

**TULSA AUTHORITY FOR
THE RECOVERY OF ENERGY**

Refuse and Recycling SERVICES

Everything you need to know about
your refuse and recycling options



Customize the services
to meet your needs

Residential Trash Collection

Select Your Cart

The City of Tulsa offers gray carts for trash collection to residential households. You may choose between 3 sizes based on the number of 13-gallon bags thrown away weekly:

	2-3 BAGS 80lbs. MAX WEIGHT		4-5 BAGS 160lbs. MAX WEIGHT		6-8 BAGS 240lbs. MAX WEIGHT
32 GALLONS DIMENSIONS: 19.25" wide 38.5" tall 24.25" deep		64 GALLONS DIMENSIONS: 24.25" wide 41.75" tall 31.75" deep		96 GALLONS DIMENSIONS: 29.75" wide 43.25" tall 35.25" deep	

Frequency and Additional Services

Standard collection is once per week. However, you may choose additional services, including twice-a-week, backyard (between 4 ft. and 100 ft.), extended backyard (more than 100 ft.) or physically limited for customers with a medically verified disability.

Special Service for the Physically Limited

The City of Tulsa offers a special service for residents who are unable to place their trash at the curb due to a physical limitation or disability.

[Click here](#) to download the Special Services request form.



Bulky Waste

Debris too large or heavy to fit in the cart may be picked up at the customer's request by calling 311 and scheduling an appointment for pickup.

There is a bulky waste collection fee per 8 cubic yds. collected. Bulky items may include furniture, appliances, no more than 4 televisions or computer monitors, no more than 4 tires without rims and large tree branches up to 18 in. diameter and less than 4 ft. long.

Bulky waste will be collected from residential households only if the utilities for the residential address are in the resident's name; and the name on the utility account physically resides full time at that address. Any residential house that is owned by a corporation or LLC will not be serviced by the bulky waste group if these conditions are not met.

REMINDERS

Substantially bag all trash before placing it in your gray cart.

Loose materials, such as sawdust, cold ash, etc., must be bagged.

The lid of the cart must completely close with the lid opening facing the street.

DO NOT dispose of hazardous chemicals, batteries, paints, medical wastes, oil, liquids, radioactive materials or construction debris in either your gray or blue carts.

Place your trash and recycling carts 3 ft. apart at the curb away from obstructions, including utility poles, mailboxes, parked vehicles, etc.

Your cart must be set out on your primary collection day and removed from the curb within 12 hours after collection.

Selecting the Service That's Right For You

[Click here](#) for program services and accompanying rates.



Dead Animal Removal

Upon request, dead animals will be removed from public streets or private property once the animal is placed at the curb to pickup. Small animal pickup services are provided at no charge. Large animals such as cows or horses may also be picked up for a fee. Call 311 for more information and provide the exact location and specific directions to the pick-up site.

Neighborhood Dumpster Program

The City of Tulsa's Neighborhood Dumpster Program is a service available to registered neighborhood groups to perform neighborhood cleanup activities. Participating groups can make use of 30-yard containers to dispose of eligible household items.

