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Tips and information for elected officials to share with residents and community members supporting DPW Sanitation for clean Milwaukee neighborhoods

- **Securely bag all garbage and tie off or seal bags.**
Reduces attraction of flies, wasps & rodents to food waste and the likelihood of rodents biting holes in cart; prevents litter from spilling out of the cart when it is dumped.
- **Clean garbage carts regularly and disinfect.**
Reduces attracting flies and rodents that bite holes in carts.
- **Place carts at the collection point (alley line or curb line) the night before collection or by 7 AM on designated pickup dates.**
After collection, return carts to storage area by 10 PM.
To ensure collection, carts must have a clear path to them and cannot be blocked by parked vehicles. Carts must be free from ice and snow accumulation during winter.
- **Follow the recycling guide! (see MilwaukeeRecycles.com for info)**
- **No plastic bags are allowed in recycling carts and do not bag recyclables - except for shredded paper which may be enclosed in paper bags.**
- **Do not place liquids or any hazardous materials in garbage or recycling carts**
- **The following items are NOT collected curbside.**
 - Appliances, TVs and Computers, and Tires - take to a [Drop Off Center](#)
 - Grass clippings, garden trimmings, and weeds - leave on the lawn, compost, or take to a [Drop Off Center](#)
 - [Household Hazardous Waste](#) - take to any MMSD Collection Site
- **Schedule neighborhood litter cleanups.**
Notify Sanitation ahead of time of the organized neighborhood cleanup date and the desired pickup location. Items will be collected by Sanitation crews on the next business day.





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- **Clean up litter around your property, your block, and green spaces.**
- **Clear debris from storm drains near your house and on your block.**
Our mechanical brooms do sweep the curb, but aren't always able to sweep everything due to obstacles such as parked cars.
- **Keep an eye out for illegal dumping.**
Evidence of illegal dumping can be reported at www.milwaukee.gov/illegaldumping. Pictures and videos can be uploaded. Contact the police if witnessing illegal dumping as it occurs.
- **Cut brush down to size.** No branch should be longer than 4 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter. Place up to 2 cubic yards (size of a couch) between the curb and sidewalk or alley for collection. Please keep brush piles out of the street.
- **Brush piles larger than 2 cubic yards must be taken to a Drop-Off Center for disposal.**

