

# Annual Sanitation Brochure

## Curbside Solid Waste Collection Services



City of Boca Raton

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The Sanitation Department wishes Robert Lester a fond farewell as he retires after a 35-year long service with the City of Boca Raton. Winfred Davenport, is a 32-year long veteran with the City and has served as one of the City's

sanitation supervisors for over 20 years. He has been promoted to fill Mr. Lester's shoes as Sanitation Superintendent, and will continue to serve the residents of Boca Raton.

The City of Boca Raton has distributed garbage containers to over 20,000 homes and will expand the automated collection program into the annexed areas of the City over the next year.

The City has provided each resident that receives curbside collection with a special garbage container. These containers have replaced all other curbside containers. **Loose garbage bags or solid waste in non-City issued containers will NOT be collected.** These containers are the property of the City of Boca Raton.

Each container is numbered and assigned to a specific address, as such they are required to remain at the same address they are assigned to. The container **MUST** stay at the current address if you move.

If you do not have one of the City's garbage containers, please contact the Sanitation Department to order one. If you wish to have an additional container, please note that there will be a service fee of \$5.28 per month added to your water bill, along with the price of the container.

For service inquiries, call the City's Sanitation Department Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at **416-3367**. **If possible**, your questions / concerns will be investigated and corrected that same day **provided they are called in prior to 3:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

*Winfred Davenport*  
*Sanitation Superintendent*

## Curbside Separation Guidelines

### GARBAGE

Garbage is waste generated in the use, preparation, and cooking of meat, fish, fowl, fruit, vegetables or other edible matter which is subject to decomposition, decay or putrefaction. Wrap or bag your household garbage and place in your City-issued container for removal.

### VEGETATION

Vegetation consists of leaves, grass clippings, small shrubbery or bush cuttings, trees, branches, palm fronds, limbs, and trunks.

Vegetation cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter, or 5 feet in length. Vegetation should either be unbundled or bagged; NOT in cans.

### RECYCLING BINS

Recycling bins are designated **blue** for glass, plastic, steel and aluminum containers, and **yellow** for paper products and flattened cardboard 2' x 2' or smaller.

Guidelines and locations to obtain recycling bins are enclosed.

### BULK ITEMS

**Bulk items are picked up once a week for single family curbside collection areas.**

Bulk items include furniture, refrigerators, washers, dryers, bicycles, etc. Bulk items should be kept separate from your vegetation pile.



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**Sanitation Holiday Schedule 2013/2014**  
**(Applies to Collection Areas 1 through 4)**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>City Closed</b>	<b>Regular Collection Day</b>	<b>Rescheduled Collection Day</b>
Columbus Day Monday October 14, 2013	Monday October 14, 2013	Monday 10/14 Tuesday 10/15	→ Tuesday 10/15 Wednesday 10/16
Veterans Day Monday Nov. 11, 2013	Monday November 11, 2013	Monday 11/11 Tuesday 11/12	→ Tuesday 11/12 Wednesday 11/13
Thanksgiving Day Thursday Nov. 28, 2013	Thursday November 28, 2013	Thursday 11/28 Friday 11/29	→ Wednesday 11/27 NO CHANGE
Christmas Day Wednesday Dec. 25, 2013	Wednesday December 25, 2013	NO CHANGE	→ NO CHANGE
New Year's Day Wednesday January 1, 2014	Wednesday January 1, 2014	NO CHANGE	→ NO CHANGE
Martin Luther King Day Monday January 20, 2014	Monday January 20, 2014	Monday 01/20 Tuesday 01/21	→ Tuesday 01/21 Wednesday 01/22
Presidents Day Monday February 17, 2014	Monday February 17, 2014	Monday 02/17 Tuesday 02/18	→ Tuesday 02/18 Wednesday 02/19
Memorial Day Monday May 26, 2014	Monday May 26, 2014	Monday 05/26 Tuesday 05/27	→ Tuesday 05/27 Wednesday 05/28
Independence Day Friday July 4, 2014	Friday July 4, 2014	Thursday 07/03 Friday 07/04	→ Wednesday 07/02 Thursday 07/03
Labor Day Monday September 1, 2014	Monday September 1, 2014	Monday 09/01 Tuesday 09/02	→ Tuesday 09/02 Wednesday 09/03
Columbus Day Monday October 13, 2014	Monday October 13, 2014	Monday 10/13 Tuesday 10/14	→ Tuesday 10/14 Wednesday 10/15

### Bulk Items

#### BULK ITEMS ARE PICKED UP ONCE A WEEK

Bulk items include furniture, bicycles, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Refrigerator doors, as well as washer/dryer doors should be removed or secured for safety. Residents are encouraged to recycle their old electronics including televisions, computers, monitors, and stereos. Check your local computer store for recycling opportunities, or you can drop them off at any of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's transfer stations.

