CITY OF LAWTON SOLID WASTE DIVISION

SET OUT GUIDE
& POLICY

The guidelines for residential, commercial and bulky waste collection.

Solid Waste Collection

The City of Lawton provides once-a-week trash collection and once-a-month bulky waste collection. This guide will provide citizens with information on how to set out their poly cart for weekly trash collection and their bulky waste items for once-a-month bulky waste collection.

OVERVIEW:

In this guide, you will find information for:

- Residential Refuse (Trash) Collection
- Commercial Refuse
- Bulky Waste Collection
- Frequently Asked Questions

Residential Refuse (Trash) Collection

The Solid Waste Collection Division provides refuse collection service to all Lawton residences. Your collector is responsible for about **1,000 homes** and **1,100 poly carts** each day.

The City of Lawton utilizes the automated collection method for the residential refuse collection process. Automated refuse trucks enable the collector to remain in the truck cab to increase productivity and decrease chances for worker injury.

Using hydraulic controls the driver guides a robotic arm out to grasp, lift and dump contents into the hopper on top of the truck. The automated collection system requires adequate room for the robotic arm to grasp the cart. Poly carts must be placed at least five feet from obstructions, such as mailbox, other carts, fences, utility meters, poles, landscape, etc.

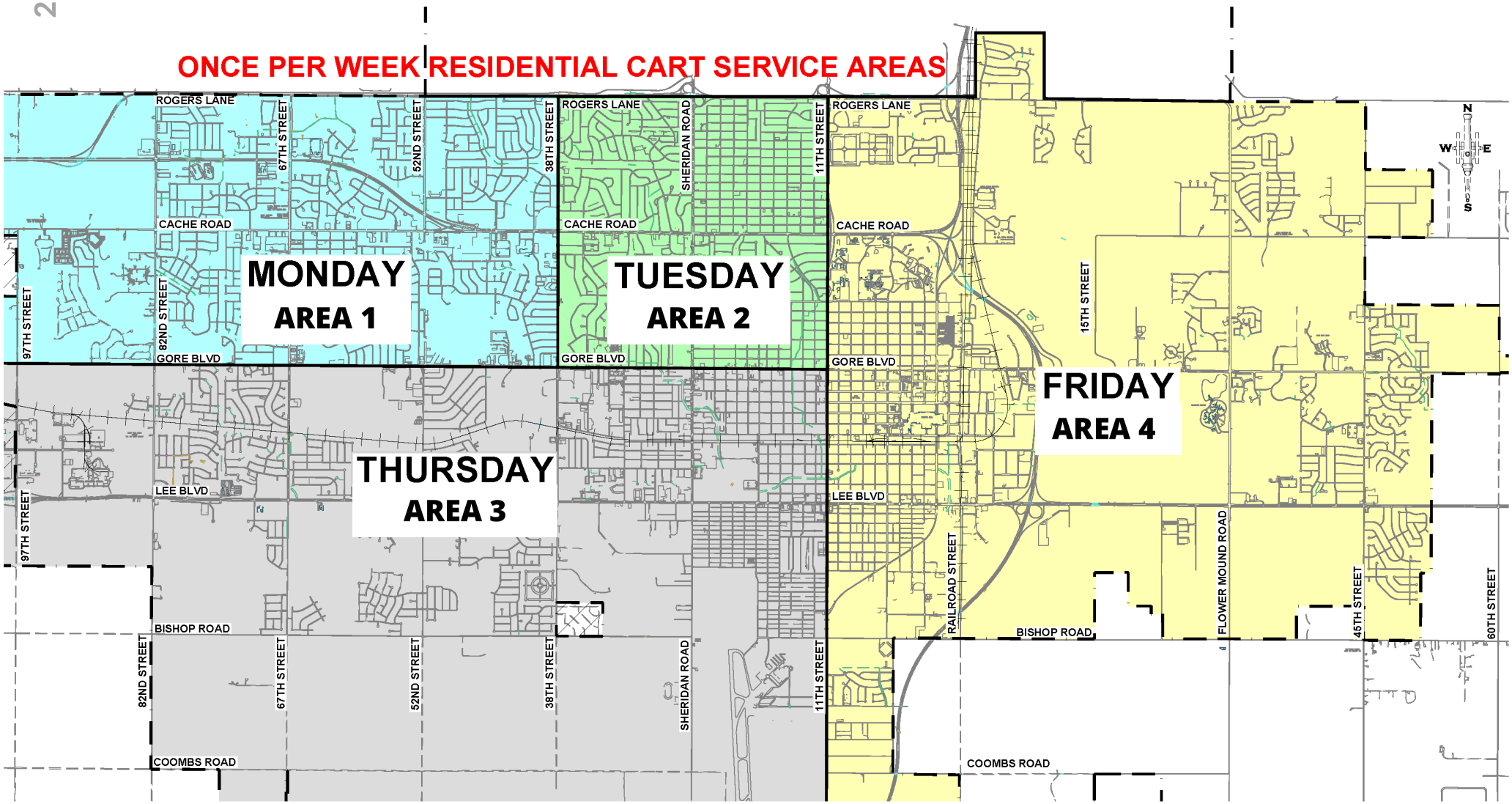
Drivers must remain in the truck cab to maintain the high level of productivity and low cost of the automated system. Excess trash exceeding the poly cart capacities will not be picked up. If you regularly experience an overflow of trash outside your poly cart, please consider an additional poly cart at a cost of only $5.28 per month for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. This will be added to your utility bill.

