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Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Guide

LAKES DISPOSAL SERVICES
SERVICING LAKE & MCHENRY COUNTIES
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The Village of Mettawa provides a comprehensive solid waste program designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. This guide includes various services that are available to Mettawa residents.

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**
Lakes Disposal is the exclusive hauler for refuse, recycling, yard waste and manure for the residents of Mettawa. Residents receive, (1) 96 gallon trash and (1) recycle cart. The basic rate services will be paid for by the Village of Mettawa.

**Mettawa Service Inquiries:**
Residents with questions or service related issues regarding the solid waste program may contact our Customer Service Center at **847-366-8582**

For more solid waste information visit the Village’s website at: **www.mettawa.org**
CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

Included in the refuse program, the residents of Mettawa will have access to the following:

• Refuse collection includes household garbage collection with a 96 gallon cart. One bulk item will be collected each week.

• Recycle collection is unlimited with your choice of an 18 gallon recycle bin or 96 gallon recycle cart.

• Optional Yard Waste Services

GENERAL GUIDELINES

• All solid waste materials must be placed out at the curb for collection by 7:00 a.m., on Friday, your scheduled collection, but not before 3:00 p.m. the day before your pick-up. Please keep in mind that separate trucks pick up trash, recyclables, yard waste and bulk items, so these materials may be picked up at different times of the day. **Rear door collection available, see page 8.**

• All containers and any solid waste materials that are not collected must be removed from the curb the day of your scheduled collection.

• Scheduled collections that fall on or after an observed holiday will be delayed by one day the week of the holiday only.

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

New Year’s Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
GARBAGE

Included in the basic refuse program, the residents of Mettawa have access to the following:

• One bulk item (non-appliance) will be collected each week.

• Electronic collections will be held the first Friday of each month. Please call our Customer Service Center at 847-366-8582 to schedule a pick up.

LARGER BULK ITEMS

One large household item manageable to be lifted by one person such as a bicycle, table, chair, mattress, one 4’x2’ roll of carpet (taped or tied, not weighing more than 50 lbs.), etc. will be collected on the normal trash day free of charge. Any additional or heavier items must be called in to our Customer Service Center for a special pick up and/or site survey for a quote.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Household products that are flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive can be dangerous to collection personnel and the environment when disposed of improperly. Items such as paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaning solvents, automotive batteries, tires, tainted gasoline, used oil, and other automobile fluids are considered to be household hazardous waste and should not be included with your refuse for disposal. (See page 7)

APPLIANCES

State law prohibits the disposal of appliances in landfills. Please call our Customer Service Center at 847-366-8582 to schedule a pickup.

• Washer
• Stove
• Furnace
• Dryer
• Freezer
• Dehumidifier
• Hot Water Heater
• Refrigerator
• Dishwasher
• Air Conditioner

Helpful Hints

• Many local appliance companies will dispose of your old appliance free of charge when you purchase a new one.
• Consider donating usable clothing, furniture, toys, appliances, etc...to local charities.
RECYCLING

The Village of Mettawa encourages residents to reduce, reuse and recycle. Mettawa residents receive unlimited recycling. Each resident will receive a 96 gallon recycle cart.

GENERAL GUIDELINES
Do not mix household refuse with recyclables in the recycling cart.

• Do not put recyclable materials in plastic bags
• All recyclable materials should be rinsed free of food with caps/lids removed.
• Cardboard must be flattened into 2’x2’ squares. Cardboard should be placed inside of the recycling cart with the rest of the recyclables.

PREPARATION OF MATERIALS
All acceptable recyclable items should be placed together inside the recycling cart for collection.