Bulk items should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers.

The collection day for bulk items is the same day as your current recycling day.

**The City will not collect bulk items that are not separated from vegetation and will not collect unacceptable materials at any time.**

### Pay For Pickup Option

We continue to offer the "Pay for Pickup Option" which allows residents to make arrangements for bulk items and vegetation to be picked up on unscheduled collection days.

#### Only acceptable / non-hazardous materials can be picked up using this option

A minimum fee of \$102.00 will be charged for items measuring up to 2 cubic yards (e.g., a washer and dryer). Anything over that will require an additional charge of \$22.45 per cubic yard. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please call the Sanitation Department at [416-3367](tel:416-3367).



## Garbage

### GARBAGE IS COLLECTED TWICE A WEEK

Separate your garbage from vegetation and/or bulk. Wrap or bag your household garbage and place it in your City-issued container for removal. Roll the container to the edge of the driveway or swale area, placing at least 5 feet away from other containers or obstacles.

**YOUR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF IT IS NOT IN THE CITY-ISSUED CONTAINER.**

All materials shall be placed in the swale for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. All containers must be removed within 12 hours following collection.

**THE CITY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANUP DUE TO IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF LIQUIDS, SUCH AS PAINT.**

If you do not have a City-issued container or need an additional container, please contact our Sanitation Department for ordering and current pricing: **416-3367**.

## Recycling

### RECYCLING IS PICKED UP ONCE A WEEK

Please note that in order to be recycled, large corrugated cardboard must be flattened and cut down to 2' x 2' pieces.

**DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS!**

Damaged and unusable residential recycling bins should be placed in your container for disposal, if possible, or on top of your container.

## Recycling Drop-Off Locations

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County provides recycling drop-off locations that are accessible 24 hours daily. For a complete list of recycling drop-off centers call 1-866-792-4636 (toll free), or visit the SWA website at [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org). Most locations accept only paper products unless otherwise indicated. Paper products include newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, corrugated cardboard (2' x 2'), and office paper and envelopes. Glass, plastic, and aluminum products can be taken to the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County.

**It is illegal to leave unacceptable items at recycling drop-off facilities. If caught, violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. (FS403.413)**

### HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR RECYCLING BINS:

Starting October 1st, 2013, the City of Boca Raton's Sanitation Department will be delivering recycling bins directly to your home. You must live within the city limits of Boca Raton in order to receive delivery service from the City. Please call **416-3367** in order to schedule delivery of your yellow and blue recycling bins.

### Blue Bin

Rinse all items prior to placing in bins. **DO NOT** place in plastic bags.

- \* Aluminum cans
- \* Steel Cans
- \* Milk and juice cartons
- \* Small drink boxes
- \* Glass bottles and jars
- \* Plastic Containers # 1- 7

Remove caps/lids and dispose of in your regular garbage

### Yellow Bin

- \* Newspapers/Inserts
- \* Paper Bags - Place loosely in bin
- \* Magazines/Catalogs/Telephone Books - Place loosely in bin
- \* Beverage Cartons, Tissue Boxes, Dry Food Boxes (cereal, cracker boxes)
- \* Cardboard Boxes - Flatten and place loosely in or next to the bin. **Must be broken down and no larger than 2' X 2' maximum**
- \* Unwanted Mail, School/Office Paper
- \* Shredded paper—secure in paper bag

