



# VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS REFUSE AND RECYCLING GUIDE



The Village of Western Springs has contracted with Republic Services to provide refuse, recycling and yard waste collection through December 2018. While not all inclusive, this guide is designed to provide information on Western Springs' residential waste collection and recycling program. Please feel free to contact either Republic Services or the Village if you need additional information.

The Village program is flexible and is designed to encourage recycling. You can choose either to use service at the curb with pre-paid waste stickers or to subscribe to one of three backdoor service plans. These options allow you to select the type of service that best meets your household's needs and budget.

## Guidelines

There is no limit to the number of items that may be put out for collection, however the following rules apply:

- Items must be placed out at the designated pick-up location by 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Items may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before collection.
- All recycling, yard waste and bulk items are also collected at the curb.



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

Collection will take place on Tuesday, except in the area south of 55th Street, where collection will take place on Friday. Refuse, recycling and yard waste are collected on the same day.

The following holidays are observed by Republic Services and can affect the collection schedule:

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

During the holiday week, when one of these holidays falls on or before your normal service day, collection will be delayed by one day.

# COLLECTION GUIDELINES

## Waste

Garbage cans and carts are not allowed at the curb. All waste set out for collection at the curb must be placed in a garbage bag with a service sticker attached. Three service plans with collection at a backdoor location are also available. Garbage set out for collection at a backdoor location may be placed in either a garbage can or bag. Bags and cans must not exceed 33 gallons in volume or 60 pounds in weight. Please check the container size before purchasing garbage can; oversized containers will not be collected.

## Yard Waste

Yard waste will be collected from the curb from April through November. In order to be collected, a waste sticker must be attached to each waste bag. Yard waste may be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or a bundle. Bags must not exceed 33 gallons in volume or 60 pounds in weight.

Brush and tree branches may be set out for collection provided they are securely bundled with jute twine or uncoated string. Bundles must have a waste sticker attached and may not exceed 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length or 60 pounds in weight. Individual branches may not exceed 2 inches in diameter.

## Village Leaf Collection

The Village of Western Springs schedules the collection of leaf piles from the curb during a period in the fall beginning in late October. An informational postcard is mailed to residents in early October explaining the leaf removal program and schedule. Additional information on the curbside leaf collection program can be found at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

## Christmas Tree Collection

Free Christmas Tree collection is offered during the first two full weeks of January on the regular service day. Trees must be free of tinsel and ornaments and should not be placed in bags.

## Large Household Items and Appliances

Many bulk items and appliances that do not fit in a refuse container may be placed at the curb for pickup. Bulk items include chairs, tables and mattresses and

other pieces of furniture that can be safely loaded; large items include refrigerators, stoves and water heaters. Rolls of carpeting and small amounts of construction debris may be set out for collection provided that they are securely tied in bundles not exceeding 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length or 50 pounds in weight. Stickers must be attached to each bundle, large household item, or large appliance. Please refer to list below or call Republic Services at (708) 345-7050 for the number of stickers needed for specific items. Please note that due to handling requirements electronic items are excluded from curbside collection.

## Electronic Waste

Electronic items such as televisions, computers, monitors, printers and computer and cable peripherals are banned from landfill disposal. These items must be recycled. For information on options for recycling these items, please contact the Village at (708) 246-1800 or Republic Services at (708) 345-7050. For more information on drop off locations, please visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com).

## Household Hazardous Waste

Flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive products cannot be included with regular refuse for disposal. Materials such as oil-based paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaning solvents, gasoline, motor oil and other automotive fluids are considered Household Hazardous Waste. The State of Illinois sponsors several collection facilities that accept these materials at no charge. For information on options for disposal of these items, please visit [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) for information on recycling Household Hazardous Waste or contact the West County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100.

## Special Pickup and Temporary Containers

If you have a large amount of refuse, Republic Services offers temporary containers or a special pickup. Arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Republic Services will quote a price for a temporary large container or special pickup based on the volume to be removed. Call Republic Services for details at (708) 345-7050.

## What's New: Easy Online Management

Republic Industries' new account management tool allows you to pay bills, report a missed pickup, and request additional services through your smartphone or computer. My Resource TM can be accessed on the web at [www.republiconline.com](http://www.republiconline.com) or by downloading the My Resource app at the App Store or Google play.

# RECYCLING

In support of the Village's goal of environmental sustainability, residents are encouraged to reduce their waste by taking advantage of the recycling program. Recycling is collected at the curb. Blue recycling bags are distributed to all residences twice each year. Please place glass, metal and plastic items in a blue recycling bag. Newspaper and other paper items should be placed in a separate paper grocery bag. Cardboard boxes can be placed next to the recycling bags. Please rinse cans and bottles and flatten all boxes. Additional recycling bags are available for purchase at Village Hall. Please note the guidelines on acceptable and unacceptable items found below. If unacceptable materials are present, the bag may be left. For information on how to recycle items not included in the curbside program, please visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com).

