



COMING SOON TO A CURB NEAR YOU... CARTS Automated Curbside Garbage Collection System

Beginning September 29, 2008, a new, automated system for curbside garbage collection will begin in the City of Weston. Each residence with curbside collection will automatically receive, at no cost, a 96-gallon wheeled cart in mid-September (unless you previously chose to receive a smaller 64-gallon cart).

This new, automated system provided by the City of Weston and All Service Refuse, is one of the most advanced systems in use today.

Residents will simply roll the cart to the curb on collection days. A special collection vehicle with a robotic arm will pick up the cart and empty the contents. The arm resets the cart upright in place and the cart's lid closes automatically.

Changing from Your cans to Our carts How this change impacts you

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

How are carts distributed?

A cart will be delivered to each residence with curbside service in mid-September. Carts are assigned an address by a serial number that is hot stamped on the cart. When delivered, the cart will be placed at the best location for pick-up.

What goes in the cart and when is it collected?

Household garbage should be bagged before placing in the cart. Large cardboard boxes should be folded and placed

next to cart for pick-up. Lids are designed to seal in odors and overlap for rain protection. They will not blow open in windy conditions. Lids will close automatically after cart is emptied. Your garbage and recycling collection schedule remains the same. Recycling still goes in your recycling bins. Collection begins at 7 am. All carts and bins must be curbside prior to 7 am.

Where do I place the cart on collection day?

When delivered, the cart will have been placed at the best location for pick-up - try to note that location. Place the cart near or at the curb and at least three feet away from your mailbox, trees, fire hydrants, gas or water meters or anything collection equipment could damage. **Always place the cart at the curb with the wheels and handle toward your residence.

What about curbside parking on collection day?

Do not park at the curb on collection day. If a car is blocking the safe collection of your cart by the automated equipment, then the driver will not pick-up at that time and you will not receive collection service. In those few instances where parking is an extreme problem, or where sidewalks are narrow, place carts on the driveway or next to the curb with the wheels against the curb, and park autos so as to accommodate the new system, a minimum of three feet away from cart.

Can I continue to use my garbage can?

No. The roll-out carts provided by the City are specifically

designed to withstand the forces of the mechanical gripper and vehicle-lifting arm (see photo). For this reason, the automated truck will pick-up only the new carts, starting September 29th.

Can I dispose of my old garbage can?

Yes. If you don't want to keep it for other purposes, old, empty garbage cans may be set out at the curb for disposal for one month after automated collection begins. Mark the can clearly with a large "X" and place it out with your trash for weekly collection. You can use paint or tape to mark the "X", but the can MUST be empty to ensure collection.

What if I move?

The cart belongs to the City of Weston and must remain at your residence.

What about Yard Waste?

Place any vegetative waste, unbundled, into cart(s). Fronds placed next to cart will be picked up.

What if my cart is stolen, damaged or destroyed?

Do not mark or alter the cart in any way. If the cart is damaged or stolen, the following policy applies: If the damage is your fault, you will be required to pay for a replacement (\$62.00). If the collection contractor damages your cart it will be replaced at no charge. The serial number on the cart helps the city locate lost or stolen carts and return them to their proper home.

What if I want an additional cart?

The 96-gallon cart being supplied holds a substantial amount of waste. After you have used the system, if you still desire an additional cart you can purchase either a 96-gallon or 64-gallon cart for a one-time charge of \$62.00 for either size, by calling All Services at 954-583-1830

With delivery of your cart, you will receive an information sheet regarding the new system. An informational video showing how to properly use the new cart system will air on Weston's government cable TV channel (Advanced Cable, Ch. 25; Comcast, Ch. 78; Direct Path, Ch. 64) and will be available on the city web site beginning July 1st.



The switch from cans to carts is an easy one.

It will provide for a more efficient collection of household waste. An added benefit of the cart system is a cleaner neighborhood, free from torn bags, and scattered cans and lids.

*Coming soon
to a curb near you...*