

## Curbside Collection Service and Cart Information

Under the curbside collection system, each residential property is allocated one each of the gray/green trash carts and the blue recycling carts. Carts have serial numbers which are tracked by property to which the carts are assigned. The carts are the property of Willimantic Waste and are to remain at all times at the property to which they are assigned, no exceptions. If a cart is found to be at a property to which it has not been assigned, it may be retrieved without notice.

The Town of Ledyard manages issues related to placement and replacement of carts. Requests in such cases should be directed to the Town of Ledyard Public Works Department.

Trash is collected weekly and recyclables bi-weekly. The collection schedule by street may be found at this link:

<http://ledyardct.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/787>.

And the recycling and holiday schedule may be found here:

<http://ledyardct.org/DocumentCenter/View/6466>.

- The standard cart size is 95-gallon. This size has proven adequate through widespread national use for virtually all households that manage their waste streams efficiently. This would include maximizing recycling and breaking down and crushing recyclables (this should be by individual item, not by compacting the entire cart contents, which could lead to a jammed container).
- Though it is discouraged, residents may request a smaller size (65-gallon) for either, or both, but should be certain first that their peak loads will not exceed this smaller amount.

- The Town has exceeded its contract allowance for no-cost extra recycling carts. Residents should not request an extra recycling cart unless they chronically exceed the capacity of one cart. Extra recycling carts cost the Town \$120 per year, the cost of which is borne by the taxpayers at large.
- Thus, if residents find they are having issues with the capacity of their carts, they should first ensure they are doing everything they can to manage their waste as efficiently as possible. Please consider this link that gives detailed information on the items that are eligible for recycling, and remember to further reduce the volume by breaking down boxes and crushing containers: <http://ledyardct.org/DocumentCenter/View/4968>.
- The contract allows for a special provision for the full collection the week after Christmas. Extra trash may be placed next to a full trash container, and recyclable materials may be placed next to the recycling container. The overflow trash must be neatly bagged and recyclables are limited to neatly flattened and stacked cardboard and boxboard. Remember, Styrofoam is not recyclable.
- Outside of the Christmas week, in the event of an unusual occurrence of excess garbage, residents may consider using one of their two bulky waste pick-ups by contacting Willimantic Waste Paper Co. in advance. For more frequent occurrences of excess garbage, residents may dispose of trash at the Transfer Station according to the fees for bulky waste.
- Outside of the Christmas week, in the event of occasional occurrences of excess recyclables (which is typically related to cardboard), residents may dispose of only cardboard at the Transfer Station at no charge.

- Residents should ensure that carts are placed behind the edge of pavement or curblineline. Particular care should be exercised in keeping carts outside of the roadway during winter to avoid contact with plows.
- Also, and very importantly, bear in mind that the carts are the property of the collection company. They are to remain with the property to which they were delivered. Do not take them if you happen to move or pass them along to other residents.