Trailer | = \$25.00 |
| Step Vans | = \$50.00 |
| Tires on/off rim | = \$ 5.00/ea. |
| Rubble or dirt (1/2 pick-up) | = \$ 25.00 |
| Rubble or dirt (pick-up) | = \$ 35.00 |
| Waste oil | = NO CHARGE |
| Appliances | = NO CHARGE |
| Freon Containing Items | = NO CHARGE |

Where Can I Buy Tickets?

- Directly at the Drop-Off Site with cash only, nothing greater than a \$20 bill. (Please note: no receipts are given when tickets are purchased at the Drop-Off Site).
- In person at City Hall with cash, check or credit/debit card.
- Through mail with cash or a check made out to the City of Cudahy.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous wastes may be taken to one of three MMSD Hazardous Waste Collections.

- 3879 W. Lincoln Avenue · Milwaukee, WI · Thurs., Fri., Sat.: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 10518 S. 124th Street · Franklin, WI · Tue.: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat.: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- W124 N9451 Boundary Rd. (124th St.) · Menomonee Falls, WI · M, W: 11 a.m – 6 p.m., Sat: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Some Household Hazardous Waste Include:

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| • Antifreeze | • Batteries | • Paint Thinner | • Pool Chemicals |
| • Weed Killer/Fertilizer | • Solvent-based cleaners | • Varnish | • Pesticides |
| • Brake Fluid | • Battery Acid | • Fluorescent light bulbs | • Gasoline/Oil mixture |
| • Kerosene | • Lighter Fluid | • Rust Remover | • Turpentine |

For a complete list of hazardous waste or questions, please call (414) 225-2066 or visit mmsd.com.

Electronic Waste (eWaste)

The City can only accept e-waste at the Drop-Off Center on the following days:

- Saturday, April 18, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 20, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Cudahy Drop off site accepts any old or unused electronics for **no charge** from the following:

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| • Computers | • Misc. Electronics | • Cell Phones |
| • Laptops | • Fax Machines | • Cameras/Camcorders |
| • TVs | • Gaming Consoles | • CD/DVDs and Cases |
| • Printers | • Audio Equipment | • Remote Controls |
| • Monitors | • Telephones | • iPod/MP3 Players |
| • GPS/Navigation Systems | • Keyboards, Mice, Wires | • DVD/DVR/VCR Players |

Please note we cannot accept any old and broken glass monitors or TVs. E-Waste cannot be put out for Spring Clean-Up.

The Drop-Off Center now accepts Freon-Containing Appliances

The City Drop-Off site now accepts items containing Freon during normal drop-off site business hours. The following items will be accepted **free of charge**.

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| • Air Conditioners | • Dehumidifiers | • Refrigerators | • Microwaves |
| • Water Heaters | • Water Coolers | • Freezers | • Washers |
| • Dryers | • Stoves | • Oven/Ranges | • Dishwashers |

If you cannot bring your item to the City Drop-Off Center, Refrigerant Depot can schedule a pickup for a **fee**. Please call Refrigerant Depot at (414) 627-1152 for more information.

Yard Waste & Grass Clippings

Disposal of grass clippings or other yard waste in the garbage is illegal. Per DNR requirements the City will be checking garbage carts randomly throughout the City to ensure that yard waste is not being placed in the garbage carts. If yard waste is identified, the City will tag the cart and will not remove the garbage until the yard waste is removed.

We strongly encourage residents to leave clippings on the lawn, or dispose of them for a fee at the Drop-Off Site. The City also provides free pickup of yard waste during Spring Cleanup and Fall Yard Waste Pickup (the first week of November).

What is eWaste?

When you retire your used electronics, they become eWaste (electronic waste). If these electronics are burned or land filled, the toxic and hazardous substances in them can be released, threatening the environment and human health. Electronic waste also contains valuable resources that can be recovered when properly recycled.

Broken or Missing Carts?

Please call the Public Works Department at (414) 769-2216 for repair or replacement of broken or misplaced carts for no charge.

Prior to calling, please place your cart at street or alley line, as crews cannot come onto personal property to obtain carts.

2015 Spring Clean-Up Schedule

The City of Cudahy will continue the Spring Clean-up pick-up for two weeks in May. **This is the only free junk pickup of the year.** This free pick up is limited to fifteen (15) minutes of loading time. **DO NOT PLACE ANY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, TVS, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, WATER COOLERS, ANY FREON CONTAINING ITEMS, HAZARDOUS WASTE & TIRES OUT FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP.**

Unfortunately, Spring Clean-up attracts scavengers. These scavengers are known to remove items containing metal but not before releasing hazardous Freon to the atmosphere. Vandals have also been known to go around and smash monitors and TVs releasing lead and debris into the storm sewer system. Although we have informed residents not to put these items out the last three years – the public continues to do it. Therefore, if eWaste, Freon-containing materials, hazardous waste or tires are found in your pile, the City will consider it an immediate abatement and you will be charged a minimum of \$150.00 for the removal of these items.

Different trucks pick-up different items and their schedules vary. Once collection on your street begins, please refrain from putting out additional items. The City will only go through once on your street or alley. If pickup is set out late after crews have passed your area, the **resident will be responsible for removal.** Residents can begin to put items out for pickup the Saturday before their scheduled pickup date.

If you live NORTH OF GRANGE AVENUE: Spring Clean-up begins **MAY 4. ALL ITEMS FOR PICK UP MUST BE OUT FOR PICKUP BY 6:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 4.**

If you live SOUTH OF GRANGE AVENUE, INCLUDING BOTH SIDES OF GRANGE AVENUE: Spring Cleanup begins **MAY 11. ALL ITEMS FOR PICKUP MUST BE OUT FOR PICKUP BY 6:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 11.**

