

THE WASTE PAPER

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 up to one untagged container of trash each week. Exception: If not in a can, TWO white 13-gallon kitchenette bags will be treated as one "container".
- ◆ Trash must be at approved collection spot by 7:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Size of each container used limited to up to and including 33 gallons.**
- ◆ Garbage cans must have handles and be specifically manufactured for garbage collection.
- ◆ Additional containers require a Trash Tag.
- ◆ Trash TAGs are available at: Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walgreens, Kempker's True Value, Shopko, Gasland, Casey's General Stores, Jet Stop South, BS Mini Mart, M&K Mini Mart, Quik Stop and Roosevelt Shell Station.
- ◆ **Garbage will be left uncollected if:**
 - exceeds 50 lbs. weight limit, or
 - larger than 33-gallon container, or
 - additional container has no TAG, or
 - container is "OVER FULL" (lid won't close, or if lidless, trash is well above rim of can)
 - can no longer suitable (missing or broken handle, can split or bottom broken out etc.)
 - trash not at approved collection spot when service "provided"

THE SOLID WASTE

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 services, which includes costs related to curbside recycling, is \$14.00.

The Solid Waste Fund covers the cost of weekly garbage program, annual City-Wide Clean-Up, bagged leaf collection, landfill tipping fees for collected trash, woodwaste disposal, wages, benefits, liability insurance, equipment operation, maintenance and replacement costs.

Landfill tipping fee for trash is \$52 per ton. The Solid Waste Fund also pays \$3.65 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.

Holiday Schedule for Garbage

***** 2017*****

- Tuesday, July 4th - pickup on Wednesday, July 5th
- Monday, Sept. 4th (Labor Day) - pickup on Tuesday, Sept. 5th
- Friday, Nov. 10th (Veterans Day) - pickup on Thursday, Nov. 9th
- Thursday, Nov. 23th (Thanksgiving) - pickup on Friday, Nov. 24th
- Monday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day) - pickup on Tuesday, Dec 26th

***** 2018*****

- Monday, Jan. 1st (New Year's Day) - pickup on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd
- Monday, Feb. 19th (President's Day) - pickup on Tuesday, Feb. 20th
- Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day) - pickup on Tuesday up May 29th

RENTAL PROPERTIES



According to City Code Section 106.10, landlords must supply a garbage can for each rental property. When the dwelling is a duplex, tri-plex or four-plex, the street address and unit number must be painted on each garbage can in characters at least 3"high. This requirement has been in effect since 1995.

Collection crews will empty one, untagged, labeled can, per unit, per week. When each apartment is assigned its own garbage can, and the can is labeled as described above, crews will know how many untagged containers to empty. Any additional container must be tagged with a Trash Tag for pick up. The person responsible for purchasing the Trash Tag is the person who generates the extra trash.

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 things like clothing, toys and other household items, but they must be placed in trash bags, trash cans or sturdy boxes. **Loose bits and pieces will not be picked up!** Carpeting must be cut in 4' strips, tightly rolled and tied. The quantity collected from one residence is limited. Crews will fill the garbage truck hopper up to four times. This equates to a footprint no more than 14' long x 5' wide.

*****DO NOT STACK*****

"FREE" disposal at the Landfill was discontinued in 2015.

NOT APPROVED FOR CWC

- Regular household garbage
- Recyclables
- Items too heavy for two people to safely handle (like a piano or pool table)
- Construction or demolition material
- Landscape timbers, railroad ties and pallets
- Propane tanks for grills and helium 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 piles.

2018 CWC Schedule

Monday's route April 16
 Tuesday's route April 24
 Wed's route May 2
 Thursday's route May 10
 Friday's route May 18

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

All loads brought to the DMCR Landfill will be charged the regular fee for disposal, currently \$52 per ton with a \$10 minimum.

DMCR Landfill Hours

M-F 8:00am-4:00 pm; Sat 8-noon

Styrofoam Packaging is not recyclable locally, but will be collected at no charge by Solid Waste crews. Large pieces should be taped together; set out with your regular garbage.

