

CITY OF COLUMBUS COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE



**2017
AUTOMATED
WASTE
COLLECTION
TRANSITION**

QUESTIONS:

Columbia County Solid Waste (608) 742-6651
Columbus City Hall (920) 623-5900
Columbus Public Works (920) 623-5908

Website: cityofcolumbuswi.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is happening with trash & recycling collection?

A: The City is going to an automated collection program. This means that a Columbia County solid waste truck driver will operate a mechanical arm on the truck to lift trash & recycling carts to empty the contents into the truck each week.

Q: How does this affect me?

A: Two 96 gallon carts with wheels will be delivered to each residential unit by Columbia County Solid Waste. All trash set out for collection must be placed in the Columbia County issued trash cart. All recycling set out for collection must be placed in the Columbia County issued recycling cart.

Trash & Recycling placed outside of the carts will not be picked up.

Q: When will this program start?

A: The program will not begin until October of 2017, when the carts will be distributed.

Q: When will I receive the two 96-gallon carts?

A: Within the first two weeks of October.

Q: How will I receive the two 96-gallon carts?

A: Carts will be delivered to you by Columbia County Solid Waste.

Q: Can I, or should I use other containers and/or plastic bags?

A: Only items inside the carts will be collected. Full plastic bags placed in the carts for collection are acceptable.

Q: Are there other choices for the trash or recycling cart size?

A: At the start of the program, qualified residents, property owners and businesses will have a **one-time opportunity** to trade down to a 65 gallon trash or recycling cart at no cost. Additional switches are not guaranteed and may not be free.

Q: Is there any separate cost to me for the carts?

A: There is no additional charge.

Q: What items can go into the trash cart?

A: The trash cart should hold the same things you currently place in your trash receptacle. No liquids, paint cans, electronics, hazardous items-materials or recyclables are permitted in the trash cart.

Q: What items can go into the recycling cart?

A: Any items that are currently accepted as recycling material by Columbia County Solid Waste. A list of acceptable recycling materials is located at the Columbia County Solid Waste website: <http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/solidwaste/RecyclingHomePage/tabid/489/Default.aspx>

Q: When I receive my two automated carts, where can I store them on days other than my collection day?

A: In your garage, along the side of your house, or in the back. The carts cannot be on the street or boulevard other than on your collection day.



THE PROCESS:

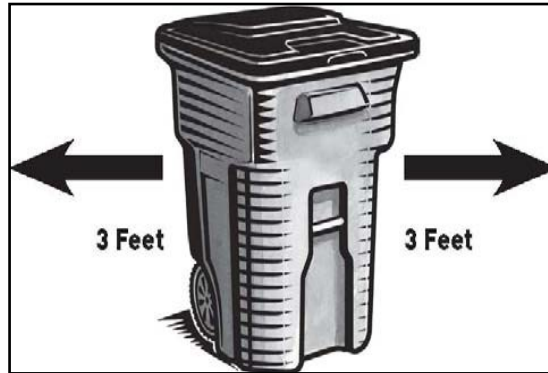
AUTOMATED WASTE COLLECTION USES TRUCKS WITH MECHANICAL ARMS TO LIFT THE CART AND DUMP THE CONTENTS INTO THE TRUCK.

GARBAGE WILL BE DEPOSITED IN ONE BIN IN THE TRUCK; RECYCLING IN A SEPARATE BIN.



**FIRST DISTRIBUTION
OF THE NEW CARTS WILL
BEGIN THE WEEK
Of
OCTOBER 9TH!!!!**

AUTOMATED COLLECTION HOW TO'S:



ON YOUR "PICK UP" DAY

WHAT DO YOU DO?

- ◆ Place your Trash Cart on one side of your driveway or property (not in the street)
- ◆ Place your Recycling Cart on the other side
- ◆ Keep the Cart at least 3 FEET away from:
 - the other cart
 - trees
 - mailboxes
 - utility poles or boxes
 - fire hydrants
 - other structures

3 BIG REMINDERS!!

- **YOUR "PICK UP DAY" WILL NOT CHANGE—**
IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE YOUR WASTE COLLECTED ON MONDAY, IT WILL STILL BE PICKED UP MONDAY, ETC.
- **HOW TO GET RID OF MY OLD TRASH CAN?**
IF IT FITS, YOU CAN PLACE IT IN THE NEW CART FOR DISPOSAL. IF IT DOESN'T FIT IN THE NEW CART, YOU CAN PLACE IT NEXT TO THE CART FOR COLLECTION
- **YOU WILL GET TWO 96 GALLON CARTS.** YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'SWAP' ONE OR BOTH OF THEM FOR A SMALLER, 65 GALLON CART. PLEASE TRY OUT THE LARGER CART—IF YOU STILL WANT TO DOWNSIZE, CONTACT COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE— (608) 742-6651