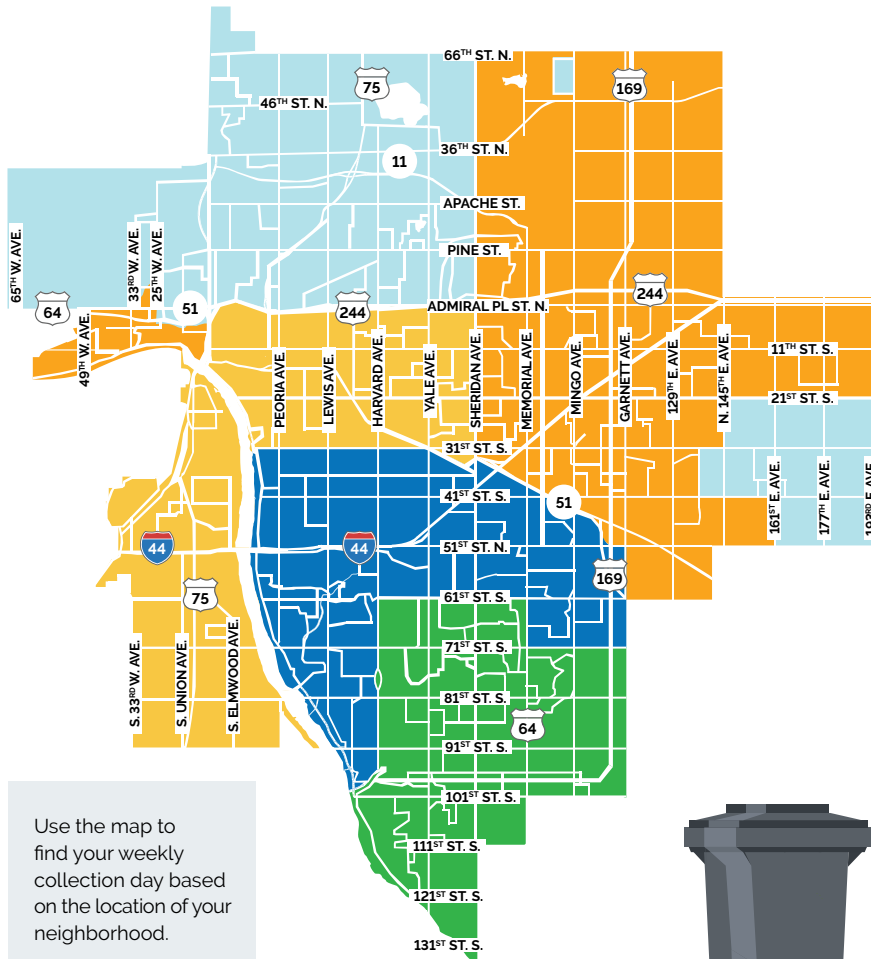
[Click here](#) to learn more or to schedule a dumpster for your neighborhood.



Extra Refuse Stickers

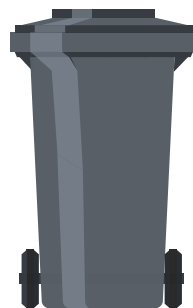
Extra refuse that doesn't fit into the cart may be placed next to the cart for pickup. Bag and seal extra trash and apply a refuse sticker to the bag so that it is visible to the hauler. Refuse stickers can be purchased in sheets of five at QuikTrip or at City Hall.

Trash Collection Schedule



Use the map to find your weekly collection day based on the location of your neighborhood.

- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY



Click [here](#) for more information about trash collection schedules.



Composting at Home

In the Tulsa area, yard trimmings and grass clippings can make up a significant portion of a community's waste. The cost(s) of collecting and transporting yard waste and the subsequent disposal fees may be a considerable portion of a community's waste management budget. Tulsa encourages backyard yard waste composting.

Yard waste, especially grass clippings, are usually high in nutrient content. When yard waste is composted, air and water break down plant materials into nutrient-rich compost. These nutrients can be beneficial to soils, plants and trees in the yard when applied as mulch or a soil amendment.

Compost can loosen clay soils and help sandy soil retain moisture. Beneficial organisms in compost assist plants in absorbing nutrients. Thus, natural materials are recycled in a home yard environment.



What is Compost?

Compost is a natural dark brown humus-rich material formed from the decomposition or breakdown of organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings, vegetation, vegetable food scraps and twigs. Organisms, worms, fungi and insects need water and air to use the organic materials as food and decompose them.



What can be Composted?

- ✓ Most yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, twigs and excess vegetation
- ✓ Twigs or chipped branches
- ✓ Coffee grounds, tea leaves



What Cannot be Composted?

- ✗ Large branches
- ✗ Fatty foods and grease, fish, meats and dairy products
- ✗ Bones
- ✗ Synthetic products such as plastics
- ✗ Diseased plants
- ✗ Weeds and vegetables that produce abundant seeds
- ✗ Pet or human waste

For instructions, visit tulsamastergardeners.org.

Green Waste Services

Tulsans can bring green waste to be ground into mulch to the **City of Tulsa Mulch Site**, located at **2100 N. 145th East Ave.**

For more information, the facility's hours of operation, and our holiday schedule, visit tulsarefuse.org.

