



TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

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Automated Garbage Collection

As some of you may already know, household solid waste collection is done through an Automated Trash Collection System in Monroe Township. Just as the name indicates, automated garbage collection involves the use of a truck with an automated, mechanical arm to lift a specially designed cart from the curbside, dump its contents into the truck and return the cart to the curbside. This system requires only 1 person to operate, as the driver controls everything from the cab of the truck. The automated collection system is safer, more efficient and requires less labor to collect solid waste.



Regular garbage cans cannot be used with this type of trash collection. The municipal Public Works Department will issue each homeowner one automated collection cart. Homeowner's will have the option of a 95 gallon, 65 gallon or 35 gallon container. This is the only container that may be used for your regular household waste. The 96 gallon container is designed to accommodate a 6 member household's garbage that is recycling properly.



The collection cart is the property of the Township of Monroe and must be maintained by each homeowner as if the container was their own. Should you move from your current location, the cart must remain at the address it was issued to for the new resident.

The automated collection cart must have a four feet clearance around it, in order to be properly emptied. Please ensure the container is set away from all utility poles, vehicles, basketball nets, recyclables, "odd stops", etc.

If the automated collection container is damaged in any way, other than by the Public Works Department, it will be the homeowners' responsibility to purchase a replacement container from the Township of Monroe.

Cart Maintenance & Upkeep/ Use of the Cart

Your collection cart must be at the curbside by 6:30 a.m., the morning of your scheduled collection day. The cart may be placed at the curb line no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before collection and should be removed from the curb line no later than 8:00 p.m. the day of collection.

Before moving the cart, grasp the handle and tilt the cart towards you. Push or pull the cart to roll it. On slopes, inclines or steps, handle the cart with care.

All garbage placed in the container must be bagged. Periodically, residents may want to wash the cart out with soap and water to cut down on any odors or insects. Sprinkling ammonia in the cart will also serve to reduce odors and pests.

What To & Not To Dispose of In The Collection Cart

Your cart is for the disposal of regular household waste only. Household waste is basically what is generated out of your kitchen and bath on a normal weekly basis.

The following items should not be placed in the collection cart: recyclables, hot ashes, motor oil, solvents, paints, pool chemicals, hazardous materials, flammable liquids, dead animals, concrete, dirt sod, leaves, yard debris, wood, carpet, furniture, etc.



Bulk Pickup

Please contact the Public Works Department to schedule bulk pickup. Bulky items/odd stops shall include doors, furniture, carpeting, tires, bundled brush, etc. The Public Works Department collects bulky items/odd stops curbside as follows:

*Monday & Thursday Trash Collection
1st & 3rd Friday of the month*

*Tuesday & Wednesday Trash Collection
2nd & 4th Friday of the month*

Carpet rolls and brush must be cut in lengths not to exceed four (4) feet and bundled with string or twine. Bundles shall not exceed 35-40 pounds in weight. We do not accept any branches/brush larger than 3" in diameter, logs, tree trunks or stumps.



Construction/Remodeling/ Demolition Debris

The Monroe Township Public Works Department will accept NO hazardous materials, construction or remodeling debris such as: plywood, bricks, rocks,

cinder blocks, stone, concrete, mortar, sand, sheetrock, insulation, flooring, shingles, siding or dirt.

Metal/Appliances

Residents must contact the Public Works Department to schedule all metal and appliance removal.

Metal and appliances are scheduled for collection on Friday during a full work week.

When there is a township scheduled holiday there will be no metal pick-up until the following week.



Tires

The Public Works Department will collect four tires from homeowners. Tires will be collected as a bulk pickup.

Grass

We encourage you to cut and leave your grass clippings to recycle back into your lawn. Should you wish to dispose of grass clippings, seal them in a plastic bag not to exceed 35-40 pounds in weight. Grass bags will be collected with bulk pickup.



Leaves

The Public Works Department hosts a curbside leaf collection program which will take place during the months of May, November and December.

Leaves may also be bagged. If you choose to bag your leaves please notify the Public Works Department for collection. The bags will be picked up within the week of your request.