




Department of Public Works

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To: Mayor Tom Barrett
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From: Jeffrey J. Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works
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Re: **Solid Waste Program Changes**

The 2011 adopted budget includes several solid waste program changes that become effective January 1st. Garbage crews have begun distributing the enclosed cart tags outlining key changes.

As part of 40 by 2020 – a goal to divert 40% of solid waste from landfills by 2020, households with more than one garbage cart per dwelling unit will see a **\$5.00 per quarter charge for each extra garbage cart** on their municipal services bill. A duplex is eligible for 2 garbage carts at no extra charge; a four family is eligible for 4 garbage carts at no extra charge. To avoid the charge, residents can contact the DPW Call Center at (414) 286-CITY to request removal of extra garbage carts. The extra cart charge will show up on the 2nd quarter municipal services bill.

Sanitation crews will now only collect up to **one cubic yard of extra debris** left outside of the garbage cart. One cubic yard is approximately (7) seven 30 gallon garbage bags or the size of an easy chair. Residents with more than one cubic yard of debris can contact the DPW Call Center at 414-286-CITY to request a bulky pickup for \$50. Scattered or strewn debris will be forwarded to the Department of Neighborhood Services for a nuisance garbage cleanup order.

Lastly, the State has banned used oil filters and electronics from being deposited in landfills. This includes TVs, computers, printers, scanners and certain other electronics. For more information on the electronics ban, go to www.milwaukeecycles.com. Residents can still dispose of these items at no cost at City drop off sites at 6660 N Industrial Rd and 3879 W Lincoln Av. Winter hours are 7AM – 3 PM. Closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.