



Village of River Grove

Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste Collection Program

Here's How the Service Works



HOUSEHOLD REFUSE. Each residence has one (1) 96 gallon cart for household refuse. **Each additional approved container of waste set out for collection must have a pre-paid Village of River Grove Waste Tag** placed through the handle of the container. For public health and safety reasons all additional refuse must be set out **in approved containers. The container:**

- **Cannot exceed 32 gallons in capacity (size),**
- **Must be waterproof, have handles for lifting, and a tight fitting lid, and**
- **Cannot weigh more than 50 pounds when full.**



Bulk or large items may also be set out. Each large item (including appliances) set out must have a pre-paid **Village of River Grove Waste Tag affixed to the item.** Example of items that can be set out:



- Household furniture, grills, mattresses, tables, bicycles, washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators, hot water tanks, etc.

Household waste is limited to what is generated at the residence being served. Household waste does not include commercial or business generated waste.

RECYCLING. The Village's single stream recycling program is designed for convenience (no separating). **These commingled recyclables are to be placed in the recycling cart or recycling bin.**



- ▶ **Aluminum** containers (rinsed out, beverage/food)
- ▶ **Glass** containers (rinsed out beverage and food - green/clear/brown)
- ▶ **Bi-Metal** containers (soup, juice, etc.) / **empty paint** - aerosol containers
- ▶ **Newsprint** (anything paper that comes with / in a newspaper)
- ▶ **Chipboard/Corrugated boxes** (cereal, food, tissue boxes, gift/shoe boxes, etc.), breakdown/cut large boxes into flat 16' by 16' pieces (place along inside wall of the cart)
- ▶ **Mixed Paper** (junk mail, envelopes, phone books, office/notebook, computer, white or colored paper, no metal fasteners attached to it, magazines and catalogs, paper grocery bags, etc.)
- ▶ **Plastics:** Any **empty plastic PETE or HDPE container with the number 1 or 2 stamped on the bottom of the container.** (Rinsed out, milk/water/juice jugs, two liter beverage bottles, laundry detergent, liquor containers / other food containers, etc.)



The 35 gallon blue lid recycling cart is to be set out in the alley or at the curb only on collection day.



The cart's slim profile, hinged lid, and mobility make it convenient to use and store by the back door, on a porch, in the garage, or inside your fence until collection day.



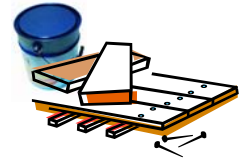
Program recyclables are to be placed in the 35 gallon recycling cart and your existing recycling bins, if needed. To help you fit all recyclables in the cart flatten plastic and metal containers, and small boxes. Break down large boxes to a 16" x 16" size, place heavier newspapers, magazines on top to help compress material.

YARD WASTE. Unlimited Yard Waste (YW) collection is provided. YW consists of grass clippings, twigs, leaves and plant material. YW is to be set out in 30 gallon Kraft paper bags designed for the collection of YW or in approved refuse cans (described above). **Residents using a conventional refuse container (32 gal can) for YW must clearly mark the can with a large X.** Marking the can helps to identify it as containing YW. YW bags or containers are not to exceed 50 pounds when full. Brush must be tied into bundles, four (4) feet in length, and should not exceed 50 lbs. Yard waste set out in **plastic bags** cannot be collected. (Plastic jams tub grinders / does not compost.). YW is limited to what is generated at the residence being serviced. YW is to be placed out by 6 AM along with refuse and recycling during the YW collection season. YW is collected between April 1 and November 30 each year.



Rocks, sod, bales of hay and landscape timbers are not landscape waste and should not be placed in yard waste cans or bags. These items require a special pick-up service.

BUILDING MATERIALS. Household remodeling debris / building materials from “do-it-yourself” projects will be accepted. Each approved refuse container (described above) or bundle of “do-it-yourself” home remodeling debris set out for collection **must have a pre-paid Village of River Grove Waste Tag** placed through the handle of the container or affixed to the bundle. Bundles are not to exceed 4’ in length, and the containers and / or bundles are not to exceed 50 lbs each when set out for collection. Residents are asked to set out neatly.



For items that **weigh more than 50 pounds**, or are **in excess of 1 cubic yard**, and other items such as carpeting, etc., a **special pickup must be scheduled. SPECIAL PICKUP SERVICE.** Call **708-344-5000.**

ELECTRONIC WASTE. Electronic waste is banned from Illinois Landfills. The Village’s drop off site for program accepted electronic items is conveniently located next to the American Legion, 8660 Grand Avenue, River Grove.

VILLAGE SOLID WASTE TAGS. Residents are to purchase pre-paid **Village of River Grove Waste Tags** for additional waste and large items that are set out for collection outside the 96 gallon refuse cart which has been provided each residence. Village Waste Tags are available for purchase at the following cooperating merchant locations. These merchants are selling the tags as a community service to River Grove residents. These merchants receive no revenue from the sale of the tags; therefore, cash purchases are appreciated.

- **ADA’s European Market & Deli, 8301 West Grand Avenue**
- **BP Gas, Mart & Mc Donald’s, 8800 Grand Avenue (River Road & Grand)**
- **Village Hall, 2621 North Thatcher**



REFUSE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE SHOULD BE AT THE CURB-ALLEY NO LATER THAN 6:00 A.M. ON YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY.

- **PLEASE NOTE.** Each residence is provided a wheeled refuse cart and a wheeled recycling cart. The collection company is responsible for normal refuse / recycling collection maintenance items on the cart (lid, wheels, cart body, etc.); homeowners are responsible for damage caused if a cart is used for a purpose other than what it is designed for (residential collection), damaged as a result of negligence or abuse, or is lost or stolen. If you have any cart issues please contact the Village.
- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.** If a holiday falls on collection day (Monday), refuse, recycling, and yard waste will be collected on Tuesday of that week! The following holidays will be observed each year:

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| | New Year's Day | Memorial Day |
| | Independence Day | Labor Day |
| | Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day |
| | QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM CALL: 708-344-5000 | |