

New Trash & Recycling Carts Coming to Washington

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Roller carts for garbage and recycling collection are coming to the City of Washington. The City Council voted unanimously to enter into a new 7-year contract with PDC at their March 2, 2020 meeting. The new \$15.25 monthly fee includes the use of a trash cart and recycling cart issued by PDC. The \$15.25 fee is lower for Washington households currently renting Waste Management's trash or recycling carts.

The City's current solid waste contract with Waste Management ends March 31, 2020. PDC takes over Wednesday, April 1.

Under the new contract, PDC is giving residents the option of choosing either a 65-gallon or 95-gallon garbage and recycling cart. Residents will need to opt-in to the recycling program to participate at no additional cost.

PDC will ask households to select cart sizes at the end of March via a postcard or website. The new carts will be delivered starting the week of May 11. Waste Management will remove their green rented trash and recycling carts during the last collections days in March. Households currently renting Waste Management carts will need to bag their garbage or use private containers for weekly service until the new PDC carts arrive.

Weekly garbage volume will not be limited to the PDC trash cart. Households can set out extra cans or bags of garbage in private containers. Privately-owned garbage cans are limited to 35 gallons and must weigh less than 50 pounds when full of trash. PDC will empty privately owned roller trash carts as long as the cart matches up to PDC's automated tipping equipment.

The PDC carts will be custom manufactured for Washington. Trash carts will be all black. Recycling carts will have a black body and orange lid. The City of Washington logo will be embossed on the side of each cart.

New Recycling Guidelines

Under the new program, glass bottles, jars, and plastics number #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 are being eliminated from the recycling stream. Residents are asked to put glass and those particular plastics in the garbage. PDC will continue to collect aluminum cans, tin/steel/bi-metal cans, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, corrugated cardboard, HDPE plastics #1 and #2.

"More families should recycle and recycle right. We want you to recycle empty plastic water bottles, soda pop containers and milk jugs," said PDC Vice President, Matt Coulter. "We are not trying to marginalize recycling by reducing what we collect. There is simply no local market for certain plastics or glass. We have to focus on recycling commodities with value and demand."

Glass Drop-Off

Households interested in recycling glass can use PDC's "glass-only" drop-off facility at Area Recycling, Inc. (ARI) in Pekin. The glass drop-off facility is open 24 hours a day. ARI is located at 14379 IL Route 29 South in Pekin.

Washington residents will be receiving information from PDC in the coming weeks explaining the new solid waste program in detail. The informational brochure will include directions on setting up an account, your service day, recycling schedule and a list of premium service options.

Yard Waste/Annual Subscription/Drop Off

Households wanting yard waste service will need to enroll in an annual subscription program. The fee will be \$120 a year payable at \$10 per month and includes the use of a 95-gallon green-lidded cart. Yard waste collection will happen throughout the City each Friday from April through November.

The City of Washington will no longer be selling individual yard waste stickers. PDC will not honor yard waste stickers sold under the Waste Management program. Households with unused stickers should contact Washington City Hall for a refund.

Washington households with only a small amount of yard waste will have access to PDC's landscape waste drop-off in Morton. The fee is \$2.50 per bag or container. The drop-off is at Area-Morton (Grimm Bros. Trucking) located at 1090 W. Jefferson Street in Morton. Area-Morton is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm and during warm weather months on Saturday from 8am to Noon.

Blue Bins Going Away

Recycling will continue to be collected in the blue 18-gallon crates until the new PDC recycling carts arrive. PDC will no longer service the blue City of Washington crates after the recycling carts are delivered. All recycling volume will have to be in the roller cart, including cardboard. Residents may keep the blue recycling crates for their own personal use or have them removed by PDC.

The annual "bulky-item" curbside cleanup will be held in early June. PDC will provide the dates for the community cleanup in their informational flyer being mailed to your home address.

Electronics Waste Drop-Off

As part of the new contract, Washington residents with PDC accounts will be able to drop off televisions and other electronic waste in Morton at no cost. The PDC electronic-waste drop-off is at AREA-Morton (Grimm Bros. Trucking) located at 1090 W. Jefferson Street in Morton. The drop-off facility is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm and during warm weather months Saturday from 8am-Noon.

You will need to provide proof of ID and your PDC account number when dropping off televisions and other electronics in Morton.

Contact Information

For specific questions, contact PDC directly via email: washington@pdcare.com