Things to remember:

- Poly carts are permanently assigned to the residence address.
- Poly carts are designed to hold up to 300 pounds.
- To prevent tipping, never push the poly cart unless the lid is closed.
- Poly carts are collected once per week. (See referenced collection map for collection days.)

Here's How It's Done!

- To ensure your poly cart will remain free of insects and odors, trash and garbage that fits in a standard tall kitchen bag shall be bagged and securely tied shut prior to placement in the cart.
- Poly carts must be placed on the curb/roadway no earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before and no later than 7 a.m. on the designated collection day to ensure service.
- Place poly carts with handles toward the house and lid opening toward the street.
- Keep at least five feet of clearance around the cart to allow the robotic arm to grasp it.
- Crews may work late hours if it is necessary to complete routes.



Solid Waste Collection Residential Service Map

Poly carts are serviced once a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, depending on the area of town you are located. See above map. An interactive map is available at lawtonok.gov.

Bulky waste is collected once a month on Wednesdays, based on an area's weekly household collection day: first Wednesday for Monday routes, second Wednesday for Tuesday routes, third Wednesday for Thursday routes and fourth Wednesday for Friday routes.

Solid Waste 2021 Collection Calendar

Below is the collection map for once-a-week residential collection and once-a-month residential bulky waste pick-up for the year 2021. Please remember that citizens should allow up to three days for residential bulky waste collection.

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Bulky Waste Collection on Designated Wednesdays

Designated Holiday

Area 1: Cart Collection Every Monday, Bulky Waste Collection on 1st Wednesday of the Month

Area 2: Cart Collection Every Tuesday, Bulky Waste Collection on 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Area 3: Cart Collection Every Thursday, Bulky Waste Collection on 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Area 4: Cart Collection -Every Friday, Bulky Waste Collection on 4th Wednesday of the Month

Thanksgiving Day collection will be moved to Wednesday, November 24, 2021.
Remaining holidays will be serviced on their normal collection days.
Please contact Solid Waste Collection for questions at 580.581.3428.

CAUTION: Poly carts can melt!

Your poly cart can melt! Never place hot ashes in the poly cart. Do not place hazardous liquids or chemicals such as paints, oil, corrosive solvents, pool chemicals pesticides, etc. inside the poly cart. Many liquids or chemicals may become dangerous and hazardous when mixed in the poly cart or in the collection vehicle from other addresses on the route.

Multiple Poly Carts

You may wish to request additional poly carts if overflows are consistent every week. Cost of additional poly carts is $5.28 per poly cart per month, which is added to your utility bill. At this time, residents will be limited to three additional poly carts to ensure that all residential needs are met.

Customer Notification Tags

Please read the Customer Notification Tags the collector leaves on your poly cart. It is the only way the collector has to communicate if there is a problem with the collection service. Tags advise what the problems are and how to correct them. For further information, please call the Solid Waste Collection Division at 580.581.3428.

