YOUR GUIDE TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

CITY OF Lakeland

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AUTOMATED GARBAGE COLLECTION

The Solid Waste Division has 65 employees providing full service solid waste and recycling collection services to the residents and businesses within the City limits of Lakeland.

Solid waste and recycling services begin when your electric and water services are turned on at your home or business. Residential services provided once per week include automated garbage collection, automated recycling collection and yard waste collection.

Residential Collection

Services we provide:

- Weekly Automated Garbage Collection
- Weekly Recycling Collection
- Weekly Yard Waste Collection
- Bulk Collection and Special Pickup Service*

*Bulk Collection and Special Pickup Service includes items such as: mattresses, furniture and large appliances.

Timing Is Important

Automated garbage containers should be placed at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before, or prior to 6:00 a.m. on your designated pick-up day. Please remove the containers from the curb by 6:00 p.m. on collection day. Automated containers must be placed at the curb with the handle away from the curb and the red arrows on the lid pointing toward the street.

Containers too close to vehicles, mailboxes, power poles etc. will not be serviced.

Please allow 3' to 4' between carts or other objects.

YARD WASTE

Most residents on automated trash collection have yard trash and bulk yard trash service on the same day as their garbage collection.

Yard waste must be separated from all household garbage.

Place containerized, bagged or bundled yard waste out on the evening before pickup after 6:00 p.m., or the morning of pickup before 6:00 a.m.

Leaves, grass, shrubbery clippings and tree trimmings should be containerized, bagged or bundled not to exceed 40 pounds. Branches and limbs shall not exceed five (5) feet in diameter or five (5) feet in length. Items should be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. on your designated pickup day.

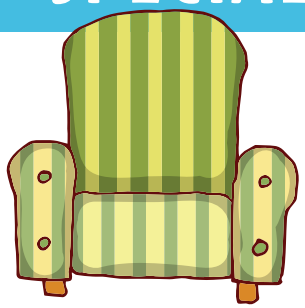
BULK YARD WASTE

Residential customers are provided four (4)collections of Bulk Yard Waste, per year. Bulk Yard Waste means wood matter including tree branches larger than five (5) feet in length, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in length and/or five (5) inches in diameter or any bundled yard waste exceeding 40 pounds.

Residents needing Bulk Yard Waste collection or a Special Pick-up should call (863) 834-8773 or email Customer Service at solidwastemanagement@lakelandgov.net to schedule the pickup.

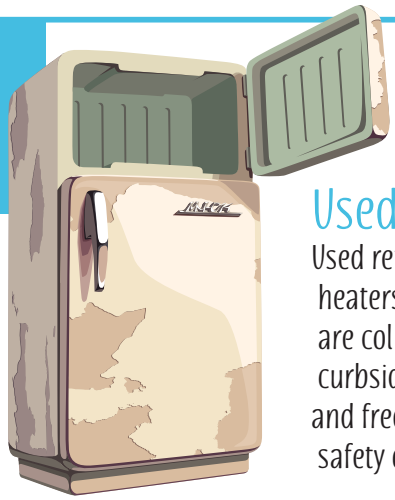
Place large piles of yard waste three (3) feet away from power lines, trees, mail boxes, fences, sprinkler systems, flower beds and parked cars. DO NOT place trash or large items in the street or alleyway.

SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Used Furniture

Used furniture, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, couches, chairs and other household items may be placed curbside.



Used Appliances

Used refrigerators, air conditioners, water heaters, washers, dryers and small appliances are collected by a bulk truck. Items must be curbside prior to pick up. Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST BE REMOVED for the safety of others.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste should NOT be placed in your green garbage containers or your blue recycling container.

Paint and Chemicals

Paint thinners, drain cleaners, pool chemicals, solvents and insecticides

Automobile Batteries

Check with your local automotive parts stores for disposal of automobile batteries.

Used Oil / Anti-Freeze

(Do not mix oil with anti-freeze, gas or any other product.)
Check with your local automobile service centers for disposal of used oil.

Automobile Tires

Accepted free of charge during the Hazardous Waste Collection Day only

The City of Lakeland hosts an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. For more information about the spring event, please call the Solid Waste Office at (863) 834-8773.

POLK COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION WEBSITE:
www.polk-county.net

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

The Solid Waste Management Division does not pick up this type of debris with the exception of small amounts of building debris from the homeowner's upkeep and maintenance of a residence.

Bend nails over when protruding from lumber and place these items curbside.

If your repairs require a permit from the City or a private contractor has been hired to complete the job, the resulting debris must be removed by the homeowner or contractor.

If you have questions about permits, please contact the Building Inspection Office, (863) 834-6012.

