

## TAG PROGRAM FOR GARBAGE

A unit based pricing program for garbage has been in effect in Burlington since 1995. Similar "pay-as-you-throw" programs are utilized throughout Iowa and the United States to encourage recycling and maximize space in our nation's landfills.

- ◆ The trash fee on your water bill covers collection of one untagged container of trash each week. Exception: If not in a can, TWO stand alone 13-gallon kitchenette bags will be treated as one container
- ◆ Each additional container requires a trash TAG
- ◆ Size of container cannot exceed 33 gallons.
- ◆ **A garbage can or stand alone garbage bag larger than 33 gallons will not be collected!**
- ◆ Program is VOLUME BASED. YOU, NOT THE CREW MEMBER, ARE RESPONSIBLE to push entire contents/bags down to below the rim of can to demonstrate compliance with the 33 gallon volume limit.
- ◆ Garbage cans must have handles and be specifically manufactured for garbage collection
- ◆ **Weight limit: 50 lbs.** Containers weighing more than 50 lbs. will not be emptied

- ◆ **Containers should not be more than five (5) feet from the back of the curb line, and if collected from the alley no more than five feet from the alley line.** Solid waste containers shall not be placed at the curb line sooner than the evening before the scheduled collection day and empty containers must be removed from the curb by the evening of the collection day.
- ◆ **Trash TAGs** are available at: Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walgreens, Kempkers True Value, Shopko, Gasland, Gasey's General Stores, Jet Stop South, BS Mini Mart, Quick Stop, Circle K and S&R One. Trash TAGs are generally \$2 but price is up to the discretion of the retailer.

SET OUT BEFORE 7:00AM!

**Safe Needle disposal** Don't throw loose needles in the garbage, don't flush used needles down the toilet. Sharps users can place their used sharps in a special sharps container and take their filled sharps container to an appropriate collection site. For more information on the disposal of SHARPS please call 319-753-8114.

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## THE SOLID WASTE FUND

Programs carried out by Burlington's Solid Waste Department are funded entirely from the trash fee on your water bill and from the sale of Trash TAGs. The Solid Waste Fund receives no money from the General Fund or property taxes. The monthly fee for solid waste service which includes curbside recycling is \$13.75. The Solid Waste Fund pays \$3.55 per-household per month to the Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission for providing curbside collection and processing of recyclables, and operation of the HazChem Center.

The Solid Waste Fund covers the cost of weekly garbage collection, annual City-Wide Clean-Up, 3-weeks in the Spring and 7-weeks in the Fall of bagged leaf collection, landfill fees for City-hauled trash and customer-hauled woodwaste per program rules and limitations, wages, benefits, liability insurance, equipment operation, mainte-

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### • Solid Waste

24 Hour Information Line  
319-753-8114  
Email:  
wasteRus@burlingtoniowa.org

- **DMC Area Recyclers**  
1818 West Burlington Ave.  
319-753-8126  
www.wastewrap.org

- **DMC Regional Landfill**  
13758 Washington Road  
319-753-8722  
Monday -Friday 8AM-4PM  
Saturday 8AM-12 Noon

- **HazChem Center**  
319-753-8758

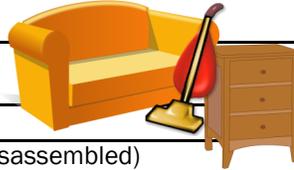
### • City Council Members

319-753-8161  
www.burlingtoniowa.org  
Shane McCampbell, Mayor  
Jim Davidson, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Annie Wilson, Member  
Robert Fleming, Member  
Tim Scott, Member

We're on the Web:  
www.burlingtoniowa.org

# BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

You don't need to wait for the City-Wide Clean-Up to get rid of that old couch or mattress. No need to call ahead, just set out with your regular garbage any time of the year with Trash Tags attached and the Solid Waste crews will pick it up on your regular trash day.



All loads brought to the DMCR Landfill will be charged the regular fee for disposal, currently \$51 per ton with a \$10 minimum.  
**DMCR Landfill**  
 Hours are  
 M-F 8:00am-4:00 pm;  
 Sat 8-noon

Tags	Items
5	hide a bed
3	couch, dresser, desk >4', waterbed frame (disassembled)
2	recliner, easy chair, love set, kitchen table, toilet, fiberglass bathtub, dresser or desk < 4' any size mattress or box springs
1	kitchen chair, coffee table, end table, storm door, push-type lawnmower, vacuum cleaner rolled & bound caret < 4' width, < 50 lbs each roll, odd & ends (toys, shoes, clothes) placed in a 33 gal garbage can or bag < 50 lbs
*	Appliances by appointment see Appliance Disposal Options
*	Televisions and computer monitors by appointment see E-Waste Disposal Options

## APPLIANCE DISPOSAL

What is considered an appliance? Freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, air conditioners, furnaces, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, space heaters.

