2020
Lafayette Recycling and Solid Waste Collection Rules and Set Out Guidelines

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### REPUBLIC SERVICES® QUICK SUMMARY

**Area** | **Garbage** | **Recycling** | **Yard Waste** | **Bulk Waste**
---|---|---|---|---
Lafayette Incorporated | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes
Lafayette Unincorporated | Yes | No* | Yes | Yes

- Recycling, garbage and yard waste collection is provided once per week.
- Bulk waste collection is provided once per month.
- Recycling and yard waste collection occurs on the same day as a customers garbage day.

### Garbage Items Not Collected

- Hazardous waste: Radioactive, volatile, corrosive, highly flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, biohazardous, toxic or listed as toxic by the U.S. EPA or state agency.
- Building Materials: Materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition.
- Tires

*Customers in the unincorporated areas of Lafayette can bring their recyclables to:

### Republic Services Recycling Convenience Center

**102 BJ Services Road**

**Lafayette, LA**

**Hours of Operation**

M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat., 8 a.m. to noon

**Republic Services Local Call Center**

**337.806.2040**

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### Service Days, Service Requests, Issues

**337.291.8529**

Online at: [www.lafayettela.gov](http://www.lafayettela.gov)

Online at: [www.311.lafayette.services](http://www.311.lafayette.services)
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CART SET OUT RULES

- Place the carts at least 3 feet from other objects like trees, poles, fire hydrants, mailboxes, electrical boxes, cable boxes, etc., and at least five feet away from cars so the automated arm can reach your cart.
- Don't lean anything against the cart.
- Don't place your container under a tree.
- Place carts one foot from the curb or edge of the street.
- Remember to have the handle toward your house, with the lid closed.
- Please don't allow children to play in or around the carts. Republic Services® trucks use mechanical arms to pick up the recycling and waste carts.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING CARTS LIMITS

- Limit 2 per residence (first cart is complimentary, second cart requires a $75, one-time, rental fee).
- Carts are the property of Republic Services.

DAMAGED CARTS

Republic Services will make every effort to repair damaged carts. If carts are beyond repair Republic Services will replace at no charge to the resident. Call 337.806.2040 to report.

STOLEN CARTS

Requires a police report in order to receive a replacement cart. Customers can report stolen carts online at: [http://lafayettela.gov/policedepartment](http://lafayettela.gov/policedepartment) and then submit the completed police report in order to receive replacement cart.
RECYCLING COLLECTION

DID YOU KNOW

Republic Services owns and operates the only recycling processing center in the state of Louisiana located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This facility not only makes recycling possible for Lafayette but for many other communities in Louisiana.

In order for recycling to be processed it must be less than 17% contaminated. The most common contaminants found in recycling include food waste, yard waste and tanglers.

Republic Services’ recycling and garbage vehicles look the same. To determine if it is a recycling or garbage collection vehicle look for the “recycling” sign located on both sides of the back end of the vehicle.

WE ACCEPT

Customers should make sure recyclables are empty, clean and dry and placed loose (no bags) inside the recycling container.

1. Paper (newspapers, magazines, shredded paper that is in a paper bag)
2. Cardboard (flatten to conserve space, remove staples/tape)
3. Aluminum cans
4. Tin/steel cans (rinse and throw away tops)
5. Plastics (typically items with a screw top or neck, remove bottle caps)

Rule of Thumb: If it’s smaller than a credit card, it is too small to be recycled. To learn more visit www.recyclingsimplified.com

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

- Plastic bags/wrappers
- Glass
- Yard waste
- Food waste
- Diapers
- Clothing
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Medical waste
- Paper towels, tissues
- Aluminum foil or pans
- Polystyrene foam
- Bubble wrap
- Toys
- “Tanglers” (garden hoses, extension cords, Christmas lights)
- Computers/electronics/batteries
DID YOU KNOW

Yard waste collected is sent to the LCG’s Dean Domingue’s Compost facility located at 400 Dugas road as part of the LCG composting program to reduce waste that would otherwise go to a landfill. Best of all, citizens get FREE COMPOST!

HOW TO SET OUT

• Yard waste that is less than 2 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter should be bagged, containerized and not exceed 50 lbs.

• Larger tree trimmings should be laid neatly in piles by the curb and cut in lengths not to exceed 6 feet.

WAYS TO SPEED UP COLLECTION

Proper yard waste set out:

• Allows collection crews to move much faster through neighborhoods and stay on schedule.

• Minimizes the need to send out two types of collection vehicles to service a single address. These instances tend to create confusion among customers and in many cases leads to a report of a missed pick up when in fact another collection vehicle has been scheduled for pick up.

HOW NOT TO SET OUT

• Third-party professional, contractors that are compensated by a resident to remove/prune trees and shrubs are responsible for disposal of yard waste material.

• Do not mix garbage with yard waste.

• Do not tie yard waste.

• Do not place yard waste near fire hydrants, telephone poles, mailboxes, or other items that may cause damage during collection.

• Do not pile large amounts of yard waste near low hanging tree branches or power lines as it may inhibit collection by larger vehicles.
**BULK WASTE COLLECTION**

**DID YOU KNOW**

"Bulky waste" or large item collection is performed by Republic Services once a month. These are **large items for disposal that will not fit into your 96-gallon garbage cart**. All residents are in a "zone," or area that has large items collected in either week 1, week 2, week 3 or week 4.

**We Collect:**

- "Power Wheels" ride-on toy cars (remove battery)
- Air conditioners (window units only)
- Carpeting and area rugs (one-piece construction, rolled and taped)
- Portable/moveable basketball goal and base
- Carrying cage for large animals
- Wading pool (roll and taped), frame for movable swimming pool (rolled, taped, and/or tied, and weigh less than 50 pounds)
- Large appliances/small appliances (microwaves, floor fans, vacuum cleaners)
- Large ice chest/cooler or storage container (both empty)
- Large plastic children's toys
- Lawn furniture and patio umbrellas
- Liner for movable swimming pool (must be cut, rolled, taped or tied, and each piece weigh less than 50 pounds)
- Manual garbage cans (must be empty and labeled "discard this can")
- Residential furniture (including sofas, loveseats, recliners, chairs, dining tables, desks, mattresses, box springs)
- Television sets
- Trampoline mat (rolled and taped)
- Large empty boxes used for appliances, TVs, etc.
- Fitness equipment (tread mills, exercise bikes)

**We Do Not Collect**

- No bagged items (this is considered regular garbage)
- Constructions debris from residential construction or remodeling
- Any item that is predominately metal (large appliances are picked up)
- Barbeque pits
- Bicycles
- Ceiling fans
- Toilets
- Tires
- Hazardous waste
- Fencing (wooden, plastic or metal)
- Lawn mowers and swing sets that are predominately metal

**HOW TO SET OUT**

**ALTERNATIVES TO DISPOSAL**

- **Donation**
- When buying new appliances, have the store you purchased it from take back the old one. They typically do that at no charge.
We’ll handle it from here.