



Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection Information

Sanitation Department • 349.3443 • www.bloomington.in.gov/sanitation

You can help keep Bloomington a beautiful, clean community by practicing the three Rs!

- 1. Reduce** your waste. Buying bulk products reduces package waste.
- 2. Reuse** containers and refill them when they are empty.
- 3. Recycle** whatever you can't reuse. Buy recycled products and close the recycling loop.

Sanitation Services

The City of Bloomington provides curbside collection of trash, yard waste and recycling to residences within the city limits.

All commercial properties including businesses and apartment complexes as well as housing developments with privately owned streets are exempt from this service.

The City uses a pay-as-you-throw system, which requires the

purchase of trash and yard waste stickers. This means you pay only for the trash you generate, providing you with greater control over how much you pay for waste disposal.

The City also provides **FREE** recycling collection. The more waste that is recycled, the less trash thrown away, the more dollars you save!

Trash Collection

Trash is collected once a week: consult your magnet for your collection day. Call 349.3443 to request a magnet.

Attach a yellow trash sticker around the handle of each 35-gallon container or the neck of each bag.

Trash bags or containers must be no larger than 35 gallons nor weigh more than 40 pounds.

Crews start work at 5 a.m., so place trash bags or containers by the curb the night before pickup. Do not place containers out more than 24 hours in advance and remove them from the curb on the same day as pickup. Violations may result in a fine of up to \$50. Each day a violation continues is a separate violation.

Non-collectible items include tires, automobile parts, car bodies, dirt, ashes, liquids, construction materials, hazardous wastes, toxic material, infectious wastes, asbestos, liquid sludge, radioactive wastes, industrial wastes, computers and televisions.

As an alternative to curbside pickup, most residential and commercial garbage, furniture and construction/demolition debris may be taken to Hoosier Disposal: 6660 S State Road 37 • 824.7998

Year-Round Large Item Collection

Large items such as sofas, chairs, mattresses, box springs, tables and similar items can be placed at the curb on your regular trash day throughout the year. Items such as basketball goals and swing sets must be broken down. Each item must have two trash stickers (the same as those used for trash containers.)

Large appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, grills, lawnmowers, washers, dryers and similar items can be placed at the curb. Please contact the Sanitation Department at 349.3443 prior to 3:00 p.m. the day before your regular trash day to inform us you are setting the appliances out for collection. Each item must have two trash stickers attached.

Large items such as construction materials, tires, televisions and computer equipment will not be collected. For more information about disposal of these items, please contact the Monroe County

Solid Waste Management District at 349.2020.

Yard Waste Collection

During spring, summer and fall, yard waste is collected every other week on the same day as recycling.

Attach a green yard waste sticker to each paper yard waste bag or 35-gal. container of yard waste.

Yard waste mixed with garbage or packed in plastic bags will not be accepted.

Yard waste bags/containers larger than 35 gallons or more than 40 pounds will not be picked up.

String-tie sticks and branches in bundles no more than 4 ft. long by 2 ft. in diameter. Each individual branch must be less than 4 in. in diameter. Each bundle requires a green yard waste sticker and cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.

To assist with holiday decoration disposal, each household is

permitted one free yard waste item each at no charge from Dec. 27, 2011, to Jan. 5, 2012. Items such as trees, wreaths or other yard waste can be placed at the curb on your regular trash day.

As an alternative to curbside pickup, residential yard waste may be deposited at:
Good Earth LLC 650 E Empire Mill Rd • 824.7928 Please call Good Earth regarding restrictions and hours.

Fall Leaf Bag Collection

Please call the Street Department at 349-3448 or visit Bloomington.in.gov/street regarding leaf vacuuming.

Trash & Yard Waste Stickers

City trash stickers cost \$2 each, and yard waste stickers are \$1 each. Stickers are available for purchase by mail, with a \$10 minimum order. Call the Department or Public Works at 349.3410 for an order form.

The following vendors sell both Trash and Yard Waste Stickers. Those in **bold** also sell paper and yard waste bags. City Hall, O'Malia's, Marathon (Winslow Rd), Kleindorfers, Utilities Service Center, Black's Mercantile, Sahara Mart, **Black Lumber, Kroger (all locations), Short Stop, Bloomington Hardware, Winslow Hardware, Marsh (all locations), Bloomingfoods (all locations)**

Holiday Schedule

In 2011, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas day will delay collection services by one day following the holiday.

New Year's Holiday Schedule

Regular Pickup: No delay

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Regular Pick Up	Actual Pick Up
Thursday, Nov. 24	Friday, Nov. 25

Christmas Holiday Schedule

Regular Pickup	Actual Pickup
Mon Dec 26	Tues Dec 27
Tues Dec 27	Wed Dec 28
Wed Dec 28	Thu Dec 29
Thus Dec 29	Fri Dec 30

Trash collection is not affected on any other city holiday.

Sanitation Notices

In the event that City Sanitation crews are not able to collect your trash, yard waste or recycling, a notice will be left explaining the problem.

Recycling & Yard Waste Collection

- Recycling and yard waste collection is **every other week** on your regular trash day. Please consult your magnet for your pickup dates. Please call 349.3443 to request a magnet.

- One official City of Bloomington recycling bin is issued to each residence. You also may purchase/use similar containers.
- **Recycling containers cannot be larger than 35 gallons nor weigh more than 40 pounds.**

Recyclable Items

Please sort your recyclables into two categories:

1. Paper Products

Must be dry, including mixed office paper, newspaper, cardboard and paper board. Boxes must be flattened. Large quantities of boxes must be flattened and tied.

2. Metal Cans, Glass Containers and Plastics

Including food and beverage cans, glass jars and bottles, **plastics # 1-**

7 and plastic bags. Containers, bottles and cans must be rinsed out and the lids removed. Labels do not need to be removed.

Non-recyclable Items

Foam Styrofoam
Bowls Window Glass
Light Bulbs Packing Peanuts
Trays Wire Hangers
Cups
Wax- or Plastic-Coated Boxes

Visit us at
www.bloomington.in.gov/sanitation
for more information about non-recyclable items and hazardous waste recycling.

Hazardous Materials

Below are items **not accepted** by the City of Bloomington:

Gasoline Fluorescent Bulbs
Antifreeze Used Motor Oil
Oil Filters Cleaners
Batteries Paint
Mercury Ballasts
Pesticides Herbicides

Please contact the Hazardous Materials Facility at 349.2848 with any questions.

Questions & Comments

The City of Bloomington thanks you for participating in all of these programs. If you have questions or comments, please contact the Sanitation Department at **349.3443** Monday through Thursday 5:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. We are happy to help you keep Bloomington beautiful!