Elderly or Disabled Customers

You may qualify (or you may pay a small additional fee) for house-side service. Please call the Solid Waste Collection Division at 580.581.3428 for more information.

Questions or Concerns

Please call the Solid Waste Division at 580.581.3428 for questions or concerns.

Commercial Refuse

The City of Lawton Solid Waste Collection Division provides refuse collection services for over 200 Lawton businesses and multifamily (apartment) dwellings daily. **The collector services about 200 containers per day.** Containers sizes are 2, 4, 6 and 8 cubic yards. To maintain a high level of productivity, all refuse must be placed in the container to ensure collection.

As a part of the service, customers are assigned to share use of metal containers of 2, 4, 6 and 8 cubic yard size. Containers are property of the City of Lawton and are permanently assigned to business addresses.

The containers are designed to handle up to 6,000 pounds, however, never load dirt, concrete or other heavy materials into the containers. Customers will be asked to unload containers if they are overloaded due to weight.

Multiple containers are provided at apartments, school campuses or where waste volumes exceed one container serviced four times per week.

Some large businesses purchase an industrial stationary compactor with 25 to 42 cubic yard capacity, which is serviced by Lawton Solid Waste Collection with special roll-off hauling equipment. To set up this service Contact Lawton Solid Waste Collection Division at 580.581.3428.

Things to Remember

- You can request an additional commercial pickup during the month for an additional fee.
- You can request a commercial bulky waste pickup for a fee of $115.93 per hour (some limitations do apply).

Bulky Waste Collection

The Solid Waste Collection Division offers bulk collection service for only large, bulky items that will not fit in a poly cart as well as bagged yard waste and tree limbs. It will be provided for all one- and two-family dwellings that are current on utility accounts. Each active utility home will have a bulky waste set out day which will occur on a Wednesday. (Please see referenced map for your bulk collection schedule).

Each bulky waste pickup (per account collection) will be limited to 4 cubic yards and items shall be placed a minimum of 5 feet from obstructions, such as mailboxes, fences, water and gas meters and parked cars. Bulky waste pickups must be placed within 10 feet behind the curb; not in the street. Items also shall not be placed under trees or power lines to avoid interference with equipment.

Bulky Waste Collection Guidelines

- Residents will have a 4 cubic yard size limitation per pickup (which is equivalent to two refrigerators, three queen mattresses, two couches, or a stack of brush 3ft.x 6ft.x 6ft). In the event that the bulk pickup is larger than 4 cubic yards, contact will be made with resident and, in the future, there may be additional fees applied to their account for the additional pickup.
- Residents need to have their bulk items at the curb by 7 A.M. on the day of their scheduled set out and no earlier than 72 hours prior to collection day. *Please allow up to three days for crews to complete an area's bulky waste collection.*
- During times of natural disaster events (floods, ice storms, etc.), residential bulk collection may be suspended until disaster debris is fully collected.

For questions in reference to bulk pickup, contact the Solid Waste Collection office at 580.581.3428 Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., with the exception of Wednesday; Wednesday office hours are from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Bulky Waste Set Out Guidelines

Collectable Waste:

- Large and small household appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, barbecue grills, etc.)
- Refrigerators and air conditioners (refrigerant evacuated by licensed HVAC professional)
- Mattresses
- Tree debris (lengths of 6' or less, and max. 24'' in diameter)
- Bagged yard waste (leaves, grass clippings)
- Fencing materials (fence panels 6' x 8' or less)
- Lumber (lengths of 6' or less)
- Furniture (couches, chairs, tables)
- Electronics
- Cardboard boxes (loose items in boxes must be secured)
- Carpet and padding

NON-Collectable Waste:

- Household solid waste items that fit in a poly cart
- Automotive fluids (antifreeze, transmission fluid, etc.)
- Automotive repair items (tires, rims, frames, auto parts, etc.)
- Automotive batteries
- Bricks
- Concrete
- Construction debris (uncontained sheetrock, dirt, rocks, etc.)
- Liquid waste of any kind
- Fuel storage items (fuel cans, propane tanks, etc.)
- Hazardous waste/chemicals
- Oils (automotive, household, or cooking oils, etc.)
- Paints and solvents
- Tires
- Medical wastes (soiled linens, home health products, etc.)
- Windows or glass items
- Bagged, loose, or scattered household trash (place bagged household trash in cart)
- Explosives
- Pool chemicals

What To Do With Items NOT Accepted As Bulky Waste

Lawton City Code 22-1-144.A states that utility account holders can dispose of solid waste from their own personal residence at the City of Lawton landfill throughout the year.

