

CITY OF WARREN - SANITATION DIVISION

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GUIDELINES FOR CURBSIDE REFUSE AND COMPOST COLLECTION

REFUSE

1. Refuse and garbage carts must be 3 feet apart and assembled on the grass at the curb by 6:00 a.m., or no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the evening before your scheduled collection day. Until this time, store refuse and garbage in rear yard.
2. ALL GARBAGE must be stored in the city issued 95-gallon blue trash cart (blue lid) or plastic bags.
3. PAPER BAGS, BUSHEL BASKETS, AND FILLED BOXES will not be collected or emptied. Boxes should be broken down so that the cardboard is flattened and should be tied securely and stacked by the recycling bin at the curbside.
4. Items too large to fit into regular containers such as discarded CARPETS, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, and MATTRESSES should be set neatly next to the rubbish containers. Mattresses with bed bugs MUST be wrapped and contained in plastic. Carpets/padding must be cut, rolled and tied securely in four (4) foot lengths. Prior to pickup, refrigerators & freezers must be empty and have the doors removed - the Freon does not have to be removed from them. Air Conditioners & dehumidifiers must have the freon removed prior to pickup by a licensed refrigerant recovery or heating and cooling company (and have a sticker showing proof of it attached to the appliance) before we can pick it up.
5. LATEX PAINT must be dried out or solidified to dispose of. Use cat litter, sand, or hi-dri to absorb the paint. Once paint is solidified, leave the lid off the can and set it out at the curbside with your regular garbage OR bring the solidified paint cans with the lids off to the recycling center.
6. Curbside crushed concrete (up to a half wheel barrel full)
7. Curbside metal
8. The following items will not be collected curbside by the City of Warren Sanitation Division: DIRT, SOD, BRICKS, ROCKS, TIRES, SHINGLES, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE (OIL, PAINT, ETC). **Please do not place these items out for collection**

All bona-fied residents, including rentals receive a weekly curbside pick-up. Owners of rental properties generate an income and have the burden of removing the material once the home is vacated or evicted. Debris left behind on collection day would be subject to a cost for removal by the Sanitation Department.

COMPOST

Compost season runs from April 1st to December 1st. There is no curbside pick up for compost from December 2nd to March 31st. Compost is accepted at the Recycling Center year round.

1. Compost must be assembled on the grass at the curb by 6:00 a.m. or no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before your scheduled collection day. Until this time, store compost in rear yard. Place compost material 5 feet from other garbage at curbside.
2. All yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, leaves, garden/flower bed debris & small brush) must be in the blue 95-gallon compost cart (brown lid) OR 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper bags. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.**
3. TREE BRANCHES & SHRUBS-must be tied securely in small bundles for easy removal. They must be four feet or less in length, under 2 inches in diameter and light enough for one person to pick up the bundle. Tree trunks and stumps must be cut to firewood size pieces (18 inches in length & under 10 inches in diameter) and brought to the recycle center to be recycled as free firewood.
4. ROOTS must be cut off shrubs, dirt removed, then place roots with garbage and the cut and bundled shrub with the compost.
5. LOGS, TREE TRUNKS, and TREE STUMPS, **will not be collected curbside.**