



AUTOMATED RUBBISH COLLECTION ROLLING INTO BROOKLYN!



The City of Brooklyn is excited to introduce a new way of collecting rubbish for its residents. The new method of picking up rubbish is called automated rubbish collection. **The system is called “automated” because a special truck equipped with a mechanical arm automatically lifts and empties your new trash container without the driver ever having to leave the truck.** The new automated system is safer, more efficient and less labor intensive to collect the solid waste. Our statistics show that on a daily basis a City of Brooklyn sanitation worker lifts an average of 3.38 tons or 6,762 lbs. of refuse. This heavy and manual lifting lends to an increasing number of injured workers. The savings in operational costs will save taxpayers money!

The wheeled containers are easier, more maneuverable and safer for residents because there is no carrying or lifting of heavy cans. The City of Brooklyn will have cleaner, healthier neighborhoods with no litter on the streets after pick-up.

Not only will the move to automation be easier for our residents but it will provide a more economical and practical way for rubbish pick up. Change is never easy and often met with opposition. By following the regulations for our new program, it will be a friendly transition that will benefit the residents of the City of Brooklyn. If you have any questions you can call the Service Garage at 216-635-4232. Please check the city website at www.brooklynohio.gov for any updated information on our new system.

How will Automated Rubbish Collection Work?



The City will provide each household with a 96 gallon cart with a serial number assigned to your specific house. On your collection day, put your **household trash** in bags and place the rubbish in your new container and roll to the curb. Your cart should be placed no more than 3 feet from the curb and away from obstructions such as hydrants, mailboxes, trees, parked cars, utility poles, etc. If at all possible, try to not park on the street on your collection day. Please put the container at least 3-5 feet from your recycle bin and compost.

What To Place In Your New Container:



Your new container is equipped to handle regular household garbage in bags. By placing your rubbish in bags it will help prevent loose garbage from flying around and causing litter to collect on the street. Put bags in the container making sure that nothing hangs down the side and you are able to close the lid. Do not over stuff the container to the extent that the lid will not close. Do not put bags on top of your container.

Do not put the following items in your new container:

YARD WASTE
RECYCLE MATERIALS
CONCRETE
DIRT
ROCKS

PLASTER
SAND
AUTOMOBILE PARTS
BATTERIES
CHEMICAL MATERIALS

TOXIC MATERIALS
PAINT CANS
FLAMMABLE ITEMS
C & D MATERIALS
TIRES

BULK PICK-UP

For large items that will not fit into your container, you can call the Service Garage at 216-635-4232 for a **SPECIAL PICK-UP ON FRIDAY**. Bulk items include the following:

FURNITURE
WINDOWS
FENCING

TELEVISIONS
BICYCLES
APPLIANCES

DOORS
CARPET
PAINT CANS

Construction and Demolition materials, dirt, concrete, rocks, plaster, sand, batteries, tires, oil, gasoline and anti-freeze must be dropped off at the Service Garage.

As a reminder, the following Ordinance 951.03 **PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE FOR COLLECTION; PROHIBITED ITEMS**

No person, firm or individual shall in any way place or deposit rubbish, garbage, recyclables or other debris for collection by the Service Department of Brooklyn on any portion before or ahead of the rear yard on the premises prior to 5:00 PM before the next scheduled refuse pick-up day, not otherwise a holiday or weekend.



Recycling Regulations

The implementation of our new automated rubbish pick up is only for household rubbish. Currently there are **NO** changes in our method of picking up your recyclables and compost. Let's review our practices and procedures for our Recycling and Compost programs. Please place the following recyclables in your recycle bin:

- **All metal food containers, aluminum cans, glass bottles, jars of any color, plastics marked #1-7 on the bottom of the container, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard and phone books. If you have extra material that cannot fit in your bin, please put the extra recycle items in a blue plastic bag.**

The following items are **NOT** to be placed in the recycle bin:

