Town of Lancaster
Waste and Recycling Collection Services

2020

WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Dear Lancaster resident,
Waste Management looks forward to continuing to service the residents of the Town of Lancaster to help your community be as clean - and green - as possible. We’d like to take this opportunity to provide you updated information related to your trash and recycling services.

For more information
Town of Lancaster: (716) 683-1610
Town website: www.lancasterny.gov/
Waste Management: (800) 972-4545

Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Waste Management

Schedule
Trash is collected weekly and recycling is collected every other week. All materials should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Please see the 2020 Calendar on an adjacent panel that indicates special collection dates like yard waste and bulky waste.

Trash
All regular household refuse must be bagged and placed in your 95-gallon town-provided cart for collection. Materials may not protrude from the cart and the lid must securely close.

Note: Do NOT place recyclables in the trash cart.

The following items will NOT be accepted in the trash cart:
• Dirt, sod, concrete or rock
• Construction/demolition debris
• Household hazardous waste
• Hot ashes or flammable materials such as oil, gas or paint
If you have any normal household garbage that is not recyclable and does not fit into your cart, you can place the excess garbage in 30 gallon bags and affix an extra capacity sticker on each bag. Stickers can be purchased at Town Hall for $5.00 each. After affixing the sticker to the extra bag, you can place the extra bag next to your trash cart for collection. Any bags without the sticker will not be collected.

Note: only non-food waste is permitted in Extra Capacity stickered bags.

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Care and use of the cart:

- Always keep the lid closed to keep rain, snow and animals out.
- Clean the cart periodically.
- Since automated waste collection requires clearance for the vehicle's lifting mechanism, any cars parked at the curb should be at least 5 feet from the trash cart.

**GOOD Cart Placement**

Keep space between objects and carts.

**POOR Cart Placement**

Objects and cart are too close together.

Place wheels of cart toward house.

The placement of the cart is very important as the collection vehicle's lifting arm requires clearance of at least 3 feet on both sides of the cart and 12 feet overhead. Carts should be no more than 2 feet away from the road's edge, with the arrow facing the road and handles facing the house.

Carts should remain on the property at all times and are the property of the Town of Lancaster. Please do not take the containers with you if you move. You are encouraged to mark the inside of your cart with your property address. All carts should be labeled with your property address. Should your cart require repair, please call Waste Management at (800) 972-4545.

Recycling

Recycling not only conserves precious natural resources, it also helps to reduce costs by decreasing the amount of materials that end up in the landfill.

- Please make every attempt to fit all your recyclable materials inside your recycling containers. As a last resort, large cardboard may be broken down (no larger than 3 ft by 3ft), flattened, and neatly placed next to the recycling cart.
- Do not bag your recyclables. Keep your recyclables loose inside of your recycling cart.
- Additional carts can be purchased by contacting the Town Supervisor's office. There will be an annual fee payable to the Town associated with additional cart purchases.
- Recycling containers should be placed curbside every other week on the same day as your trash collection. Please refer to the calendar for your recycling schedule.
- Also accepted: clean, clear glass containers. Residents are encouraged to return all beverage containers for refund of deposit.
- See a list of all acceptable recycling materials on the adjacent panel.

Leaf & Yard Waste

Yard Waste services will continue to be provided by the Town of Lancaster. Please refer to the Town website for more information and service schedules.
Have you ever heard the phrase "one bad apple spoils the bunch?" The same is true for recycling, where one non-recyclable item can spoil an entire batch of otherwise good materials. It may seem like a small detail - a wrong item in the recycling bin -but it represents a global problem that's preventing thousands of tons of material from ever seeing a second life and we need your help!

- Place only the acceptable recyclables pictures below in the recycling cart.
- Plastic bags are NOT acceptable in the recycling cart.
- Please empty all loose recyclables directly into the cart.

Always recycle:

- Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Food & Beverage Cans
- Paper
- Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:

- NO Food or Liquids
- NO Foam Cups & Containers
- NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet
- NO Batteries or Needles in the Recycling or Trash
  Batteries and needles pose safety risks for our employees. Check for local drop-off programs for proper disposal
- NO Loose Plastic Bags, Film or Bagged Recyclables
  Empty recyclables directly into your cart

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To Learn More Visit: RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com
Bulky Waste

You may place your bulky items on the curb the 2nd full week of each month. Please see the Collection Calendar on the inside panel for Bulky Waste pickup weeks. A maximum of three (3) items will be collected each month.

No electronics or appliances containing CFC’s will be accepted (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) unless the CFC’s have been professionally removed and stickered as “Freon Removed”.

Additionally, refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed prior to collection.

- Carpeting must be rolled into lengths of 4 feet or less, taped securely, and no wider than 18 inches.

- Large items must be of size that can easily be handled by two employees.

- Additional acceptable items include small furniture, bedding and mattresses, hot water tanks, and household appliances.

- Any item, such as a weed trimmer or small lawnmower with an engine requiring oil and gas, must have those liquids removed prior to collection.

- Bulk item collection does not include air conditioners, microwave-emitting equipment, tires, and any regulated material covered by the New York State Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act, such as televisions and computers.

Bulk items do NOT include: additional trash bags, boxes of trash or old trash cans filled with trash. If it can fit in your Town provided cart, it should be placed there.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Erie County hosts events to provide residents with the opportunity to dispose of unused hazardous household materials. Please visit www.erie.gov/recycling or call (716) 858-6800 for more information.

House and Garden Products – pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, etc.

Garage Products – automotive fluids such as motor oils, gasoline, antifreeze and brake & transmission fluids.

Workshop/painting products – Oil-based paints, paint strippers and thinners, spray paints, kerosene & other solvents.

Items NOT accepted – latex paint, alkaline batteries, tires, electronic waste/televisions, asbestos, explosives, smoke detectors, cooking oils, syringes/needles, cylinders of compressed gases, and fluorescent light bulbs or ballasts.
Holiday Schedule
When an observed holiday falls on a normal collection day, collections will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week. The following in delayed collections:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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