Illegal Dumping

Dumping trash in the City of Tulsa is illegal. The fine for illegal dumping can be very large and may include jail time. Residents may report illegal dumping online at tulsa311.com or by calling **311**.



Green Waste at the Curb

When residential customers place green waste at the curb, it is converted to energy at the waste-to-energy location.

Leaves, garden clippings, grass clippings and branches can be bagged and placed inside the cart as long as the lid closes. Green waste is **NOT** allowed in the blue recycling cart.

If green waste does not fit in the cart, it must be sealed in see-through bags, weighing less than 40 lbs. each, and placed next to the cart at the curb.

There is a maximum number of extra trash or green waste that may be placed outside the cart for weekly curbside service, as well as a maximum number of items for backyard service.

Tree limbs and brush must be securely tied in bundles (at a certain length and weight) and placed at the curb to pick up.

For info on the number of extra trash and green waste items, backyard service, and for bundle sizes and weight, visit cityoftulsa.org.

Green Waste at the Mulch Site

Green waste disposal is simple. Residents and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) customers may drop off yard waste at no cost. Anyone, regardless of address or municipality can pick up an unlimited amount of mulch and firewood at **NO COST** (you must bring your own tools for the firewood cutting area).



NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Tree trunks longer than 15 ft.
- ✗ Root balls or trees with foreign materials such as fence or concrete
- ✗ Rock, pipe, lumber, treated wood, trash, dirt, building materials

The use of chains, ropes or straps to offload green waste is prohibited. Violation of these policies may result in the loss of the privilege to use this facility.

User Fees

City of Tulsa Residential Utilities and MOU Customers: This is a no-cost service, please bring your VALID driver's license or your **MOST RECENT** City of Tulsa utility bill with the date, phone number and address highlighted.

Commercial and Non-MOU Customers: The City of Tulsa charges a small fee paid by credit or debit card prior to dumping. No other form of payment will be accepted.

Rates are per cubic yard and are available at cityoftulsa.org/mulch.



Pickup Truck
for up to 3 yds



Single Axle Trailer
for up to 3 yds



Double Axle Trailer
for up to 5 yds



Dump Truck
for up to 10 yds



Tandem Truck
for up to 13 yds



20 Yard Truck
for up to 20 yds



30 Yard Truck
for up to 30 yds

Click here
for more
information.



How Do You Recycle?

Recycling is simple. Put your loose recyclables in your blue cart.

Recycling is part of the City of Tulsa's trash service. Each single-family household receives a gray cart for trash, but must request a blue cart for recycling. Recycling is taken to a recycling facility where it is sorted and sold.

Throw Away Less – Pay Less

Our pay-as-you-throw program encourages recycling. The more accepted items you recycle, the less trash you throw out. Less trash equals a smaller cart and a smaller cart equals less money out of your pocket.



Here's What You **CAN** Recycle:

- ✓ Empty aluminum or steel cans
- ✓ Paper, including office paper, junk mail, newspapers, cards, envelopes, brown paper bags, magazines and cardboard that can be flattened
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles of all colors, including water, soda, milk and detergent; tightly secure all lids before putting in the blue cart
- ✓ Empty glass bottles and food jars of all colors: remove lids and place them in a trash bag in your gray trash cart

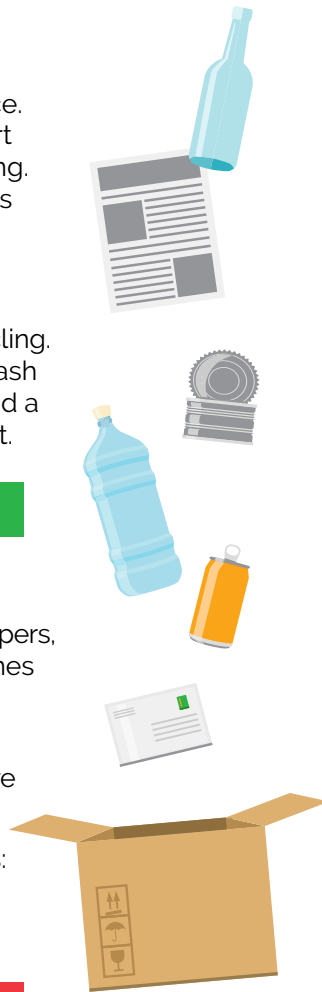


Here's What You **CANNOT** Recycle:

- ✗ Flexible plastics, plastic bags or bubble wrap
- ✗ Laundry baskets, coolers or totes
- ✗ Clothing or blankets
- ✗ Wires, hoses, hangers or electronics
- ✗ Styrofoam



When in doubt, throw it out. To find out if your item is recyclable or not, visit tulsarecycles.com



REMINDERS

Only recycle items from your kitchen, laundry room and bathroom, **NOT** items from your garage, yard, or shed.

