

New Recycling Carts

Opportunity to Order a Smaller Size

Metro Waste Authority residents will automatically receive a new cart this summer. However MWA is taking orders now through **March 30** for the new rolling recycling carts that will be distributed this spring. Each residential household in MWA's service area will automatically receive a 96-gallon cart beginning in April with automated pick-up beginning July 1. The 96-gallon cart is recommended because all approved recyclables – including cardboard – will be put in the cart creating a greater volume of materials. In addition, recycling will be collected every other week, instead of weekly collection.

96-Gallon Cart Size*

Width: 29"
Length: 35"
Height: 43"

*standard size



48-Gallon Cart Size

Width: 23"
Length: 28"
Height: 37"

For those who generate less trash, such as persons who live alone, don't fill their garbage container weekly or who, for physical reasons, may have difficulty rolling a larger bin to the curb, 48-gallon carts are available. Requests for the smaller carts must be received by **March 30** to be included in initial cart delivery.

96-gallon carts will automatically be delivered to those who do not place an order for the smaller cart by March 30.

If you prefer to receive a 48-gallon cart, please visit www.recycleandroll.com and submit the online request form by **March 30**. If you don't have Internet access, please call Metro Waste Authority, (515) 323-6514, for more information.

What can be recycled in the new carts?



Plastic containers
"necked" bottles and
yogurt/margarine tubs



**Tin and
aluminum
cans**



**Glass jars
and bottles**
ALL colors



Newspaper
including inserts
Mixed paper
including junk mail,
phone books, magazines
Cardboard
break down and cut
to fit into container

For more information:
www.recycleandroll.com

Frequently Asked Questions about the New Recycling Program

Can I continue using my recycle bin at the curb, after the program starts on July 1?

Once the program starts, you will no longer be able to set out your green bin for recycling. However, we have a list on the web site offering many ideas for using the bin — from personal storage to donations to local schools.

Will I have to pay for the new cart?

Residents will not be billed for the carts. One will be provided to each single family residence, by Metro Waste Authority (MWA).

Will there be an increase in cost for me as a resident to use the new program?

MWA is not going to charge the cities more than what is currently being charged for the curb side recycling program.

I don't think I have enough recyclables to fill up a new large cart – is there an option to get a smaller cart?

Residents are encouraged to try the new 96-gallon cart when the program begins. Cart trials throughout the Des Moines and Metro area have shown that most residents will need this size because:

- Recycling is easier so you end up recycling more.
- You will need storage for two weeks of recyclables since collection will be switched from weekly to every other week.
- All cardboard will need to be broken down and placed in the container for pick up
- All recyclables have to fit inside of the cart (imagine holidays, celebrations and events in your home; your cart will fill up quickly with recyclables).

Why is the collection of recyclables being switched from weekly to every other week?

Fewer trips of collection trucks down city roads has cost-saving and environmental benefits:

- Reduces wear and tear on roads; your community will save money on road repair.
- Uses less fuel. Your community will be doing its part to reduce greenhouse gases that are causing climate change. Fuel costs will also be reduced, which is one reason this program can be provided as economically as the current curb side collection program.
- And, recyclables can be safely stored for several weeks. They do not break down, so they do not cause odor problems or present human health hazards like garbage.

How does the new recycling process work since the items are not going to be sorted at the curb?

Your recyclables will still be sorted. But instead of you doing it curb side, it will be done by a state-of-the-art processing facility. Recyclables picked up curb side will be delivered to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Mid America Recycling. There, mechanical and manual methods will be used to separate the materials and to remove anything that is not recyclable. Some types of technology used are magnets, “Eddy” current separators, air classifiers, trammels and screens.

For more information go to www.recycleandroll.com