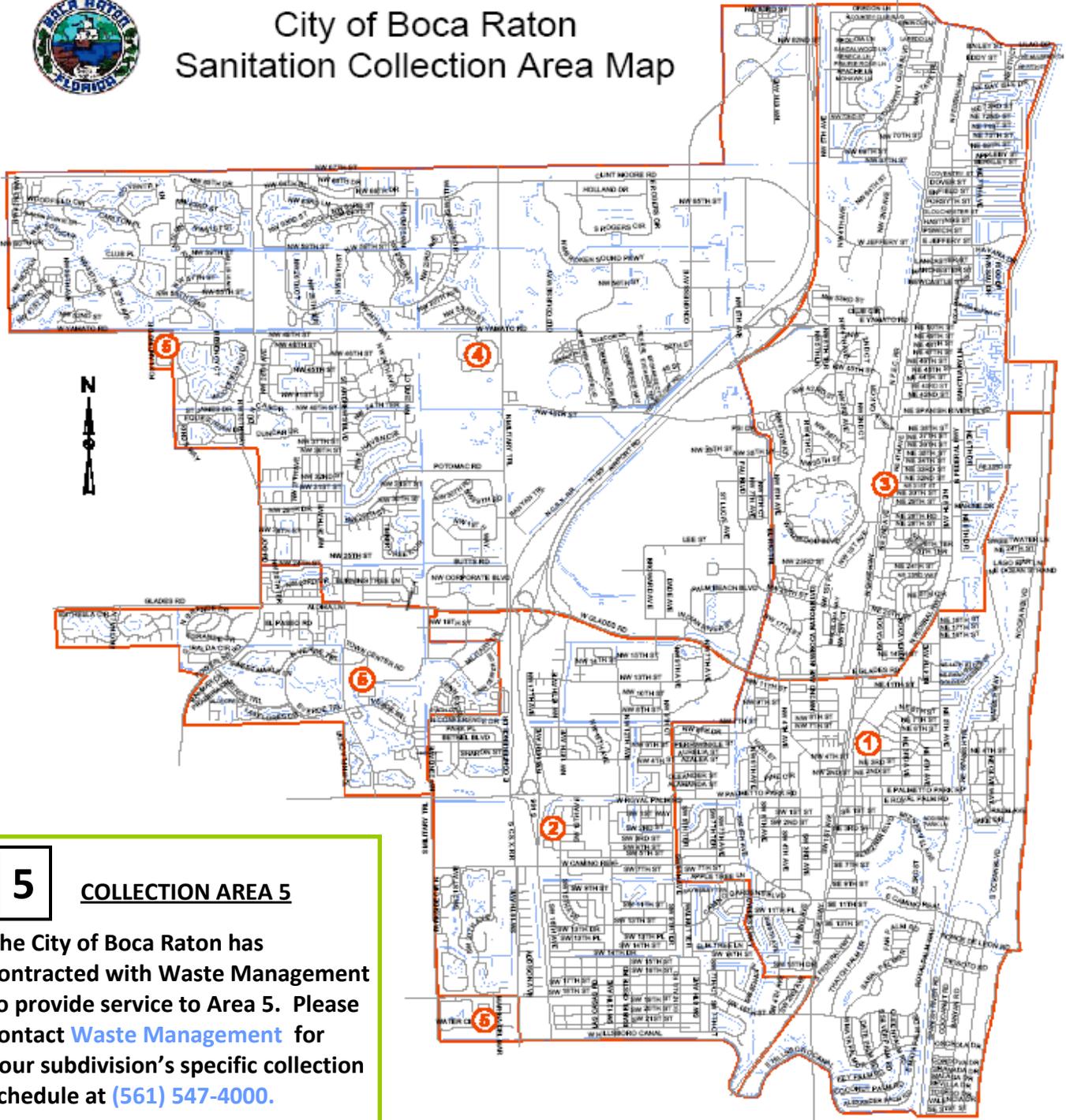
### Other Items

Because contamination affects the marketability of the materials we collect, please be careful not to place the following in your bins:

- \* **No Plastic Bags!** Return to any participating grocery store for recycling
- \* **No Food Waste!**
- \* **No Styrofoam!** (ex. egg cartons)
- \* **No motor oil, pesticide or chemical containers!**
- \* **No plastic flower pots!**



# City of Boca Raton Sanitation Collection Area Map



**5** COLLECTION AREA 5

The City of Boca Raton has contracted with Waste Management to provide service to Area 5. Please contact [Waste Management](tel:5615474000) for your subdivision's specific collection schedule at (561) 547-4000.

## Weekly Pickup Schedules

Area #	Waste Type	Collection	Area #	Waste Type	Collection
<b>1</b>	Garbage	Mon & Thurs	<b>3</b>	Garbage	Mon & Thurs
	Recycle, Vegetation, Bulk	Mon		Recycle, Vegetation, Bulk	Thurs
<b>2</b>	Garbage	Tues & Fri	<b>4</b>	Garbage	Tues & Fri
	Recycle, Vegetation, Bulk	Tues		Recycle, Vegetation, Bulk	Fri



# Household Hazardous Waste

Most hazardous household products are intended to be used without any waste, but inevitably some products must be discarded. Always read the label carefully on unfamiliar items before you throw them away. Products labeled **corrosive, flammable, toxic or reactive** are household hazardous wastes and need to be disposed of by the resident at any one of Palm Beach County's SWA transfer stations.

