



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SOLID WASTE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ALMA

The City of Alma provides weekly curbside collection of solid waste for all single and two-family residential properties in the City.
The services defined herein are provided to solid waste customers only.

Normal household waste will be collected weekly in four operations: garbage & rubbish, yard waste, special services, and recyclables. To ensure collection, all waste must be separated, placed in approved containers and set out next to the road **before 6:00 a.m.** of the collection day, but not before 12:00 noon of the preceding day. All emptied containers must be removed on the day of the collection.

We've made some changes...
In February of 2019, the Alma City Commission approved amendments to the City's Solid Waste Ordinance. Please take a minute to read up on the new and improved rules and regulations, just in case you missed some of the changes!

SPECIAL SERVICES

Fall Leaf Collection
Fall leaf collection begins in late October and runs through the end of November. Property owners are permitted to rake their leaves to the edge of the roadway for collection without putting them in containers.

Leaves should not be placed in the traveled portion of the roadway, over or around drainage structures, or on sidewalks. Brush and other yard waste should be separated from leaf piles.

The collection schedule will be published annually prior to commencing the service and can also be found on the City's website at www.myalma.org.

The City will collect leaves twice during the program in accordance with the published schedule.

Christmas Tree Collection
Christmas tree collection is during the **second** full week of January each year. Residents should place trees next to the roadway prior to their normal collection day of the designated week. All hardware must be removed.

Hazardous Waste Disposal
Annual household hazardous waste collection is held each summer. Dates and additional information will be published several weeks prior to collection and will be available on the City's website at www.myalma.org.

Residents must call (989) 463-8339 for an appointment to drop off unwanted items such as batteries, paints, pesticides/herbicides and cleaning liquids at a designated location.

The household hazardous waste disposal service is only provided to Alma and St. Louis Solid Waste customers. No direct fee is charged for this service.

GARBAGE & RUBBISH

Garbage & rubbish collection is limited to two cubic yards per week (for example: 30 full 13-gallon trash bags).

Residents may set out one "large item" per week for disposal. Large items may consist of furniture, non-freon appliances*, and carpeting meeting the weight and size limitation noted herein. "Large item" stickers may be purchased at the City Municipal Building for residents wishing to set out more than one large item at a time. The cost is \$15.00 each.

**Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditions must have all refrigerants (freon) removed prior to collection. A certification must be affixed to the appliance by a licensed contractor to confirm the freon has been properly removed.*

96-gallon carts may be rented from the collection services contractor. Please contact Republic Services Customer Service for more information at (800) 878-4626.

Does your container meet requirements?



Multi-use containers must be durable, water-tight, rust resistant, tapered with handles, shall not exceed 32 gallons in capacity, and must have a tightfitting cover. A full container shall not exceed 50 pounds. Those containers being used for yard waste must be clearly marked "Yard Waste". 55-gallon drums or 'cut down' barrels are not acceptable.

Refuse not placed in containers must be securely bagged, bundled, or packaged so as not to exceed 4 feet in length or 50 pounds in weight.

HOLIDAY SERVICE DELAYS

Service is delayed one day if one of these holidays falls on a week day: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas.

The City will not pickup "hot" ashes, hazardous waste, garbage which has not been drained of excessive amounts of liquid, construction waste, asphalt, logs, stumps, concrete, nor any loose material not properly bundled.



NEVER BAG YOUR YARD WASTE OR RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!



Used Motor Oil Disposal
Used motor oil can be dropped off at the Alma Public Works Garage, 800 Washington, Monday thru Friday 7 am-3:30 p.m. Max container size 1 gallon. Check in with staff for drop-off.

Items not collected by the City due to violations of Section 46-23 of the Solid Waste Ordinance must be removed from the street the same day the normal solid waste collection was made.

The full ordinance and a collection schedule can be found on our website at www.myalma.org. Please call Public Services at (989) 463-8346 or Public Works at (989) 463-8339 if you have questions.

MORE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SOLID WASTE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ALMA

YARDWASTE

The City will collect up to 2 cubic yards of solids (for example: nominal pile 5 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 2.5 feet tall) of residential yard waste (not including 'air' between branches), if placed in approved containers or bundles. Yard waste will be collected from the first Monday in April through the third full week of October each year in accordance with the following procedures:

1. All yard waste must be separated from recycling materials and general refuse at the curbside.
2. All grass clippings, leaves, and other small loose trimmings from shrubs, trees or bushes must be placed in paper sacks or cardboard boxes (mandatory biodegradable containers) and/or multi-use containers clearly and permanently marked for "Yard Waste" (lettering 6 inch minimum) with a maximum weight of 50 pounds. Multiuse containers cannot be 55-gallon drums nor 'cut down' barrels.
3. All tree limbs must be placed in piles, not bundled, with all stems lying in the same direction. Large limbs, up to four (4) inches in diameter must be delimbed to reduce size for sufficient handling.
4. Large tree limbs over four (4) inches in diameter, tree stumps, tree roots, or excessive quantities of branches from heavy tree trimming or tree removal will NOT be collected.
5. Placement of yard waste shall not obstruct sidewalks or public streets.
6. Yard waste material will be collected on each resident's normal garbage collection day. Materials should be placed out by 6:00 a.m. to ensure pickup.

RECYCLING

Recyclables must be placed in furnished recycling bins. Lost, stolen or damaged bins are the responsibility of the property owner. Replacement bins may be purchased at the Alma Municipal Building for a nominal fee. 96-gallon carts may also be rented from Republic Services. Please call 800-878-4626 for more information.

Alma uses "single stream recycling". All recyclable items are put into a single bin and separated later at a Material Recovery Facility.

This offers more convenience for the resident but if the wrong items are included in your bin, it can be costly for the MRF and ultimately shift more cost to the resident.

Please check the list for acceptable items, and make sure all items set out for recycling are EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY.

Only properly prepared items will be collected as part of Alma's residential recycling program.

SPEAKING OF SOLID WASTE....

You may not deposit or leave trash or rubbish in someone else's trash container without consent of the party providing the container. This includes containers provided by the city for use by city facilities.

AND RECYCLABLES....

Hypodermic needles are not recyclable and must be disposed of in an approved "sharps" container.

OH, AND ONE LAST THING....

If you are the owner of a dog or care for a dog, you are obligated to pick up any feces left by said dog and dispose of it in a lawful manner.





RECYCLING ONLY

Deposit Only These Clean Items:

				
Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Cardboard (limit 18 x 24), Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes	Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books	Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps), Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogurt, margarine, etc.) no lids	Aluminum Cans, Steel or Tin Cans	Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs



NO

						
No Pizza Boxes	No Aerosol Cans	No Hoses	No Plants	No Toys	No Dishes/Paper Plates	
						
No Juice Boxes or Pouches	No Tires	No Styrofoam	No Clothes Textiles/Carpet	No Batteries	No Plastic Bags	No Electronics