

# ABOUT YOUR WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

Western is honored to provide the community of Louisville with trash, recycle and composting collection. We will continue to strive to exceed your expectations with excellent collection and customer service, every day.

## SERVICES

The services Western is providing **WILL NOT CHANGE**. Your collection day will remain on Thursday with trash collected weekly and recycling/compost collection on alternating weeks.

## NEW RATES (Effective 9/1/18)

Louisville's pay-as-you-throw pricing structure is designed to encourage waste diversion. Optimal cost savings can be achieved by recycling and composting; maximizing the size of your recycling and compost carts and thus minimizing the size of your trash cart. As in the past, the cost of recycling collection is INCLUDED in your trash rate. Residents are required to purchase a minimum of 32-gallon compost service. All trash and compost must fit in the container with the lid closed.

| Trash Cart Size | Compost Cart Size | Cost for Recycling (any cart size) | Total Charge for Trash/Compost/Hazardous Materials/Admin Fee |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 32-Gallon       | 32-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$17.77</b>   |
| 32-Gallon       | 64-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$21.59</b>   |
| 32-Gallon       | 96-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$25.41</b>   |
| 64-Gallon       | 32-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$26.61</b>   |
| 64-Gallon       | 64-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$30.43</b>   |
| 64-Gallon       | 96-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$34.25</b>   |
| 96-Gallon       | 32-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$35.45</b>   |
| 96-Gallon       | 64-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$39.27</b>   |
| 96-Gallon       | 96-Gallon         | INCLUDED                           | <b>\$43.09</b>   |

### PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

The city of Louisville's "Pay-as-you-Throw" pricing structure features unlimited recycling volume. Compost service is available in 32-gallon increments with each service level of trash.

IF YOU ALREADY SUBSCRIBE TO 96-GALLON TRASH, RECYCLE AND/OR COMPOST SERVICE AND FIND YOU NEED MORE CAPACITY ON A REGULAR BASIS, ADDITIONAL CARTS CAN BE ORDERED FOR \$2.64/MONTH EACH.

State of Colorado regulations prohibit the collection of Freon-containing appliances and electronic waste with your regular trash. Please call our customer service department at (303) 444-2037 for rates and to schedule a pick up.

### CART EXCHANGES AND SERVICE CHANGES

You can change your cart sizes and service levels **on any scheduled pick up day** (Thursday) for no additional cost. Requests for cart or service changes must be received at least 24 hours prior to your collection day.

### ONE FREE LARGE ITEM PER QUARTER

Each residence is eligible for one free quarterly pickup of a single large item on your regular collection day. These items include, for example, furniture, appliances\*, small equipment and lawnmowers (fluids removed), barbecue grills (no propane tanks), mattresses, bicycles, etc. Items must be one single item, not a pile of material or items (e.g.: branches, construction debris, carpet, etc.) to qualify for this service. \*Freon-containing appliances are not eligible as a free item but can be collected separately for a fee.

### OCCASIONAL EXTRA TRASH OR COMPOST

Prepaid bag stickers are available from City Hall or the Rec Center for \$3.54 for occasional extra trash or compost

For questions or to place an order call Western  
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# RECYCLING

**Recycling** has been main-stream for decades and makes both environmental and economic sense. The process of recycling recovers valuable materials including paper, glass, plastic and metals and remarkets this material to make new products. This conserves resources and reduces pollution by reducing the amount of virgin materials extracted or harvested. Louisville's recyclables, processed locally at the Boulder County Recycling Center, provide the added benefit of contributing to the local economy.

# COMPOSTING

**Composting** is an idea whose time has come. Yard and food waste comprise 28% of the American waste stream and virtually all of this material can be recovered through composting. Why bother? Organics in landfills are a big contributor of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. But beyond that, why send such a useful material to the landfill? Compost is invaluable as a soil amendment; use compost in your yard, on your trees and shrubs and in your garden and you'll improve soil quality, structure and water retention, help control erosion and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers.

## Your Local Compost



The organic material we collect from your curbside is processed at a state-permitted composting facility in Weld County. Compost is available to Louisville residents through your Public Works Department located at 1601 Empire Road; call (303) 335-4608 for details.

## Recycle? Compost? Trash?

"What goes where" guidelines can be found under the lid of your cart and can be downloaded at [www.westerndisposal.com](http://www.westerndisposal.com). But space doesn't allow for us to list every item you might encounter, and some items can be tricky or confusing. Below are the ten items we're asked about most frequently:



Although SOLO™ cups carry a recycling symbol on the bottom, they are too flimsy to be sorted properly and should be thrown in the **TRASH**.



The grease on pizza boxes contaminates the material for recycling. Put them in your **COMPOST** cart.



Shredded paper is difficult to sort in the recycling process; place **DAMPENED** shredded in your **COMPOST**



**Empty** aerosol cans, without caps, can go in the **RECYCLE** bin.



Berry and greens containers are now recyclable!



Frozen food containers are coated with a thin layer of plastic film which makes them un-recyclable. These boxes, and the plastic trays inside, are **TRASH**.



Plastic tubs and their lids are **RECYCLABLE**



Plastic bags bind up sorting equipment so please, no plastic bags or recycling IN plastic bags.



Empty motor oil and solvent containers should be put in the **TRASH**.



Plastic screw-on caps are **RECYCLABLE** as long as they are attached to the bottle.

**Other helpful hints:** Separate metal screw tops from glass containers, empty liquids from bottles, don't flatten containers, place medical waste, ceramics, light bulbs and drinking glasses in the trash. Still have questions? Give us a call at (303) 444-2037. To download recycling and compost guidelines visit [westerndisposal.com](http://westerndisposal.com).