METAL
– Aluminum cans, foil and formed containers
– Steel or tin cans
– Empty Aerosol cans
– No scrap metal

GLASS
– Bottles and jars only
– Brown, green and clear glass
– No mirrors, window glass, Pyrex dishes, or light bulbs

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND RIGID CONTAINERS

PET
– 1 & 2 Liter soda bottles
– Plastic flower pots
– Plastic plates & trays

HDPE
– Laundry detergent containers
– Milk & water bottles
– Margarine tubs
– Baby wipe containers
– Plastic cups
– NO motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, or hazardous waste containers
– NO containers larger than one gallon

PVC
– Cooking oil bottles
– Shampoo bottles

LDPE
– Squeeze mustard bottles
– Shampoo bottles

PP
– Deli containers
– Cosmetic containers
– Six and twelve pack rings

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RECYCLING (continued)

PAPER

Newspapers
- All inserts accepted

Magazines & Catalogs
- Glossy & non-glossy accepted

Telephone Directories

Kraft Brown Paper Bags
- Corrugated
- Cardboard
- Cardboard must be flattened into 2’x2’ squares

Paperboard (chipboard)
- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Pasta boxes
- Clothing boxes
- Frozen food packages
- Beverage containers

Junk Mail
- Flyers
- Postcards
- Brochures
- Greeting cards
- Window envelopes
- Advertisements

Mixed Paper
- Stationery
- Post-It notes
- Typing paper
- Notebook paper
- Computer paper
- Bond envelopes
- NO food or contaminated paper

LANDSCAPE COLLECTION SERVICES

The landscape waste collection program runs from April 1st to November 30th. There is an additional cost for this optional program. If you wish to have this service, call our Customer Service Center at 847-366-8582.

Please note:
If you use cans for your landscape waste instead of the biodegradable Kraft paper bags, please mark (paint) the cans containing landscape waste with large red X’s. This will help identify the landscape waste to the drivers so your pickup is not inadvertently missed. Do not put landscape waste in plastic bags.
BRUSH & TREE TRIMMINGS

Bundled brush is included with the optional yard waste program. Please be sure all brush is bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string in distinct piles that are no longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and weighing no more than 45 pounds with no individual branch being greater than 3” in diameter.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas Trees will be collected the first two weeks of January at no additional charge from all residential households. All decorations, stands, etc., must be removed from trees in order to be collected. Do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees in plastic bags will not be collected.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) schedules one-day Household Chemical Waste collection events from spring through fall at various locations throughout Lake County to help residents dispose of their chemical wastes safely and conveniently. These events are free and are open to Illinois residents only.

A variety of common household materials can be brought to an HCW collection day, including: oil based paints, used motor oil, solvents, paint remover, antifreeze, aerosol products, metal polishes, insecticides, old gasoline, hobby chemicals, household batteries, and mercury (including thermometers and thermostats).

Business, institutional and commercial wastes, explosives (such as fireworks and ammunition), propane tanks, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers, agricultural chemicals, medical wastes, and latex paint will not be accepted at any of the agency’s HCW events. Tires and lead acid batteries (auto and boat batteries) are also not accepted at these collections. These items can be recycled at any retail outlet that sells them.

To help residents dispose of latex paint, SWALCO provides bags of crushed corn cobs at various locations around Lake County. Crushed corn cobs are very absorbent, and can dry out a can of paint in as little as 30 minutes. After equal parts of paint and crushed corn cobs are mixed together and allowed to dry, the cans of paint can be disposed of with the rest of the resident’s trash.

SWALCO also sponsors electronics collection events where outdated, broken or unwanted household electronics are collected. Residents can call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or check the website at www.swalco.org for further information.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES
PAID FOR BY RESIDENT

GARAGE DOOR SERVICE OR REAR YARD SERVICE

Rather than having to place your containers at the curb, residents can place their containers outside of their dwelling at another location point and our drivers will come up to this point and collect the trash and recycle.

ADDITIONAL CONTAINER

If a resident requires additional trash or recycle containers, they are available. These are available in 64-gallon and 96-gallon sizes.

YARD WASTE SERVICE - SEASONALLY, APRIL 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30

A. Subscription - Residents may elect to pay an annual fee for the collection of up to five approved containers weekly throughout the landscape waste season. Subscription fee must be paid in full upon signing up. Please also ask about the yard waste container Lakes Disposal can provide for your use.

B. By-the-Bag - Residents may utilize an "on-call" service if you wish to only have yard waste collected occasionally, rather than all season. Charges are per bag or bundle. Please call our Customer Service Center to schedule a collection.

We look forward to continuing to service the Village of Mettawa. If you would like more information about this program, contact our Customer Service Center at 847-366-8582. You can also visit us at www.lakesdisposal.com.

Thank you!