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to wait for 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 and the Solid Waste crews will pick up your bulky items any time of year with Trash Tags attached.

Item	Tags
Hide-A-Bed	6
Couch, dresser or desk >4', waterbed frame (disassembled)	4
Recliner, easy chair, love seat, kitchen table, toilet, fiberglass bathtub, dresser or desk <4'	3
Any size mattress or box spring (each piece)	2
Kitchen chair, coffee table, end table, storm door, push-type lawnmower, vacuum cleaner	1
Rolled & bound carpet <4' width, <50 lbs. (ea. roll)	1
Odds & ends (toys, shoes, clothes, etc.) place in a 33-gal garbage can or bag <50 lbs.	1



E-WASTE

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.

As a service to our customers, Burlington Solid Waste crews pick up televisions twice a month. TVs must be intact for pick up, and 10 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.

DMC REGIONAL WASTE COMMISSION

The Area Recyclers (753-8126 or www.wastewrap.org) provide curbside recycling in Burlington. Recyclables are collected the same day as your garbage but every other week. Collection is always from the curb. You must use at least one green Area Recyclers bin for the crew to stop. Materials must be separated according to categories and must be set out curbside no later than 7:30 a.m. to guarantee pickup.

Be sure to "like" Area Recyclers on Facebook for questions and updates.



Categories of Items Recycled Locally

Plastics - #1, 2 & 5 food & beverage, personal care, or detergent bottles

* **#5 Plastics may include water bottles, yogurt cups, cottage cheese containers, hummus and margarine tubs, medicine bottles and most fast food drink cups**

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 i.e. cereal boxes)

Glass - Mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, bottles, jars, vases, ceramics, Pyrex

APPLIANCE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

What can I do with my old appliance?

- You may drop them off at the 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 up to \$50 for working refrigerators & freezers, room air conditioners. To schedule pick up or learn more call 1-866-255-4268 or visit www.alliantenergy.com/appliancerecycling
- Solid Waste customers may call 319-753-8114 to schedule a pickup. 9 trash TAGs are required for appliance pickup.

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

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 be left uncollected.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD!** Any bag or can greater than 50 lbs. will be left uncollected!
- 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 rake, blow or deposit leaves or other yardwaste onto the street, sidewalk or alley. Street sweeper questions and comments: 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 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).



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.

Fall 2017 Leaf Collection Schedule

Trash Route	Set out Before 7 a.m. For Collection on:
Friday	Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 27, Dec 4
Monday	Oct 17, Oct 24, Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5
Tuesday	Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 29, Dec 6
Wednesday	Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 7
Thursday	Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 13 *, Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 8
Veterans Day is observed on Friday, Nov 10- alters routine NOTE: NO Leaf Collection Thanksgiving week	

Spring 2018 Leaf Collection

Trash Route	Set out Before 7 a.m. on:
Friday	Mar 26, Apr 2, Apr 9
Monday	Mar 27, Apr 3, Apr 10
Tuesday	Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11
Wednesday	Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12
Thursday	Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 13

The Waste Paper

City of Burlington, Iowa Solid Waste
Department
24-Hour Information Line:
319-753-8114
E-mail: wasteRus@burlingtoniowa.org

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

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Contact Information

Solid Waste 24-hr Information Line

319-753-8114

Solid Waste: wasteRus@burlingtoniowa.org

Area Recyclers ... 319-753-8126

1818 West Burlington Ave.

www.wastewrap.org

DMC Regional Landfill... 319-753-8722

13758 Washington Rd.

Mon-Fri 8-4; Sat 8-Noon

HazChem Center ... 319-753-8758

(located at DMC Regional Landfill)

City Council

319-753-8161

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- **Jim Davidson, Mayor Pro-Tem**
- **Annie Wilson, Member**
- **Robert Fleming, Member**
- **Tim Scott, Member**

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