Individuals must present a current city utility bill, reflecting a charge for refuse service and a current driver's license reflecting either the resident's name or address which matches the utility bill.

Each active utility account holder will be allowed six trips annually for a $3.00 gate fee with additional trips after that being billed at normal landfill rates.

Any vehicle with commercial markings or tags will be assessed a fee. However, commercial vehicles bringing grass clippings or wood chips to the Landfill will be assessed a $3.00 gate fee as long as the grass clippings or wood chips are not contained in plastic bags or other similar containers and are not co-mingled with other wastes.

Vehicles larger than 1 ton will be assessed a fee.

The operating hours of the City of Lawton Landfill are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Saturday and is located at 8902 SW 11th Street.

For more information, call the City of Lawton Landfill at 580.581.3468.

Items Accepted at the Landfill

- Light pickup and passenger car tires (off the rim)
- Remodeling and construction debris (dirt, rock, bricks and concrete)
- Automotive batteries
- Waste oil (small amounts up to 5 gallons)*
- Paints (water based)*
- Trees and grass clippings
- Shingles and roofing material
- Household waste

**No free-flowing liquids are allowed to be dumped at the landfill.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I use my own trash can?
No, ONLY the City of Lawton issued poly carts will be picked up by collection trucks.

What happens if my collection day falls on a holiday?
Solid Waste Collection will be collecting on most holidays. If collection isn't performed on the holiday, see the Solid Waste Collection reference calendar for your assigned holiday collection day, which can be viewed at on the City of Lawton website, lawtonok.gov.

What if my cart gets damaged?
If poly carts are damaged through normal wear and tear, the City of Lawton will replace them. If neglect is determined, the resident will be charged the current replacement fee.

Will bagged garbage set by a poly cart be picked up?
No, if one poly cart isn't big enough, you can order an additional cart for $5.28 per month each for a minimum 12 month period.

Will bagged yard waste be accepted?
Yes, bagged yard waste will be collected on your monthly bulk collection day.

Can I take my cart with me if I move?
No, each cart has a serial number and is assigned to the house address.

Should I bag the trash going into my poly cart?
Yes, bagging the trash is required in accordance with City Code. Bagging trash also helps prevent litter, reduces odor and keeps poly carts clean. (See Chapter 22 of Lawton City Code for more information.)

When will bulky waste be collected?
Bulky waste collection will begin on Wednesday each month. Please see collection schedule calendar for exact day for your area. Please allow up to three days for crews to complete an area's bulky waste collection.

What can I do with items not picked up as bulky waste?
Many items can be taken to the City of Lawton Landfill throughout the year, or contact the City of Lawton Solid Waste Collection office at 580.581.3428 for additional options.

What can I do with my recyclables?
The City Of Lawton does not provide recyclables collection. However, Fort Sill MWR offers a free recycling program for service members and civilians: ***https://sill.armymwr.com/programs/recycle-center****. The City of Lawton also has an agreement with the private recycling subscription program Recyclops:* ***https://recyclops.com/****.*

Collection Calendar

The most up-to-date collection calendar can be found on the City of Lawton website at **lawtonok.gov/departments/solid-waste-collection**.

Questions or Concerns

Please call the Solid Waste Division at 580.581.3428 for questions or concerns. Stay up to date with City of Lawton news by texting **"LAWTON101"** to **99411**.

Stay Connected

Opt in for CodeRED updates by texting "LAWTON101" to 99411.

You will receive texts and emails when there is a Solid Waste Collection update for your area.

This City of Lawton policy is effective 2021 by the Office of the City Manager, City of Lawton. _____