LEARN MORE

Our team members are available to give presentations at Neighborhood/ Homeowners Association meetings or schools. To schedule your free presentation, please contact our Solid Waste Programs Coordinator at (863) 834-8778 or by email at solidwastemanagement@lakelandgov.net

YES, YOU CAN RECYCLE

PLASTICS (1-7)

BOTTLES
(LEAVE CAPS ON)

BUCKETS
(METAL HANDLE OK)

SOLO CUPS AND PLATES
(PLASTIC ONLY)

LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLES

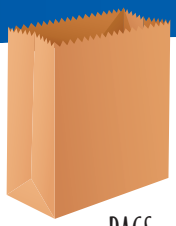
FLOWER POTS AND TRAYS
PLASTIC

UTENSILS
PLASTIC

MOLDED PLASTIC PACKAGING
(CLEAN)

TUBS AND LIDS
(I.E.: YOGURT, MARGARINE AND TUPPERWARE CONTAINERS)

PAPER



BAGS
(PAPER ONLY, NO PLASTIC)

CARDBOARD
(FLATTENED)

CEREAL BOXES AND PAPERBOARD
(REMOVE PLASTIC LINER)

COMPUTER AND OFFICE PAPER

NEWSPAPERS

ENVELOPES
(WINDOWS OKAY)

JUNK MAIL AND MAGAZINES

STICKY NOTES

SHREDDED PAPER
(PLACED IN A PAPER BAG)

PHONE BOOKS

WRAPPING PAPER, PACKING AND KRAFT PAPER

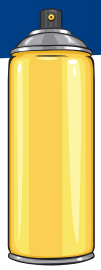
THESE!

METALS

(NO LIQUIDS OR FOOD)

ALUMINUM AND STEEL (TIN) CANS

ALUMINUM FOIL AND TRAYS
(BALL FOIL UP TO SOFTBALL SIZE)



AEROSOL SPRAY CANS
(MUST BE EMPTY)

CAPS AND LIDS FROM BOTTLES AND JARS

POTS AND PANS

GLASS

(NO LIQUIDS OR FOOD)

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS OF ANY COLOR
(METAL CAPS AND LIDS TOO)

RECYCLING GUIDELINES:

DO NOT PUT ANY RECYCLABLE MATERIAL IN PLASTIC BAGS

PUT ALL LOOSE RECYCLABLE MATERIAL IN YOUR BLUE RECYCLING CART

EMPTY AND RINSE ITEMS BEFORE RECYCLING

MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS FIT INSIDE THE BLUE RECYCLING CART WITH LID CLOSED

ONLY HARD PLASTICS ARE ACCEPTABLE; PLASTIC BAGS, WRAPS AND FILM ARE NOT ALLOWED

For more information visit our website at www.LakelandRecycles.com

NO. DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS!

PLEASE DISPOSE OF THESE ITEMS PROPERLY USING THIS GUIDE.

BATTERIES
(GARBAGE)

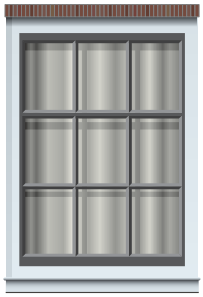
CERAMIC DISH WARE
OR GLASSWARE
(GARBAGE)

CLOTHING, LINENS
AND RAGS
(GARBAGE)

FOOD SCRAPS
(GARBAGE)

ELECTRONICS
(HAZARDOUS WASTE)

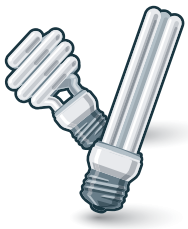
SOILED PAPER
(PAPER CUPS, PLATES, NAPKINS,
TISSUES, TOWELS, TAKE-OUT BOXES
AND GREASY PIZZA BOXES)
(GARBAGE)



GLASS MIRRORS
AND WINDOWS
(GARBAGE)

YARD WASTE
(CONTAINERIZED OR BAGGED)

PLASTIC BAGS,
WRAPPERS OR FILM
(GARBAGE)



LIGHT BULBS
ANY KIND
(HAZARDOUS WASTE)

WOOD
(BULK YARD WASTE)

