

City of Rolling Meadows Refuse-Yardwaste-Recycling Collection Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to help you discard and recycle your regular household material. For more information, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or through the City's Web site at: www.cityrm.org. Additional recycling information is available at www.swancc.org (847-724-9205).

The earliest time you may set your refuse, yard waste, and recycling materials at the curb is 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection, except during the months of November, December, January, February, and March when refuse can be set out at 3:00 p.m. There are no containers allowed at the curb other than your refuse and recycling cart. **All carts and materials set out for disposal must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.**

Refuse:

Residents are to use city provided refuse carts. The carts are labeled "TRASH ONLY". Additional refuse that doesn't fit in the cart may be placed in plastic or kraft paper bags. Residents are encouraged to place bags containing food waste in their carts to reduce litter caused by animals tearing into them. Plastic bags must be a 30-gallon capacity or less, a minimum of .7 mil thickness, and be securely closed at the top. Regardless of paper or plastic bags they must **weigh less than 50 pounds**. Refuse carts must be removed from the curbside by the end of the day.

Yard waste: Yard waste must be in **30-gallon kraft paper bags**. Bags must be marked with a large "X" facing the street and **weigh less than 50 pounds**. Bundle all brush with twine (plastic or wire is not acceptable) no longer than 4' in length and 2' in diameter. **Yard waste pick up commences April 1 (unless notified otherwise by weather conditions and by the landfill) through the first week in December (exact dates to be determined).**

Recycling:

Items must be placed in the 65-gallon cart supplied by the city's contracted hauler, currently Flood Brothers. Recycling carts must be removed from the curbside by the end of the day.

Detailed regulations concerning the City's refuse, yard-waste, and recycling collection programs can also be found in the City's Code of Ordinances in Chapter 90 SOLID WASTE.

The City provides special pick-up services at rates set to recover direct costs. **There is a minimum charge of \$50.00 for all household special pick-ups.** Please call the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 for a special pickup quote. There is no charge for the price quotation. Payment must be made prior to the special collection being made.

REFUSE:

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Kitchen Scraps, Spoiled Fruits & Vegetables
and other Food Items, Non-recyclable
Wastepaper (i.e. wrapping paper),
Cloth Items, Non-recyclable plastics

Deposit in bags and place in cart. Put cart at curb on
scheduled pick up day.

Cabinets and Mattresses

Place at curb on scheduled pick up day.

Electronics

**Televisions, monitors, computers (including
tablets), printers, facsimile machines, scanners,
electronic keyboards, videocassette recorders,
MP3 players, zip drives, electronic mice,
digital video disc players, portable digital
music players, cable receivers, digital video
disc recorders, small-scale servers, satellite
receivers, digital converter boxes, cell phones
and video game consoles.**

**Place at curb outside of the cart
on scheduled pick up day next
to household refuse. Items will
be picked up later in the
collection day for recycling.**

**The State of Illinois has adopted
legislation that prohibits electronics
(listed at left) from being thrown
away in the garbage as of January 1, 2012,
from all sources under penalty of law.
For electronic recycling program details or for
other options, please visit
[https://www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-
recycling](https://www.swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling)**

Furniture and Small Appliances

Place at the curb on scheduled pick up day.

Latex Paint

Paint cans which have been left open to dry solid
may be placed in refuse bags. Paint in liquid form
will not be accepted, nor is it accepted at the
recycling drop off center.

Oil Based Paint

See website below for drop off sites.
[https://swancc.org/recycling/chemical-and-paint-
disposal](https://swancc.org/recycling/chemical-and-paint-disposal)

HARDGOODS such as...
Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers
and Dryers, Water Heaters, Furnaces,
Sinks and Tubs