- Drop off: Area Recyclers, 1818 West Burlington Avenue, M-F, 8 - 11:30 a.m., the 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 to 11:30 a.m., or by appointment. Call 319-753-8126. The fee is \$10 each (cash or check only).
- Appliance Recycling Rebate: Alliant Energy will pay their electric customers \$50 for working refrigerators & freezers, \$25 for working room air conditioners. To schedule pick up or learn more call 1-866-255-4268 or visit [ww.alliantenergy.com/appliancerecycling](http://www.alliantenergy.com/appliancerecycling)
- Schedule pick up: Solid Waste customers may call 319-753-8114; 8 trash TAGS are required.

## E-WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Electronics with screens are banned from disposal in the landfill, so you can't throw them away with your trash.

**Televisions** must go to the HazChem Center for disposal. The fee for any size, any type of TV is \$15 with drop off hours 8AM to 4PM.

As a service to our customers, Burlington Solid Waste crews pick up televisions twice a month. TVs must be intact for pick up, and 11 Trash Tags are required. Second or third TV requires 8 Tags. Call 319-753-8114 to get on the list.

Goodwill of the Heartland accepts computers, monitors, and computer accessories at no charge, even if they don't work. Items are recycled. Goodwill is located at 165 West Burlington Avenue. Drop off during regular hours: 9am-9pm M-F; 9am-6pm Sat; noon-5pm Sunday.



## DES MOINES COUNTY AREA



The Des Moines County Area Recyclers provide curbside recycling in Burlington. Recyclables are collected the same day as your garbage but every other week. Collection is from the curb even if your garbage collection is in the alley. Holiday schedules for recyclables differ from garbage schedules ~ check your recycling calendar.

For more information about Recycling call the DMC Area Recyclers at (319) 753-8126 or visit [www.wastewrap.org](http://www.wastewrap.org)

### Items Recyclable Locally

- Plastics - #1, 2 & 5 food & beverage, personal care, or detergent bottles
- Tin/Metal - Cans, aluminum foil, TV-dinner trays, pie tins
- Paper - Newspaper, brown paper bags, junk mail, phone books, magazines, catalogs, office paper, paperback books
- Cardboard - Clean Corrugated packaging (No pizza boxes and no paper board)
- Glass - Mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, bottles, jars, vases, ceramics, Pyrex

PLEASE PRESORT MATERIAL BY TYPES

# YARDWASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

## Curbside Leaf Collection

Burlington Solid Waste crews collect leaves, lawn and garden residue and twigs no larger than 1" in diameter for 7 weeks in the fall and 3 weeks in the spring, as noted on the schedule.

- **COLLECTION IS THE DAY AFTER TRASH COLLECTION**, beginning with Friday's trash route on Monday, then Monday's route on Tuesday, and so forth.
- Material must be in paper yardwaste bags OR clean 33-gallon garbage cans with handles.
- Bags with tape or staples will not be collected.

- The weight limit per container is 50 pounds.
- **COLLECTION IS AT THE CURB** even if your garbage is picked up in the alley.
- No garbage or trash may be mixed in with yardwaste.

Approved paper yardwaste bags are available at various retail outlets. It is illegal to deposit leaves or other yardwaste onto the street, sidewalk or alley. For questions regarding the street sweeper schedule, call 319-753-8119.

There is no charge for disposal of grass, leaves and non-woody plant matter at the DMCR Landfill. The material must be loose or in paper yardwaste bags; plastic bags must be emptied. Finished compost is available to the public free of charge.

Burlington residents may take their brush, limbs and branches up to 8" in diameter to the DMCR Landfill. Show proof of residency and a current water bill stub indicating trash fees are paid to the City, and the City will pay the disposal fee for you (\$24/ton).

Note: Woodwaste is supposed to be from your own property, program not intended to be used by "contractor".

Unless a burning ban is in effect, leaf burning is permitted Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. during April & November. Questions about burning should be directed to the Burlington Fire Department at 319-753-8390.



## CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP

The Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Program (CWC) is scheduled according to trash route. **Place material in the same location but separate from regular garbage.** Set out by 7 a.m. of the set out date for your route, but no earlier than one week in advance.

**CWC is intended for bulky items like furniture. Regular household garbage is still subject to the TAG program.** Crews will take small things like clothing, toys and other household items, but only if in trash bags, trash cans or sturdy boxes at the time being collected. **Loose bits and pieces will not be picked up!** Carpeting must be cut in 4' strips, tightly rolled and tied. The quantity of program-approved material collected from one residence is limited to no more than four hopper loads. This equates to a foot print no larger than 14' long x 5' wide.

DO NOT STACK !!

### NOT APPROVED FOR CWC

- regular household garbage
- recyclables, including cardboard
- items too heavy for two people to safely handle (like a piano or pool table)
- Construction or demolition material
- landscape timbers, railroad ties, pallets
- pressurized tanks (free disposal at Area Recyclers)
- auto-body parts (take to a salvage yard)
- TVs, computer monitors, appliances, tires, batteries
- Hazardous waste
- Yard waste, leaves, limbs or branches

Mark your calendar so you don't miss your set out date and be sure to abide by the stated rules. Crews will not be sent back for late set outs, excess quantities or unprepared materials.

## From the Wastewater Treatment Facility:

### *Are Flushable Wipes Flushable?*

Once used for babies, these all-too-handy replacements for plain old toilet paper are clogging pipes and sewer systems. Many are advertised as flushable, but as Consumer Reports showed recently, they are anything but. In fact, some of these wipes failed to disintegrate in water after 10 minutes, compared to a few seconds for a piece of toilet tissue. So, here's a basic rule: Indestructible stuff should not be flushed down the toilet. That includes such items as diapers, paper towels, cigarettes, love letters and, of course, wet wipes. One person's convenience should not inconvenience all the rest of us.

Visit the Burlington Public Library to find more information on water, waste, recycling, or any topic that you want to explore. Go to [www.burlington.lib.ia.us](http://www.burlington.lib.ia.us) or call 319-753-1647 to learn more about the library's programs and services and how you can get a library card.



**The Waste Paper**

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 Department  
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 319-753-8114 (Up-to-Date Recording)  
 E-mail: wasteRus@burlingtoniowa.org



*See the enclosed schedule  
 for all of the  
 Solid Waste Programs  
 available to you!*

*Taking trash one day  
 at a time.*

**PRSRT STD**  
 US POST PD  
 Permit #0068  
 Burlington, IA 52601

**ECRWSS  
 RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**Holiday Schedule for Garbage**

\*\*\*\*\* 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

Monday, July 4th - pick up on Tuesday, July 5th  
 Monday, September 5 (Labor Day) - pick up on Tuesday, Sept 6  
 Friday, Nov 11 (Veterans Day) - pick up Thursday, Nov 10  
 Thursday, Nov 24 (Thanksgiving) - pick up Friday, Nov 25  
 Monday, December 26 (Christmas Holiday) - pick up Tuesday, Dec 27

\*\*\*\*\* 2017\*\*\*\*\*

Monday, Jan 2 (New Year's Day Holiday) - pick up Tuesday, Jan 3  
 Monday, Feb 20 (President's Day) - pick up Tuesday, Feb 21  
 Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day) - pick up Tuesday, May 30

**2017 City Wide Clean-up  
 Schedule**

Monday's route April 17  
 Tuesday's route April 25  
 Wednesday's route May 3  
 Thursday's route May 11  
 Friday's route May 19

It takes crews 4 or 5 days to finish each route,  
 but items **MUST** be out before 7 a.m. on the set  
 out date for your route.

**Fall 2016 Leaf Collection Schedule**

Trash Route	Set out before 7 am for Collection on:
Friday	Oct 17, Oct 24, Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5
Monday	Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 29, Dec 6
Tuesday	Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 7
Wednesday	Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 8
Thursday	Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 10*, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9

Veterans Day Friday Nov 11 alters routine No leaf collection Thanksgiving Week

**Spring 2017 Leaf Collection**

Trash Route	Set out Before 7 AM on:
Friday	Mar 27, Apr 3, Apr 10
Monday	Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11
Tuesday	Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12
Wednesday	Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 13
Thursday	Mar 31, Apr 7, Apr 14