



REFUSE COLLECTION

Rules & Regulations

Refuse is collected every week by the Streets Division. Failure to follow the below instructions may result in your refuse material not being collected.

Using the Tan Refuse Cart

- » Collection schedule calendars that show what day to place carts to the curb are available at cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
- » Do not place recycling, brush, leaves, yard waste or other inappropriate items into the cart. Carts containing inappropriate items will not be collected.
- » Any refuse item that can fit into the collection cart should be placed inside it, including lumber, toilets, small pieces of furniture, etc.
- » Keep the cart lid closed when out for collection, and nothing should stick out more than 18 inches from the top of the cart.

More specifics regarding the use and placement of the collection carts can be found on cityofmadison.com/streets.

How to Handle More Refuse Than Will Fit into the Cart

- » Option 1: Bring excess material to a drop-off site.
- » Option 2: Talk with a neighbor to see if they have space for your refuse in their cart.
- » Option 3: Hold the excess refuse until the next week's collection.
- » Option 4: Obtain a larger refuse cart by contacting the Streets Division.
- » Option 5: Purchase an additional refuse cart by contacting the Streets Division. (Limit of 4 refuse carts. More than 4 refuse carts will result in additional yearly fee.)

Move Out / Household Clean Up Instructions

Residents meeting the below requirements will be collected by the Streets Division as part of the regular refuse collection. The Streets Division will perform this service on two consecutive weeks only, or at the discretion of Streets Division staff. Move outs that are too large for Streets Division crews to handle will not be collected.

- » Must have a full refuse container and six or more 30-gallon bags of refuse.
 - Fewer than 6 bags will not be collected.
 - Material must be bagged. Loose refuse and material in boxes or other containers will not be collected.
- » Bags of material must not weigh more than 40 pounds apiece.
- » Please keep extra bags of refuse separate from any large items also set out for collection.

Building Material – Minor Projects

Collection of building material is limited to debris related to home improvement projects performed by the homeowner.

- » Work performed by a contractor will not be collected.
- » Building material must be bagged and the total weight of the material must not exceed 250 pounds.
 - Each bag must not exceed 40 pounds.
- » Refuse cart can also be used for building material.

Drop-Off Sites

Sites can only be used by City of Madison residents. Proof of residency is required prior to use. Contractors may not use the site. Non-residents and contractors will be denied use of the site. Residents are restricted to one trip a day, and loads must not exceed what would fit into the back of a standard pick-up truck or a 5' x 8' trailer. Oversized loads will be denied use of the site.

- » **East:** 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- » **West:** 1501 W. Badger Rd.

HOURS:

- » **April - November**
 - Monday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Tuesday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
 - Wednesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Thursday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
 - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Saturday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Sunday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- » **December - March**
 - Monday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Tuesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Wednesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Thursday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Friday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Saturday, Closed
 - Sunday, Closed

Contact Information

- » Areas east of S. Park Street, including the isthmus:
 - Phone: (608) 246-4532
 - Office: 4602 Sycamore Ave.
 - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Areas west of S. Park Street:
 - Phone: (608) 266-4681
 - Office: 1501 W. Badger Rd.
 - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Online: cityofmadison.com/streets

Building Material – Major Projects & Contractor Work

Projects with a value of \$20,000 or more must recycle their building material. For more information about recycling options for building material contact the recycling office at (608) 267-2626.

Homeowners must secure the removal of debris related to large projects and projects that employ a contractor.

Special Item Information

Please follow the directions below for these items to ensure safe disposal.

- » **Ammunition, fireworks, and other explosives**
 - Call Dane County Non-Emergency Dispatch at (608) 266-4275 to speak with law enforcement to arrange disposal.
- » **Ashes, sawdust, vacuum cleaner dust, etc.**
 - Bag tightly so dust does not escape.
 - Ashes must be cold prior to placing into collection cart.
- » **Broken glass**
 - Place in refuse cart.
- » **Concrete, brick, dirt, rock, etc.**
 - Fill material is not hauled by the Streets Division. Homeowner must make arrangements to dispose of these items.
 - For disposal options, visit the [Dane County Public Works](#) website or contact the Streets Division.
- » **Contaminated cardboard by oil or grease (e.g., pizza boxes, etc.)**
 - Place into refuse cart.
 - Non-contamination portions can be recycled.
- » **Deer carcasses**
 - Double-bag and place into refuse cart.
- » **Dog/Cat/Pet Waste**
 - Bag and place into the home refuse container.
 - Do not place into public litter containers.
- » **Fluorescent bulbs and tubes**
 - Return bulbs to any vendor that sells these products. City and county ordinance requires all sellers of these items to accept them for recycling. Some may charge a fee for these items.
- » **Gas cans**
 - Empty and open containers can be collected as a large item or taken to a drop-off site.
- » **Hazardous, flammable, and otherwise dangerous chemicals**
 - Take to Dane County Clean Sweep.
 - Call (608) 838-3212 or visit [danecountycleansweep.com](#) for info on hours & fees.
- » **Lead acid batteries (vehicle and other lead batteries)**
 - Take to drop-off site, or other reputable battery recycler.
- » **Liquid paint and related products (stain, varnish, paint thinner, etc.)**
 - Take to Dane County Clean Sweep.
 - Call (608) 838-3212 or visit [danecountycleansweep.com](#) for info on hours & fees.
- » **Medical needles/syringes/lancets and other "sharps"**
 - Contact your doctor or local pharmacy for safe disposal options.
 - Most local pharmacies and clinics have programs in place.
 - For additional information contact the recycling office (608) 267-2626.
- » **Medication**
 - Take to MedDrop location.
 - Call (608) 441-3060 or visit [safercommunity.net/meddrop](#) for info on locations & hours.
- » **Motor oil**
 - Take to motor oil drop-off site or private business that accepts motor oil, like an oil change facility or a mechanic.
 - Motor oil drop-off locations can be found on the Streets Division website.
- » **Other medical or infectious waste**
 - Contact the Public Health Department at (608) 266-4821.
- » **Propane tanks and other pressurized gas containers**
 - Take empty containers to drop-off site for recycling.
 - EXCEPTION: Camp stove canisters should go to Dane County Clean Sweep.
- » **Shingles**
 - Take to Dane County Landfill or another shingle recycler.
 - Visit the [Dane County Public Works](#) website for additional options or contact the Streets Division.