Municipal Waste Removal

The City of Bloomington utilizes a modernized approach to sanitation services. Each household is provided a solid waste and recycling cart to receive sanitation services from the City.

All sanitation charges will appear on your City of Bloomington Utilities bill.

Households have a designated trash and recycling pickup day. You can find your weekly trash and bi-weekly yard waste collection days by searching for your address at www.bloomington.in.gov/mybloomington.com or by scanning this QR code with your phone.

Each cart has a serial code that links your new solid waste and recycling carts to your specific household. This is done through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology.

PLACEMENT

*The placement of the carts is very important.*

Place both the recycling and solid waste carts 4 feet from each other and any obstructions at the curbside prior to 5:00am the morning of your scheduled pick up.

Failure to comply could result in a missed pickup.

After pickup carts must be removed from the curb on the same day of pickup to their permanent storage space.

Please ensure that carts are routinely cleaned and free of debris. This will allow all of the items to be collected and not remain stuck inside of the carts.

Failure to comply could result in a citation or fine.

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BILLING
Your sanitation services payment will be added to your utility bill as a distinct payment line. No additional steps or purchases are needed.

MONTHLY FEE
Monthly fees will depend on the size of your solid waste cart. Fees for solid waste carts are listed below:

- 35 gallon - $6.51 per month
- 64 gallon - $11.61 per month
- 96 gallon - $18.52 per month

ADDITIONAL PICKUP
If you need to schedule an additional pickup due to cart overflow, email sanitation@bloomington.in.gov or call (812) 349-3443. The fees per each additional pickup are listed below:

- 35 gallon - $1.89
- 64 gallon - $3.38
- 96 gallon - $5.38

The additional pickup will take place on the Friday following your request and will not affect your regular pickup day.

ADDITIONAL FEES
These fees are applied where applicable or when requested by the resident.

- Additional pickup: see above
- Cart size exchange or replacement: $50
- Large item/appliance pickup: $10 per item
- Yard waste: $1 per container or bundle

STORAGE
Please store your carts in a covered area such as a garage or shed. If this is not possible, store them outdoors on the side or rear of your housing structure.

SOLID WASTE
Solid waste carts have a gray lid. All solid waste must be bagged and then placed into the solid waste carts.

The lid must be completely closed to receive pickup services.

Solid waste items cannot include antifreeze, asbestos, ashes, automobile parts, ballasts, batteries, car bodies, cleaners, computers, construction debris, dirt, fluorescent light bulbs, gasoline, herbicides, industrial waste, infectious waste, liquid sludge, mercury, motor oil, oil filters, paint, pesticides, radioactive waste, televisions, tires, or toxic materials.

If you are unsure of how to dispose of an item, contact the Sanitation Division at 812-349-3443 for information on proper disposal methods.

RECYCLING
- There is No Fee to use the recycling services.
- Recycling cart has a yellow lid.
- Please ensure all recyclables are free of food debris.
- Do not bag recyclables. Place all items together in cart.
- Lid must be completely closed to receive service.
- Place both the recycling and sanitation carts at the curbside prior to 5:00am the morning of your scheduled pick up.
- Questions about what items can be recycled please visit the City’s website @ bloomington.in.gov/recycle.

YARD WASTE
To reduce your environmental impact consider composting.

If pickup is needed, place yard waste at curbside on your designated collection day.

Items should be placed in a container no larger than 35 gallons and must not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Containers may be paper yard waste bags, bundles no larger than two feet by four feet, or plastic/metal waste bins.

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Pickups will be added to your utility bill automatically.

LARGE ITEMS AND APPLIANCES
The City offers pickup for large items and appliances for a fee of $10 per item. To arrange a pickup for large items call (812) 349-3443, or sign up at bloomington.in.gov/sanitation/trash before 4:00pm the day prior to your regular pickup day. For appliance pickup, you must call before 12pm on Wednesday. Large items will be picked up on your following service day. Appliances will be picked up on Thursdays only.

CART EXCHANGE
At any point in time, if you feel that your cart sizes are not the right fit for your household, you may exchange your cart/s for the size that best fits your needs. To arrange an exchange please call (812) 349-3443.

All exchanges and replacements will incur a $50 exchange fee per cart. This amount will be charged to your monthly Utilities bill.

Do NOT exchange carts with your neighbors. Doing so could result in billing errors and fines for lost carts, as each cart’s serial number is associated with your specific account.