EMPTY all recyclables before placing them in the cart.

Do **NOT** bag recyclables. Place items loosely in the cart to fall freely when emptied.

The lid of the cart must close completely.

For curbside service, place your cart within 4 ft. of the curb.

Place your trash and recycling carts 3 ft. apart at the curb away from obstructions, including utility poles, mailboxes, parked vehicles, etc.

Your cart must be set out on your primary collection day and removed from the curb within 12 hours after collection.

Click here to find the time your cart must be set out by.



E-Waste Recycling

You can now drop off your old or unused small electronics, such as phones and charging cords, at any Tulsa Parks Recreation Center to be recycled properly. This service is free of charge. Televisions, computer monitors and phone cases are **NOT** accepted.

Don't Have Curbside Recycling?

If you live in an apartment, commercial building or triplex, you may take your recyclables to any M.et. drop-off facilities, which are partially funded by the City of Tulsa. Items not accepted in curbside recycling may be accepted by the M.et., including electronics, batteries, plastic bags and light bulbs. For more information, visit metrecycles.com or call **918-584-0584**.



Household Pollutants

The City of Tulsa's **Household Pollutant Collection Facility (HPCF)** is open year-round and is free for Tulsa residents to dispose of household pollutants.

Our experienced staff are on-site to handle household pollutant materials. The facility only accepts household pollutants generated by household users and the facility is not available for commercial companies or businesses. The HPCF services the greater Tulsa metro area.

Some residents who live outside of City of Tulsa limits can dispose of pollutants with vouchers from the M.e.t. Non-Tulsa residents should contact the M.e.t. at **(918) 584-0584** for more information on the disposal of pollutants at the HPCF.



ACCEPTED

- ✓ Fluorescent and CFL Light Bulbs
- ✓ Oil-Based Paints, Latex Paints and Paint Thinner
- ✓ Flammable Liquids
- ✓ Lawn Chemicals
- ✓ Automotive Fluids
- ✓ Cooking Oil/Grease
- ✓ Aerosols
- ✓ Household and Car Batteries
- ✓ Household Cleaners
- ✓ Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Small Electronics (no televisions)
- ✓ Thermostats*



NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Industrial or Commercially Generated Waste (including NHIW waste)
- ✗ Medical or Biomedical Waste**
- ✗ Asbestos
- ✗ Food or Organic Waste
- ✗ Radioactive Material
- ✗ Ammunition/Explosives
- ✗ Tires
- ✗ Unknown Materials or Substances

* Thermostat recycling compliments of Covanta.

** Medications may be taken to any Tulsa Police station or to the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, where locked drop boxes are located.

DO YOU KNOW?

Many of the chemicals we have in our homes could be considered hazardous if used or disposed of in an improper way.

A permanent disposal facility discourages the disposal of household pollutants down sanitary sewers and storm drains or into the trash and recycling systems, which poses a risk for the environment, water sources, wastewater collection and treatment systems and staff handling the household pollutant materials in the trash and recycling systems.

Contact Information

Located at 4502 South Galveston Avenue.

For more information and hours of operation call **918-591-4325** or scan the QR code below.

Click here to find out more.



Swap Shop

The City of Tulsa also offers a **Swap Shop** where citizens can shop free of charge from new or lightly used products collected at the HPCF. No drop off of chemicals is required to participate.

Customers may take items from the **Swap Shop** and will be required to sign a waiver to do so.

Citizens can take an additional two items by using a reusable bag given to customers at the facility.

The Swap Shop is located inside of the HPCF and is only open during operating hours.





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For more information, visit
City of Tulsa Public Works Department

For questions, call **311** or
email **tulsa311@cityoftulsa.org**