All About Automated Refuse Collection

Starting in October your refuse will be picked up by a truck equipped with a mechanical arm which lifts and empties the new refuse cart without the driver ever needing to leave the cab.

The collection process is faster, so the trucks disrupt traffic less. Less fuel is used which reduces our carbon footprint.

Automated Collection makes the task of putting your refuse out easier and it improves the appearance of the town.

New Refuse Cart

The town-provided, wheeled refuse cart is sturdy and easy to move. With the lid down, refuse stays neatly out of sight.

Carts should be at least 3 feet away from all obstacles, such as trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, recycle bins and parked cars.

The new refuse carts will be delivered by the end of September. Each refuse cart will come with an information packet and five free Official Bedford Overflow Bags.

What about bulky items?

Call Allied Waste Services at 1-800-442-9006 by 5 PM on Tuesday to schedule the collection of one bulky item on Wednesday. Examples of bulky items include tables, chairs, couches, mattresses and box springs. In general, bulky items include any item too large to fit in the cart, but exclude items in the following special collections.

Special Collections

White Goods and Electronics Collections have not changed. Call Allied Waste Services to schedule the collection of one white good and unlimited electronics per household for each biweekly collection. 1-800-442-9006

No Changes to Recycling

- Recyclable Plastic, Glass and Metal containers go together.
- Paper & Cardboard go together.
- Use existing recycle bin for both bottles and cans.
- If you exceed the bin, use an old refuse barrel with an available label for recycling bottles and cans.
- See website for detailed instructions:

www.bedfordma.gov

What if I can't fit my refuse in the cart?

- Residents may purchase Official Bedford Overflow Bags. Bags will be sold in rolls of five bags for $7.50 ($1.50/bag). The town will be selecting local retailers.
- Residents may pay for the use of a second refuse cart. The annual fee for the first year is $150; thereafter it is $100/year . Contact DPW for further information.
- Look for announcements of additional information in the future.
- Please remember to recycle as much as you can; it makes more space for refuse in the cart.

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New Program Starts

Remember

- All refuse needs to be bagged and placed inside the new refuse cart.
- Cart lid must be closed.
- If unable to fit your refuse in the cart, use Official Bedford Overflow bags.

Recycling Saves Space in the cart

- Contact Allied Waste Services to schedule collection of bulky items, white goods and electronics. 1-800-442-9006.
- There is No Charge for the collection of bulky items, white goods or electronics.

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