Never dispose of household hazardous products by placing at curbside for City collection, burning, burying, or pouring down the household drain or storm drain. If placed for curbside pickup, these products can be dangerous or injurious to anyone, including our Sanitation personnel.

If you witness a hazardous spill or release, call 911 immediately. If you see someone pour a substance into an inlet, or if you see or smell an unknown substance in an inlet, call the Fire Department immediately (**911**). **Never try to get samples of the substance yourself. Leave that task to the professionals!**

**Note:** Common household batteries (alkaline, heavy duty) are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of in your regular garbage.

Household hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Acids / Caustics	Medicines
Adhesives	Minerals
Antifreeze	Motor oil
Batteries - Car / Marine	Needles / Syringes
Batteries (Rechargeable)	Paint - Latex / Oil
Bleach / Chlorine	Petroleum products
Chemicals	Pool chemicals
Electronics	Propane tanks
Fertilizers	Rat poison
Flammables	Solvents
Fluorescent tubes	Weed Killers / Pesticides
Grease	

\* Regular Fluorescent light bulbs and CFL's contain mercury, and should not be disposed of curbside. Homeowners are encouraged to bring their used household fluorescent lamps to any one of Palm Beach County's SWA hazardous waste drops-off locations or to home improvement stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's.

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

For proper disposal instructions of Household Hazardous Waste, please call the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County toll free at 1-866-792-4636. For disposal of hypodermic needles, call the Palm Beach County Health Department, South Center at 274-3100. All household hazardous waste drop-off locations are self-service with the exception of the main collection center on North Jog Road in West Palm Beach, which is attended Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Delray Beach Transfer Station, located at 1901 SW 4th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444 accepts household hazardous wastes Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 1-866-792-4636 to get directions to the facility. You can also dispose of hazardous waste at the S.W.A.'s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 6161 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach. For further information, visit their website at [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org).

## Tires

For tire disposal guidelines, please contact the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (1-866-792-4636) or visit their website at: [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org).



## Used Motor Oil Drop-Off Locations



The City of Boca Raton **does not collect** used motor oil for disposal or recycling.

In addition to the Delray Beach Transfer Station, the following facilities located in Boca Raton will accept small quantities (up to 2 gallons) of used motor oil. The used motor oil must not be mixed with other substances or it will not be accepted. Call first for operating hours:

### Advanced Auto Parts

1776 N. Dixie Hwy.  
362-5541

### U-Gas

5101 N. Federal Hwy.  
997-5666

**Drop-off hours for U-Gas between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm ONLY!**

**It is illegal to pour used motor oil down the drain (household or storm drain) or into canals/waterways because of the threat to our water supply.**

## Solid Waste Violation Notice

If you receive a "Solid Waste Violation Notice" and your waste is refused for pickup due to contamination or because it is an unacceptable material, you are responsible for removal from the swale area within 12 hours. Collection of the clean load will not occur until your next scheduled waste pickup day unless provided as a pay for pick-up service.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CITY REGULATIONS CAN RESULT IN CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.**

## Unacceptable Materials

Below are some of the materials not accepted by the Solid Waste Authority at their transfer stations, due in part to damage sustained to Authority vehicles and equipment while loading and unloading these prohibited materials. The list of unacceptable materials that will not be picked up by the City includes, but is not limited to:

Asphalt / Tar	Logs / Lumber
Bathtubs / Sinks / Toilets	Metal / Metal pipes
Cabinetry	Paints (all types)
Carpeting / Rugs	Pallets
Concrete and concrete poles	Paver blocks / Stepping stones
Construction & Demolition debris	Pool parts & Equipment
Decking / Fencing	Rocks / Sand / Soil / Sod
Drywall	Roofing material
Fluorescent light bulbs	Sheds (wood or metal)
Flooring (all types)	Tile (all types)
Glass / Mirrors	Tires
Land clearing debris	Tree stumps
Lawn maintenance equipment	Wood / Railroad ties

**Disposal of unacceptable materials is the responsibility of the tenant, property owner or contractor. For disposal rates and hours, residents can contact the Solid Waste Authority at 1-866-792-4636 or visit their website [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org)**

## Vegetative Waste

**As stated by the City's Code of Ordinances, the City is not responsible for the removal of any vegetative waste or construction debris created by a private company**

### VEGETATIVE WASTE IS PICKED UP ONCE A WEEK

Place your vegetation in the swale area or edge of pavement and do not mix with non-vegetative waste or bulk items. **Vegetation should be either unbundled or bagged; NOT in cans.** The collection day for vegetation is the same day as your current recycling day.