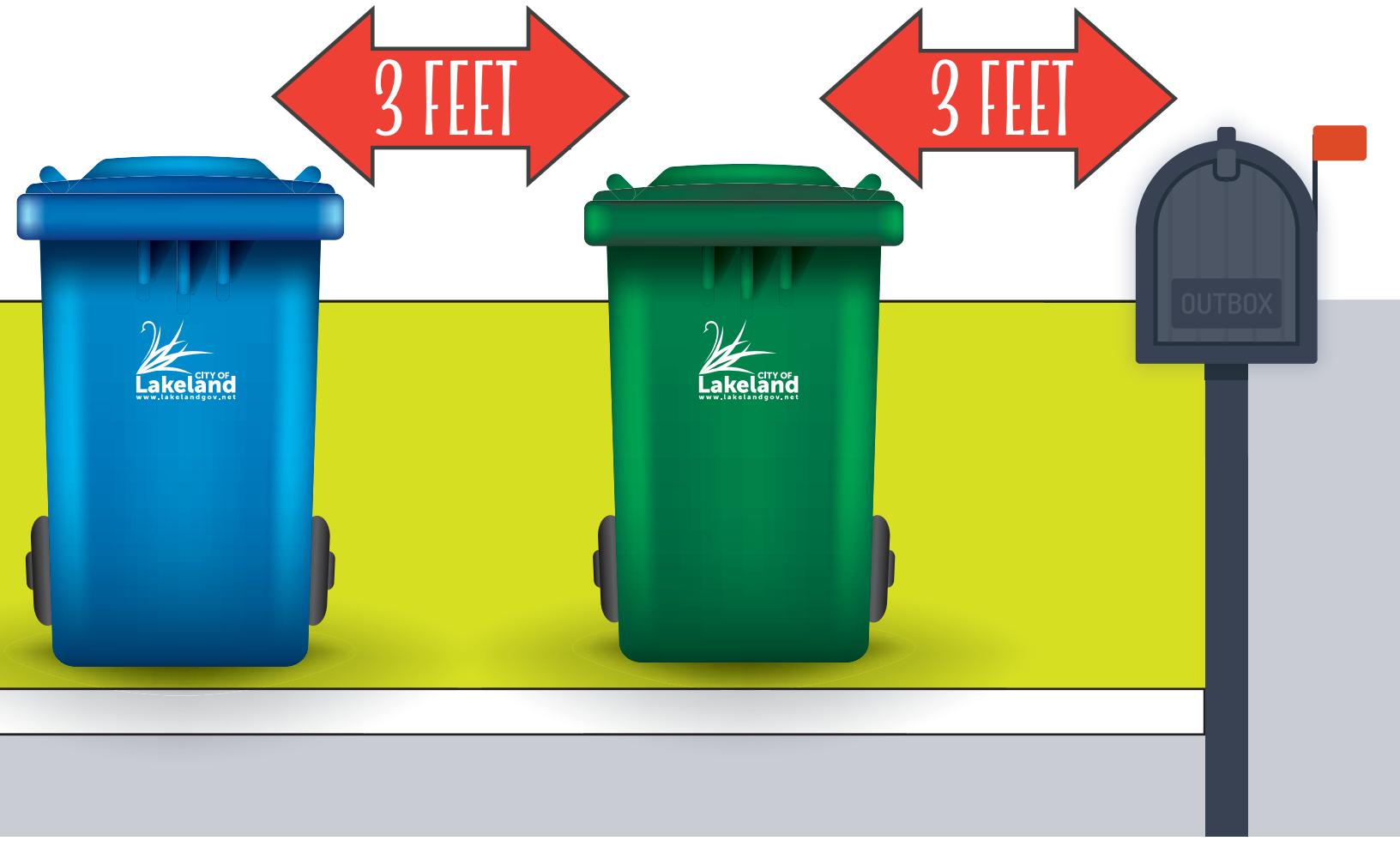
WHY NOT PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC FILM?

Plastic bags are not accepted. When recycled goods are sorted at the processing facility, plastic bags often get caught on the large equipment rollers. This can often shut down the equipment causing delays and damage. You can drop of your bags at most local grocery stores for recycling.

LEAVE THREE! SPACE IT OUT.

When you place your carts at the curb remember to:

- Leave at least THREE FEET of space between carts and THREE FEET of space between the carts and mailboxes, vehicles or other objects.
- If cans are placed in the street, make sure that the wheels of the cart are flush to the curb.
- Make sure the can opens to the street side.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Solid Waste Division observes the holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If a holiday falls on any of the days listed below, there is a change in your service day.

MONDAY HOLIDAY

Monday customers will be serviced on Tuesday
Tuesday customers will be serviced on Wednesday
Thursday and Friday customers will have no change in service

TUESDAY HOLIDAY

Monday customers will have no change in service
Tuesday customers will be serviced on Wednesday
Thursday and Friday customers will have no change in service

WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY

Customers will have no change in service

THURSDAY HOLIDAY

Monday and Tuesday will have no change in service
Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday
Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday

FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday customers will have no change in service
Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday

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