



Solid Waste and Recycling Guide

Village of Buffalo Grove

The Village of Buffalo Grove has entered into an agreement with Waste Management to provide a comprehensive solid waste, recycling and landscape program. These programs are designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. This guide includes various services that are available to Buffalo Grove residents.

Residential Services

The Village of Buffalo Grove contracts exclusively with Waste Management to provide refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services to residential households.

Weekly curbside service is provided to single family homes, duplexes and most multi-family properties (i.e. condominiums and townhomes).

General Guidelines

- ♦ All carts and landscape materials must be placed no more than three feet from the curb for collection by 7:00 am the day of your scheduled collection, but not before 5:00 pm the day before your pick-up.
- ♦ Please keep in mind that separate trucks pick up refuse, recycling, yard waste and appliances, so each of these materials may be picked up at different times of the day.
- ♦ All containers and any solid waste materials that are not collected must be removed from the curb by 8:00 am the day after your scheduled collection.
- ♦ Carts are the property of Waste Management and are not to be removed from the property.

Service Inquiries?

Residents with questions or a service related issues regarding the solid waste and recycling program may contact **Waste Management** Monday through Friday

7:00 am - 5:30 pm at 1-800-796-9696.

To pay an invoice or for more information go to **www.wm.com**

Curbside Collection Service

Collection Days in Buffalo Grove

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Holidays

There is no pick-up on holidays. Regular service will commence on the next calendar day, Monday through Saturday. Holidays include:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Larger Bulk Items

- ♦ One bulk item will be allowed per week at no additional charge (i.e., couch, small tables, etc.).
- ♦ Maximum 50 pound weight limit

Unacceptable Items

Household products that are flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive can be dangerous to collection personnel and the environment when disposed of improperly. Items such as paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaning solvents, automotive batteries, tires, tainted gasoline, used oil and other automobile fluids are considered to be household hazardous waste and should not be included with your refuse for disposal.

Appliances

State law prohibits the disposal of appliances in landfills. A separate truck will collect appliances on your regularly scheduled pick-up day. Please call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 to schedule a pickup at \$40 per item.

Landscape Waste

Landscape waste is collected weekly from April 1 through December 15 on the regularly scheduled pick-up day. Please do not mix refuse with yard waste. Cans containing mixed refuse and yard waste will not be collected.

- ♦ Must be placed in biodegradable Kraft paper bags for collection. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.
- ♦ Yard waste collection services are not provided to condominium and townhome units.
- ♦ Brush and tree trimmings are collected at no additional charge. Please bundle and tie with biodegradable twine in distinct piles no longer than 4 feet long and 2 feet in diameter.

New Trash Carts for All Residents

Waste Management will be providing Buffalo Grove residents with a 96 gallon cart for refuse only. This roll-out will run in parts of the village beginning in August of 2012. Pending the success of the roll-out, the the rest of the village will get carts in January 2013. For more information on this roll-out, please contact the Office of the Village Manager at 847-459-2525.



A 96 gallon cart for refuse Green lid for trash, yellow for recycling.



Recycling

Buffalo Grove encourages residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle using one of three sizes of recycling carts. Waste Management allows residents to swap their existing recycling cart for another size cart during the month of May at no charge. At other times during the year, there is a \$25 charge. If residents would like a second recycling cart - either a 65 gallon or a 95 gallon cart is available at an additional rental of \$2.50/month.



General Guidelines

- ◆ Do not mix household refuse with recyclables in the recycling cart. Mixed refuse will not be collected.
- ◆ Do not put recyclable materials in plastic bags.
- ◆ All recyclable materials should be rinsed free of food with caps/lids removed.
- ◆ Cardboard must be flattened or cut into 2' x 2' squares. Cardboard should be placed inside of or stacked and tied next to the recycling cart.



Items on the NOT ACCPETED list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart or bin.

- ◆ NO auto parts
 - ◆ NO holiday lights
 - ◆ NO batteries
 - ◆ NO utensils
 - ◆ NO food or garbage
 - ◆ NO wire
 - ◆ NO combustibles
 - ◆ NO toys
 - ◆ NO foam
 - ◆ NO hangers
 - ◆ NO paint cans
 - ◆ NO needles/syringes
- For more information on how to properly recycle or dispose of items not listed, please visit www.swancc.org.

Put these items together in your recycling cart	 Acceptable	 Not Acceptable
Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Books, Phone Books	Includes ads, inserts, postcards, hard cover, soft cover & miscellaneous paper.	Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers.
Cardboard	Flatten boxes. Large boxes must be cut into pieces no larger than 3' x 3'.	Do NOT include cardboard that contains food residue or wax-coating.
Scrap paper, shredded paper, paper cartons, paper cups	Include mail envelopes, copy paper, office paper, greeting cards, paper egg cartons, milk juice and other beverage cartons, paper and cereal/food boxes. Place shredded paper into paper bags.	Do NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper or paper coated with food, wax or foil. Remove plastic bags and plastic wrappers.
Household plastic containers and rigid plastics.	Include all plastic household containers, bottles, jugs, cups and tubs. Rigid plastic baskets, buckets, storage totes, kitty litter tubs, plant pots, un motorized outdoor toys and small pools. Caps, lids, rings and handles should be left on the plastic containers.	Do NOT include plastic foam, bags, product wrappers, utensils, or garden hoses. Please contact SWANCC for other options for these materials. Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue.
Metal Cans	Includes aluminum, tin and steel food and spray cans. Caps, lids, pull tabs and labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Do NOT include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, or small appliances, batteries or auto parts.
Aluminum Foil	Aluminum foil and foil trays.	Foil should be free of food residue.
Glass Containers	Glass bottles and jars. Mix all colors together. Caps, lids,	Do NOT include light bulbs, mirror, bakeware,

Other useful refuse news...

Refuse Collection Rates

Below is a chart of rates for Buffalo Grove residents. These rates include refuse pick up (1 cart), recycling (1 cart) and yard waste.

Family structure	Pick up	Weekly cost
Single family (Attached)	Once per week	\$18.85
Single family (Detached)	Once per week	\$18.85
Single family (Attached)	Twice per week	\$23.10
Single family (Detached)	Twice per week	\$23.10
Multifamily Containerized	With Recycling	\$13.89
Multifamily Containerized	Without Recycling	\$12.04

Senior Discount Information

Senior citizens age 65 years and older, living in single family homes, are entitled to a 10 percent senior citizen rate subject to proof of identification. Contact Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 for information on this cost saving program.

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Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC)

The Village of Buffalo Grove is a member of SWANCC. This entitles residents to a variety of special programs such as green page listings, electronics collections, household hazardous waste collection, document destruction events and more. Visit the SWANCC website at www.swancc.org for more information.

What can be recycled at Village Hall?

Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

♦ Fluorescent light bulb recycling

Any fluorescent bulb up to 4 feet in length.

♦ Battery recycling

Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V

Rechargeable: NiCad, NiMh, lithium polymer- before dropping off rechargeable batteries, place tape on the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks.

♦ Sharps Disposal Program

All sharps must be in an approved sharp container which can be picked up free of charge at Village Hall.

♦ Prescription Disposal Program

Residentially generated unused prescriptions and expired over the counter drugs. **Labels should not be removed from containers.** Dispose of prescription drugs that are more than a year old, as well as non-prescription medications with expiration dates that are more than 6 months old. Keep pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify the contents.



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