To avoid damage, do not place vegetative waste adjacent to a mailbox, utility pole, water/gas meter, on a storm drain, bicycle path, sprinkler head, near/under trees, cable/utility lines, or further than 6 feet from the paved edge of the street. In addition, vegetative waste should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers.

Do not place vegetative waste on your driveway as damage could result from collection. **The City is not responsible for damage or repairs to your property.**

**ANY ITEMS PLACED UNDER A UTILITY/POWER LINE OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**



Vegetative waste such as tree trimmings **cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter or 5 feet in length.** Anything larger must be cut to guidelines

or disposed of by the owner/tenant at the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority's disposal site. Call toll free (1-866-792-4636) for drop-off locations and fees, or visit [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org).

## Please Help Keep Our Waterways Clean



Never dispose of any type of waste, especially household hazardous waste, into a storm drain or canal.



Our canals and waterways provide flood control. Never toss vegetation into our storm drains or canals, as it could restrict its ability to discharge stormwater and can cause flooding. Also, the decaying process causes oxygen depletion in the water and could result in loss of marine life. Dumping vegetative waste into a canal is against the City of Boca Raton's Code of Ordinances and you could receive a code violation and be fined.



Use less fertilizer! For your lawn, for your wallet, for our Waterways!



It takes only 1 gallon of oil—the amount of a typical oil change—to foul 1 million gallons of water.



For more information on how to keep our waterways clean, please visit the City's website at: <http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us/muni/stormwater>

## Automated Collection Program



The City of Boca Raton has changed its solid waste collection to an automated service. Your garbage is now collected by a truck that is equipped with a robotic arm that “grabs” your special container and dumps it without the driver ever exiting the truck.

Residential solid waste is still collected two times per week. The new system does not affect your recycling, vegetation or bulk pick up. The City continues to collect these items once per week. We ask that you keep these items at least 5 feet away from your City-issued garbage container.

If you do not have a City-issued garbage container, please call the Sanitation Department at [416-3367](tel:416-3367) to order your container, and for current pricing.

If you wish to have more than one container, a fee of \$5.28 per month will be added to your water bill for each additional container, along with the price of the container. There is no additional fee for having just one container.

### AUTOMATED COLLECTION SERVICE FACTS:

- ◆ IMPROVES EFFICIENCY
- ◆ AESTHETICALLY PLEASING
- ◆ MORE SANITARY THAN MANUAL BAG COLLECTION
- ◆ COST EFFECTIVE
- ◆ SAFER, THEREBY REDUCING WORKER INJURIES

### Guidelines for using your City issued garbage container:

- ◆ Containers must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- ◆ Place the container on EDGE of curb with the bar on the front facing the street. Containers that are not accessible with the automated arm will not be collected.
- ◆ All household garbage must be in the City-issued container. Extra garbage bags, or items in Non-City of Boca Raton containers, will not be collected. This does not include bulk items, vegetation or recyclables which will be collected in a separate pile on the designated collection day.
- ◆ All garbage must be bagged and tied prior to placing it in the container.
- ◆ Do not overload the container.
- ◆ Never place hazardous materials in the container.
- ◆ Do not place under wires or tree branches.
- ◆ Place at least 5 feet away from other City containers, trees, mailboxes, vehicles, utility poles, recycle bins, or any other obstacle.
- ◆ Recycling/Vegetation/Bulk materials must be placed at least 5 feet away from the container on the regular scheduled recycling/vegetation/bulk collection day.
- ◆ After collection, each resident is to roll the container back to the garage or other storage place until the next scheduled collection day.

### REDUCE      REUSE      RECYCLE

Recycling service is NOT affected by the automated collection service. Please continue placing your recyclables in your yellow and blue bins on your designated recycling collection day.



### PLEASE NOTE:

All containers have a serial number, which has been assigned to each house. Record your container’s serial number.

Should you move:  
Leave the container for the next resident.