



# City of Johnston

## Guide to Solid Waste, Spring Clean Up, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

The City of Johnston participates in a number of the metro waste collection programs. Retain this information for future reference.

### Solid Waste Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa

Place waste in disposable bags or boxes and place the container at the curb for weekly collection. Placing trash in disposable bags, reduces the likelihood that items will blow out of the container or truck on windy days. Follow cart placement guidelines listed at the right.



Special collections may be provided at the same rate as curbside collection for elderly and/or disabled residents. Contact city hall for more information.



All trash must be placed inside the container with the lid closed. The following apply if you have more trash than can fit in the container.

Purchase and attach a \$1.00 sticker for each bag, box or bundle - up to 35 lbs. - placed outside the container.

A \$5 sticker is required for each large item - such as furniture, mattress; items that do not contain refrigerant gases or mercury.

Attach \$35 in stickers for each appliance. Call Waste Management of Iowa, 262-4040, to schedule pick up.

Purchase stickers at Johnston City Hall, Dahl's, HyVee, or Waste Management, located at 201 S.E. 18th Street, Des Moines

The solid waste collection contractor will replace any carts that are damaged by their employees. Carts lost or damaged by the resident will be subject to a replacement fee of \$75 and a delivery charge of \$25. To change the cart size, contact Waste Management of Iowa. There is a \$25 delivery charge.

Call Johnston Police Department, 278-2345, to report a lost or stolen cart.

### Cart Placement

To ensure your cart will be emptied on each collection day, follow these guidelines:

- Place cart at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- Place the cart within 18 inches of the edge of the street on a level surface.
- Be sure to place cart with the short metal bar facing the street, with the lid closed.
- Place the cart three to six feet away from garbage containers, yard waste bags, large items and appliances.
- Avoid placing the cart by low hanging branches.
- To avoid damage to public and private property, place cart at least six feet away from mailboxes, utility poles, and lamp posts, etc.

### We suggest...

placing the cart at the end of a driveway, reducing the chance that it will be blocked by vehicles, landscaping or snow.



### Compost It! Yard Waste Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa



Yard waste is collected during the months of April through November as part of the weekly collection.

Yard waste, including grass, leaves and branches, is required to be placed in a **Compost It!** bag or any plain store-brand paper yard waste bag with a \$1.10 **Compost It!** sticker attached.

Branches may also be securely tied together in bundles no longer than 48 inches or wider than 18 inches. Individual branches cannot exceed two inches in diameter. **A Compost It!** sticker must be attached to each bundle.

The weight limit for bags and bundles is 40 pounds per item.

Christmas trees require a \$1.10 **Compost It!** sticker and the January collection date will be announced in the city's newsletter, found in the *Johnston Living Magazine*.

**Compost It!** bags and stickers can be purchased at city hall, HyVee, Dahl's, Johnston Hardware, or Metro Waste Authority. Bags are sold in a bundle of five for \$7.75.



### Compost It! Premium Service

**Compost It!** Premium Service is a voluntary program that allows residents with a large volume of yard waste to use one (1) 96-gallon wheeled cart for disposal.

- One-time charge of \$80 for the delivery and use of a 96-gallon wheeled collection cart.
- Annual fee of \$100 for the weekly collection and disposal of the yard waste placed in the cart. The annual fee will be collected by April 1 each year.
- **Compost It! Premium** will be collected weekly (April through November) on the same day as solid waste/garbage collection.
- If there is more yard waste than can be placed in the cart, the resident must follow the **Compost It!** guidelines noted above.
- Place cart at the street, following the guidelines listed on this flyer.

**Hazardous Waste** - Materials must be disposed of at the Regional Collection Center, 225 Prairie Drive, Bondurant. Call 967-5512 for hours of operation. Hazardous materials include cleaners, oil, pesticides, etc.

# Recycling Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa  
**Curb It!** recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as solid waste collection. The single stream collection process allows residents to place items in the cart in any order; no sorting is required. If in doubt, put items in the trash. Items that can be recycled include:

- Newspapers and magazines, mixed paper, junk mail, phone books and envelopes, broken down cardboard, shredded paper (placed in paper sack)
- Plastic containers and yogurt/margarine tubs. Rinse and remove lids.
- Glass jars and bottles. Rinse and remove lids.
- Tin and aluminum cans. Rinse.



See sticker affixed to top of recycling cart for schedule information.

Place cart at the street, following the guidelines listed on this flyer.

For more information, go to [mwatoday.com](http://mwatoday.com)

## Curb It! Extra

Do you have a lot to recycle? If you would like an additional recycling cart, sign up for the **Curb It! Extra** program by calling Metro Waste Authority (MWA) at 244-0021. There is a one time delivery fee of \$25 and an annual subscription fee of \$30, which pays for service from July 1 through June 30 each year. Payments for this service are made directly to MWA.



The recycling collection contractor will repair or replace any carts that are lost or damaged. Call 24-GREEN (244-7336) for all cart questions and to order a repair, replacement or change in size. The cost for cart repair and replacement is included in the monthly fee.

## Spring Clean Up Days

Spring Clean Up Days are organized for residents to dispose of large quantities of trash. Think of all the things you would like to get rid of during an intense spring cleaning...that is what Spring Clean Up Days are for.

- Typically held in April or May and occurs on the same day as solid waste collection.
- A reasonable amount, as determined by the city, of solid waste may be placed on the curb for collection.
- Items must be placed on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the clean up.
- Small material must be bagged, boxed or bundled, loose items will not be collected.
- Construction debris, banned materials, medical waste, tires, etc. will not be accepted.

### City Billing Information

City residents benefit from favorable rates for solid waste collection/disposal and recycling, based on the premise that if the entire community participates, everyone benefits.

- Residents may not 'opt-out' of the program.
- Billing is based on a full month of service; prorated billings are not provided.
- If a resident moves, they will be billed for the final month they received service. Service and payment of the monthly charges will be suspended until the home is occupied.
- Residents who leave town for an extended period of time may request their service be suspended.
- Residents pay for the solid waste and recycling programs on their monthly water and/or sanitary sewer bill. Residents who do not receive water and/or sanitary sewer service will be billed directly for solid waste and recycling. The city will follow its established procedure for collecting the bill including reminder notices, fines and possible disconnection of water service and/or liens on the property.

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## Collection at a Glance

	Residents west of NW 86th Street	Residents east of NW 86th Street
<b>Collection Day</b>	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Solid Waste</b>	Weekly collection	Weekly collection
<b>Bulky Items</b>	Place with weekly collection. Attach \$5 sticker	
<b>Recycling</b>	Collected every other week. See calendar on cart.	
<b>Yard Waste</b>	Yard waste collected April through November on regular collection day	
<b>Appliances</b>	Schedule with Waste Management of Iowa	
<b>Hazardous Waste</b>	Items can be dropped off at the Regional Collection Center, 967-5512	
<b>Holidays</b>	Collection is delayed one day when a holiday falls on a regular collection day Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day	

## Who Do I Contact?

City Services	Solid Waste	Compost It! • Curb It!
City of Johnston	Waste Management of Iowa	Metro Waste Authority
727-7772/278-2344	262-4040	244-0021
<a href="http://www.cityofjohnston.com">www.cityofjohnston.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wm.com">www.wm.com</a>	<a href="http://www.mwatoday.com">www.mwatoday.com</a>
Set up or suspend services, questions on billing and register for the <b>Compost It! Premium</b> .	Report a missed collection, report cart damage by the contractor, order a smaller or larger cart	Report a missed collection, report cart damage by the contractor

Call 278-2345 to report a lost or stolen cart.