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## Public Works Department Solid Waste Division Guidelines and Updates

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The City of Paducah Public Works Department's Solid Waste Division is responsible for garbage collection, curbside recycling, yard waste and brush collection, and the Compost Facility.

Below are reminders and guidelines for property owners and residents to help the Division properly manage solid waste, brush and limbs, and recyclable materials.

Furthermore, effective July 1, a fee increase will be in place for certain garbage collection services. Fee information is noted in [green](#).

The Public Works Department can be reached by calling 270-444-8511.

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### Residential Garbage Collection Guidelines 96-Gallon Rollout

- All residential waste must be contained within the rollout with the lid closed.
- Place container at its collection point the prior evening or no later than 4 a.m. on collection day.
- Remove rollout no later than 11 p.m. of scheduled pickup day. Store away from front of property and not next to street or sidewalk.
- For collection, avoid placing under power lines or low tree branches. Provide a buffer of 4 feet from parked cars, mailboxes, additional rollouts, etc.

#### Don't Put in Garbage Container!

- Flammable liquids, solids, or gases
  - Hazardous materials
  - Building material/debris
  - Hot materials (ashes and cinders)
  - Feces (unless secured in a plastic bag)
  - Animal carcasses
  - Tires
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#### Here to Help

Public Works provides special collections for bulk items (furniture, etc.) for an additional fee. This service also is known as a "pay pile."

Also, those who qualify can receive special service assistance with their rollout.

Check the [website](#) for more information about each program.

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## Garbage Collection Fee Changes Effective July 1

In January 2024, the City approved new solid waste collection fees for residential and commercial customers. Effective July 1, 2024, the fee for a residential customer with one rollout container increases to \$21.00 per month with a monthly recycling fee reduced to \$1.50. The fee increases in July 2025 to \$26.50 per month with recycling included in that fee. Future fee adjustments would be based on the Consumer Price Index.

Fees were last increased for residential customers in 2009 and for commercial customers in 2017.

The full schedule of fee adjustments is in the link below.

[Full List of Fee Changes](#)

## Yard Waste, Brush Collection, and Compost Facility

Public Works provides yard waste, brush, and limb collection to residents included in the monthly solid waste fee. If you have a couple of bags of yard waste or a few twigs and limbs, it is acceptable to place them in your garbage rollout.

### Yard Waste Guidelines

- Place away from curbs and sidewalks approximately 4 feet from the street.
- Avoid placing in drainage ditches, under utility lines, or within 4 feet of objects (mailboxes, parked cars, etc.)
- Yard waste mixed with garbage or other materials will be a bulk pickup with an additional fee.
- NO COLLECTION IN ALLEYS.
- All leaves/grass clippings should be bagged (not to exceed 50 lbs/bag)
- Cut brush to 48" or less in length.
- Large tree limbs, stumps, and trunks are special collections with an additional fee.

### NOTE!

Lawn service, landscapers, and tree trimmers are responsible for disposal of trash and/or yard debris at any premises gathered or created as a result of service provided.



**Compost Facility**  
1560 North 8<sup>th</sup> St.



**Request a Collection of**  
**Yard Waste, Brush, or**

### Dispose of Yard Debris

City residents can take brush and yard waste to the Compost Facility at no charge. Contractors and McCracken County residents outside the City limits will be charged a fee.

Brush/limbs should be no longer than 48". Prohibited items include stumps, root wads, and brush mixed with garbage. No commercial or treated wood products.

### Purchase Compost

Yard waste is composted into products that you can purchase by the bucket. Each 2 ½ yard bucket will fill the bed of most pick-up trucks.

Call 270-444-8511 for product availability (premium compost, wood chip compost, and raw wood chips).

### Bags of Leaves

Call Public Works (270-444-8511) or use the Paducah 311 app.

- Download MyCivic 311 App
- Scroll to Paducah 311
- Report an Issue (brush pickup or bags of leaves)



Paducah 311 also has an online service request portal. Click the button below.

[Visit Paducah 311](#)

## Compost Facility Disposal Fees

There is **no charge** for City of Paducah residents to dispose of brush and yard debris at the Compost Facility. A valid driver's license is required to determine residency.

For **contractors and non-city residents**, the disposal fees are as follows.

- Pick-up Truck and Small Trailer - \$5.00
- Large Trailer and Single Axle Dump Truck - \$10.00
- Double Axle and Triple Axle Dump Truck - \$25.00
- 20 Cubic Yards and More - \$50.00

## Curbside Recycling

The City of Paducah offers voluntary, single-stream, curbside recycling for its residential customers. Customers can sign up at any time, but customers **MUST** sign up to receive the service.

Program details:

- Residential service only.
- Voluntary subscription.
- Single-stream (no sorting necessary for accepted items).
- Collection at curbside/roadside (not in alleys).
- Uses 96-gallon blue rollout containers.
- Collection twice per month on Mondays. If your normal trash collection day is either Tuesday or Wednesday, recycling will be collected on the first and third Monday of the month. If your normal trash collection day is either Thursday or Friday, recycling will be collected on the second and fourth Monday of the month. The collection day may change due to holidays.



## Accepted Items for Recycling

- Office paper, newspaper, junk mail
- Cardboard and paperboard (flattened)
- Steel/aluminum food and beverage cans
- Plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and containers
- Aseptic containers (rinsed juice boxes, milk cartons, etc.)

**CAUTION!** *If non-accepted items are mixed with recyclables, the materials could contaminate the entire load!*

[List of Accepted and Not Accepted Items](#)

## Recycling Fee Updates

Effective July 1, the monthly, residential, curbside recycling fee **reduces** from \$3.00 per month to \$1.50 per month. Each additional recycling container is \$3.00 per month.

The separate recycling fee will be removed in July 2025.

[Sign Up for Curbside Recycling!](#)

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