RECYCLING		
Paper	Cartons	Glass
<p><b>YES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mixed Paper: advertisements, directmail, office paper, stationery, envelopes, paperbags, giftwrap</li> <li>Magazines: newspaper, catalogs and telephone books</li> </ul> <p><b>NO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disposable diapers or rags</li> <li>Soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues</li> </ul>	<p><b>YES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardboard and boxboard</li> <li>Soda and beer carrying cases</li> <li>Milk and juice cartons</li> </ul>	<p><b>YES:</b></p> <p>Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars</p> <p><b>NO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Window glass and mirrors</li> <li>Compact fluorescent and other light bulbs</li> <li>Ceramics</li> </ul>
Metal	Plastic	Unacceptable Items
<p><b>YES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminum cans and foil</li> <li>Tin and steel cans including empty aerosol cans</li> </ul> <p><b>NO:</b></p> <p>Needles or syringes</p>	<p><b>YES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plastic bottles and containers coded #1 through #5 and #7.</li> <li>Six or twelve pack rings</li> </ul> <p><b>NO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plastic bags and film</li> <li>Styrofoam packing peanuts or other items coded #6</li> <li>Plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or utensils</li> <li>Electronic items, printer or toner cartridges</li> <li>Insecticide and hazardous chemical containers</li> <li>Toys</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tires, engine parts, auto body or interior parts</li> <li>Motor oil, paint, car batteries, antifreeze or liquids of any kind</li> <li>Garbage and food waste</li> <li>Wood pallets or construction lumber</li> <li>Yard Waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and tree or plant branches</li> </ul>

## WHERE TO PURCHASE WASTE COLLECTION STICKERS

Please be sure to specify Western Springs collection stickers when purchasing from these locations:



DeVries Market  
806 Arlington, La Grange

Jewel Food  
5545 S Brainerd, Countryside

Mariano's  
4700 Gilbert, Western Springs

True Value  
835 Burlington, Western Springs

Village Hall  
740 Hillgrove, Western Springs

*Vendors are subject to change*



5050 W Lake Street  
Melrose Park, IL 60160



## SERVICE PLAN OPTIONS

Back door refuse service is available as an alternative to purchasing waste stickers. Three service plans are available. If a household has more waste than is included in a plan selected, the excess waste will be collected if a waste sticker is affixed to each container above the container limit. To subscribe, contact Republic Services by email at [newtoter@republicservices.com](mailto:newtoter@republicservices.com) or by phone at 708- 345-7050. Customers are billed by Republic Services on a quarterly basis. Please note that all recycling, yard waste and bulk items are collected at the curb. By ordinance, no cans or carts may be set out for collection at the curb. Refuse carts are available on an optional basis with the four can backdoor service plan at an additional charge.

	April 2016- March 2017	April 2017- March 2018	April 2018- March 2019
Individual Service Sticker- at curb	\$3.75	\$3.95	\$4.10
One 33-gallon can- at backdoor location	\$22.04/mo.	\$22.66/mo.	\$23.29/mo.
Two 33-gallon cans- at backdoor location	\$30.54/mo.	\$31.16/mo.	\$31.79/mo.
Four 33-gallon cans- at backdoor location	\$37.95/mo.	\$38.57/mo.	\$39.20/mo.

### Number of Stickers for Specific Items

Item	Number of Stickers	Item	Number of Stickers
Bedframe-any size	2	Hot water heater	2
Bedframe w/headboard-twin/full	3	Ladder	2
Bedframe w/headboard-queen/king	4	Lawn mower (no gasoline or fluids)	2
Bike	2	Mattress-twin/full	2
Book case	2	Mattress-queen/king	3
Box spring-twin/full	2	Other	Contact Republic Services/708-345-7050
Box spring-queen/king	3	Patio Door	3
Carpet rolls (carpeting must be cut into four foot lengths and cannot be more than two feet in diameter and 60 pounds in weight. Rolls must be securely bound with tape, rope or twine.	2 per roll	Refrigerator	5
Chair-kitchen	2	Sink	2
Chair-living room	3	Snowblower-small (no gasoline or fluids)	2
Chest of drawers	2	Table-end	2
Couch	4	Table-kitchen	3
Dishwasher	2	Toilet with/without tank	2
Door	2	Treadmill	5
Dresser	2	Triple dresser	3
Dryer	2	Vanity w/ sink	3
Entertainment Center	3	Washing machine	2

**Electronics**—As of January 1, 2012, electronics products are prohibited from being disposed of with your garbage. These items include computers and components, printers, facsimile machines, scanners, dvd recorders, cable and satellite receivers, video game consoles, televisions, videocassette recorders. For recycling options and a searchable database of recycling centers, please visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com).