Place at curb on scheduled pick up day. Locking
doors must be removed from all appliances. Large
items will be picked up later in the collection day.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Carpet and Padding	May be placed at curb on scheduled pick up day. Must be rolled and bundled with twine or duct tape and easily lifted to waist height. Rolls should not exceed 18” in diameter and 4’ in length. There is a 6-roll limit per scheduled pickup day. Larger quantities and/or sizes require a special pickup .
Drywall	Pieces must be broken up and placed in bags. Place at curb on scheduled pick up day. Bags must be closed securely and be easily lifted to waist height and not exceed 50 lbs. There is a 3-bag limit per scheduled pickup day. Sheets no larger than 4’ x 4’ are also acceptable. Larger amounts require a special pick up .
Doors: Interior, Exterior, Storm and/or Screen	May be placed at curb on scheduled pick up day. There is a 6-door limit per scheduled pick up day.
Garage Doors	Garage doors must be dismantled into sections. Each single section must be cut to 4’ in length. Larger lengths require a special pick-up .
Gutters, Down Spouts and Steel Pipe	Place small pieces in bags at curb on scheduled pick up day or bundled with twine or rope in lengths not to exceed 4’ in length and 18” in diameter. Larger amounts require a special pick-up .
Metal and Wood Sheds	A special pick up is required. Must be completely dismantled and stacked neatly at the curb.
Plywood and Paneling	Place at curb on scheduled pick-up day. Sizes shall not be larger than 4’ x 4’. Items must be stacked neatly and not exceed 6 pieces. Greater quantities or pieces larger than 4’ x 4’ require a special pick up .
Scrap Wood, Wood Flooring, Siding & Fencing	Small pieces may be placed in bags and placed at curb on scheduled pick up day. Longer pieces must be bundled with twine and not exceed 4’ in length and 9” in height and width. Greater quantities and/or sizes require a special pick up .
Windows	Windows smaller than 4’ x 4’ may be placed at the curb on scheduled pick up day, 3 window limit per scheduled pick up day. Greater quantities and/or sizes require a special pickup .

OUTDOOR MATERIAL

Landscape Timbers and/or Railroad Ties

Small pieces may be placed in bags and placed at curb on scheduled pick up day. Bags must be closed securely and be easily lifted to waist height. Longer pieces up to 4' in length may be neatly stacked at the curb. There is a 6-piece limit per scheduled pickup day. Larger quantities and sizes require a **special pick up**.

Swing Sets

May be placed at curb on scheduled pick up day when completely dismantled. Sections must not exceed 4' in length. Full sections require a **special pick up**.

AUTO PARTS

Car Doors, Trunk Lids, Hoods, Fenders and Small Engine Parts

These items are picked up in the same manner as hardgoods and large appliances.

Engine Blocks, Frames and Other Bulky Oversized and/or Heavy Items

These items require a **special pick up**.

Tires, Batteries and Propane Tanks

To comply with E.P.A. regulations, tires, batteries and propane tanks are not accepted by the City, and should be taken to a local retail outlet for proper disposal.

HOUSEHOLD MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL:

The State of Illinois has not created a formal policy on the disposal of syringes or other medical products used by individuals at home. However, there are certain recommendations for the disposal of Sharps, Bandages, Dressings and Medicines that are herein provided.

SHARPS DISPOSAL

The Rolling Meadows Public Works Department provides authorized sharps-disposal containers and the disposal of your used sharps containers at 3900 Berdnick Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Used sharps must never be placed loosely in your trash or flushed down the toilet.

If you are not able to use our drop off site, sharps should be placed in a strong plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid to prevent accidental contact with the waste. Containers like empty bleach bottles, liquid detergent bottles, or heavy plastic jugs work well because they are strong enough to prevent the sharps from poking through the container and they have lids that can be securely fastened. A coffee can may also be used as long as the lid is sealed with strong tape once the container is full. The sealed container can then be placed in your regular trash. Glass should never be used as a sharps container because the glass can break and compound the hazard. Recyclable containers should not be used as home sharps containers unless obviously labeled as containing sharps. **Sharps are not recyclable – they can**

pose an infection risk to workers at the recycling facility, and can render the whole batch of recyclables as unusable.

BANDAGES AND DRESSINGS DISPOSAL MEDICINES

Soiled bandages, dressings and disposable sheets should be placed in securely fastened plastic bags before being placed in your regular trash.

MEDICINES/PHARMACEUTICALS

Household medicines, including over-the-counter drugs and prescription medicines (except for controlled substances) are no longer accepted at the Public Works facility. Prescription medication can be dropped off at City Hall located at 3600 Kirchoff rd. on the 2nd floor near the police desk Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm. Household medications as well as prescription medication can be dropped off at various locations in the county. The following link can be use to locate the drop off sites
<https://medtakebackillinois.org>

If you are not able to use our drop off site, these items can usually be disposed of safely without presenting a threat to the environment. Out-of-date or otherwise unusable or unwanted household medicines may be disposed of in the trash if the materials are securely wrapped to minimize tampering or crushed and mixed with wet garbage.