- **Household garbage, styrofoam, yard waste, wax cartons, batteries, light bulbs, paint, motor oil, concrete, windows, ceramic dishes and cups, toasters or other small appliances.**
- **Motor oil, cooking oil, gasoline, anti-freeze, construction and demolition materials, and tires must be dropped off at the Service Garage at 9400 Memphis Avenue between the hours of 7:00 and 3:30, Monday-Friday.**
- **Needles are not to be placed in the recycle bin. Needles should be completely enclosed in a protective container and placed in your bag for regular rubbish.**



Compost Regulations

Residents are required to place their yard waste in brown paper bags or open containers on their tree lawn no closer than 3 feet to their automated container and recycle bin. Yard waste includes grass clippings, bushes, garden plants, leaves and branches. **Depending on the weather the compost program will run from the months of April to December. Please call 216-635-4232 in late March for an exact start date.**

The following are the rules and regulations for the compost program:

- **Yard waste must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or open containers. Yard waste bags can be purchased at most area retail stores. Plastic bags will not be accepted.**
- **Do not mix yard waste with your regular rubbish.**
- **Bags or open containers may not weigh in excess of 50 Lbs.** If they exceed the weight limit they will not be picked up. Branches must be cut into 4 foot lengths, **bundled** and limited to one foot in width. If residents drop their branches off at the Service Garage they do not have to have them bundled!

During the fall season, leaves may be raked to the tree lawn for vacuum collection. Do not rake them into the street.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When will the program start? Your new cart from Toter will be delivered one week before the start of the program. We are currently expected to receive our carts the week of September 24-28. We intend to start the program October 1, 2012.

How much trash will my new container hold?

The 96 gallon cart can hold the equivalent of **3 normal size cans or 6-7 large garbage bags.**

A 96 gallon container can hold up to 325 lbs. If you need an additional cart you can purchase one at cost from the City. We are asking residents to try out their new cart for 30-60 days before deciding if they need an additional can or a different size. We will have a **limited** supply of 64 and 48 gallon containers in stock. Please call 216-635-4219.

What is the proper way to put my cart out on the curb?

The proper way to place your cart at the curb is to have the arrows on the lid pointing towards the street. Carts cannot be serviced when the arrows are facing the house. Place the cart no more than (3) feet from the curb and away from obstructions such as hydrants, mailboxes, trees, parked cars, utility poles, etc. The automated truck will not be able to pick up the containers that are blocked by parked cars. Please put the container at least 3 to 5 feet from your recycle bin and compost. This will assure that the automated truck will be able to pick up your cart. **Please have your container on the curb by 7:00 AM on your collection day.**

Do I have to put my container out every week?

You do not have to put your container out every week. If it is only partially filled one week, you may choose to keep it in your garage until it is filled to capacity. Especially after a heavy snow fall you can hold off and put your can out the following week. This is clearly up to the resident as we will pick up every week.

Will the snow cause a problem with the new automated collection system?

A big concern is how we will be able to pick up the containers when there is a heavy snowfall. Automated pick-up has become the normal procedure in this area. In all, 19 cities in Cuyahoga County have turned to automation and have reported no problems with the winter weather. **Please place your cart between the sidewalk and the curb near the edge of the apron in inclement weather. If it is not completely full you can leave it for the next collection day.**

What happens if my cart is damaged?

The new carts are from Toter and have a 10 year warranty. If your container is damaged through normal use, the City will replace or repair depending on the circumstances.

Can I spray my name and address on the new container?

You are not permitted to paint your address, name or anything else on the cart. **The cart is the property of the City of Brooklyn and must stay with the house.** The cart is not to be taken when you move. The Service Department will have a corresponding database with all cart serial numbers.

What can I do with my old garbage cans?

Once you receive your new Toter container, we will no longer pick up rubbish in any other containers. We suggest that you use your old trash containers for the compost program. If you have no need for your old can, call the Service Department at 216-635-4232 for a special pick up.

How will I know if my garbage pick-up will be delayed?

Watch for the bright orange one day late garbage signs that will be posted on your street. You can also check the city website at www.brooklynohio.gov or by calling the rubbish hotline at 216-635-4233 for an updated schedule.

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