

# Garbage Collection FAQs

## Related Questions

### **Am I included in the City's garbage contract?**

All residential properties (four dwelling units or less), City buildings, and places of worship are included in the City's contract. Apartments above downtown businesses are *not* included in the City contract.

### **Do I have to pay anything for garbage service?**

Collection of normal garbage and recyclables are covered by your property taxes, with a portion of these expenses covered by your utility bill. Appliance pickup costs \$20.00 (stickers are available at City Hall or from the contractor), and the contractor may charge you for other items not included in the contract that you want to drop off at his site.

### **How will my garbage service be affected by holidays?**

On Christmas Day, New Years Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving Day, no garbage will be collected. Typically, the contractor will try to make up the missed route the day after the holiday, and do both routes in one day. If the holiday falls on a Friday, the contractor may collect both routes the day before.

### **What is the city's recycling program like?**

The City requires our contractor to recycle glass, tin, newspapers, magazines, corrugated boxes, #1 through #9 plastic bottles, and aluminum cans and scraps. These items must be separated from garbage and easily identified (placed in a bin or clear plastic bag.)

### **What will not be picked up?**

Appliances, mattresses, construction material or debris, automotive parts, and hazardous materials (batteries, wet paint, etc.) are not included in the contract. Every spring and fall, Monroe County offers a special waste cleanup where such items can be disposed of. Containers weighing over 50 pounds will not be emptied by the contractor. The contractor may choose to leave loose or wet garbage as well.

## **When is garbage collection for my neighborhood?**

Generally, Monday's route covers the south end of town, Tuesday includes the west-central portion, Wednesday is when the northwest part of the City is collected, Thursday covers most areas north of Montgomery Street, and Friday includes the areas east of Chester Street. Call the Public Works Office at 269-4340, Option #4 regarding individual addresses. All garbage should be placed at the curb or alley by 5:00 a.m. the day of collection, but no more than 24 hours in advance.

[Modern Disposal Pick-up Schedule](#)

## **Who can I call if my garbage is not collected?**

Contact the contractor, Modern Disposal Systems at (608) 269-4300 or Sparta's Public Works Department at 269-4340, Ext. 5157.

[View All FAQ's](#)