Flushing even small quantities of household medicines down the drain is discouraged. Some medicines can disrupt or destroy the useful microorganisms in the sewage treatment system and/or may pass through the system intact and potentially contaminate downstream water resources.

YARDWASTE:

Grass Clippings, Leaves, Twigs, Garden Debris, Weeds, Fruits, Seeds, Stalks, Vines, Bark and Wood Chips

Use paper bags and place at curb on scheduled pick-up day. Bags must be rolled and crimped closed and be easily lifted to waist height and not exceed 50lbs.

Each bag of yardwaste must be marked with a large “X”. Yardwaste pick up commences April 1 (unless notified otherwise by weather conditions and by the landfill) through the first week in December. Place the bags a few feet away from your household refuse bags with the “X” facing the street.

Brush and branches up to 6 inches in diameter

Bundled with twine (**wire or plastic is not acceptable**) 4’ or less in length and 2’ or less in diameter at the base and easily lifted to waist height.

Yardwaste does not include: stumps, wood timbers, plastic edging, plant pots or trays, fertilizer or landscape material bags, landscape fabric, root sections, sand, gravel, sod, firewood or animal waste. Yardwaste mixed with other refuse material will not be accepted.

It is against City ordinance to rake leaves onto any City street or dump yardwaste on any public land.

RECYCLING: Curbside using the 65-gallon recycling cart

PAPER MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Cardboard Boxes and/or Sheets of Cardboard	Boxes must be flattened and tied with twine. All clean cardboard is recyclable. Any clean cardboard being recycled must be placed in the recycling cart.
Newspaper	Includes weekly and Sunday newspaper and all inserts. Do not tie newspaper in bundles.
Magazines, Catalogs & Paperback Books Corrugated Boxes & Brown Paper Bags	All glossy magazines, catalogs and phone books Non-waxed corrugated cardboard & brown paper bags that fit into recycling cart.
Paperboard	Includes cereal and other dry food boxes, pop, beer and egg cartons.
Mixed Paper	Includes junk mail, computer paper, and stationary. This material may be mixed with newspaper.

NON-PAPER MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Glass Bottles & Jars Aluminum Cans & Foil	All clear, brown and green glass bottles. All aluminum containers for food and beverages, foil and pie plates.
Steel Cans	Steel and bi-metal food containers 1-gallon or less in size.
Aseptic Packaging & Gable Top Containers Plastic Containers and Can Carrier Rings	Juice boxes, milk cartons and juice cartons. All clean plastic containers, #'s 1-5, & 7 with the exception of those containing automotive products, pool chemicals, paint thinner and wood working products.

OTHER RECYCLING NOT PLACED IN CARTS:

Oil Drop-Off	Household Hazardous Waste drop off sites. swancc.org/general-information/chemical-disposal
4' Fluorescent and CFL Light Bulbs	Accepted at the Public Works facility during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday). For any fluorescent bulbs longer than 4 feet see website below www.swancc.org
Alkaline & Rechargeable Batteries	Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D AND 9V, button cell) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer) at Public Works

(see above hours). Rechargeable batteries must be in sealed plastic bags or have the end taped over in order to be disposed.

Electronics

See Refuse - household items (page 2)

Recycling Carts

The city's contracted hauler, Flood Brothers, will provide residents with 1- 65-gallon cart. Damaged carts are the responsibility of the contracted hauler. 35-gallon carts are available for senior and townhome residents, contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400 for additional information.

Refuse Carts

The city provides residents with 1- 65-gallon cart. Damaged carts will be repaired or replaced by the city. 35-gallon carts are available for senior and townhome residents contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 for additional information.

Cart Placement

Please place your refuse and recycling carts at least 3 ft away from each other. When applicable place the carts on the opposite side of your driveway. Townhome residents with shared driveways should also attempt to separate all refuse and recycling carts to a common location (all refuse carts on one side of driveway all recycle carts on the other).

Holidays

There is no refuse collection in the City on the following days: New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. During the week which contains a holiday, your refuse will be collected the day after your normal pickup day. The following week we will resume our normal collection schedule. Regular refuse schedule will be observed for Martin Luther King Day (January) and Veteran's Day (November) weeks (while all City offices are closed for these holidays).