

Garden City



# Recycling, Trash, and Compost Handbook

Your guide to Garden City's recycling, trash, and compost program



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### Cart sizes



48-gallon



65-gallon



95-gallon

## Trash Collection Guidelines

- Residential trash rates in Garden City are determined by trash cart size. Three cart sizes are available: 48-gallon, 65-gallon and 95-gallon.
- Trash service is weekly, year-round.
- Yard waste must go in the trash cart (or compost cart if participating in this program).
- All waste must fit in the cart with the lid closed.
- Do not pack trash in the carts so it becomes stuck and will not fall out.
- Do not place hot ashes into the cart or set cart near sources of heat (furnace, fireplace, or grill).
- Needles, lancets, and other sharps must be placed inside a sealed, rigid plastic or metal container if disposing in your trash cart.
- Carts should be placed 3' apart in the street with the wheels against the gutter and the handle facing the house. Make sure to leave the mailbox accessible and avoid overhead obstructions.
- Extra trash carts are available for a small monthly fee.
- Tree limbs, carpet, linoleum, and other bundled wastes must be 4' or shorter in length, 30lbs. or less, and 18" or smaller in diameter when set out during Free Cleanup Weeks.
- Do not put liquids, tires, or household hazardous waste in your cart (see pages 10-11).
- Carts should be left at the home if you move.

### Free Cleanup Weeks

Garden City residents can get rid of bulk items and non-Freon® appliances for free during the City's unlimited collection weeks: Spring Cleanup (the third full week of May each year) and Holiday Cleanup (the first full week after Christmas each year). All households, regardless of service level, may participate in the free cleanup weeks. Collection will occur on your scheduled service day. Waste in carts, trash cans, tied bundles, and tied plastic bags will be collected. Email Republic Services® ([csidaho@Republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@Republicservices.com)) or call **208.345.1265** to schedule large items.







### Large Item Collection

Appliances, furniture, and other large item collection is available year-round for an additional fee. Large items (not fitting in your trash cart) must be scheduled ahead of time. Make sure they are outside and visible to the driver on trash day for removal. These items include:

- ▶ **Furniture:** couch, chair, dresser, bed frame, mattress/box spring, etc.
- ▶ **Appliances:** refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dishwasher, hot water heater, etc. Appliances must be empty. After the items are collected, Freon® is safely removed (if present) and appliances are recycled.
- ▶ **Miscellaneous:** bicycle, swing set, carpet/pad, grill, lawnmower, water softener, furnace, swamp cooler, etc.
- ▶ **Recycling option:** metal items such as barbecue grills, swing sets, bicycles and metal shelving can be recycled for free at the Meridian Transfer Station (open Mon. - Sat. from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; 2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian, ID, enter on Benchmark).

### Carry-Out Service

Curbside carry-out service is available in Garden City for a monthly fee. Carts must be visible and accessible to the driver from the street. Common carry-out locations include a next-to-yard gate, garage door, or side of the house. Republic Services will retrieve, empty, and return the carts for carry-out service customers. Carts cannot be inside structures, behind fences, or in areas where animals are present. Customers requesting this service must sign a carry-out agreement.

### Service for People with Disabilities

Customers who have qualified for temporary or permanent disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act may receive free carry-out service.

### Senior and Veteran Discounts

Garden City offers a discounted monthly fee to seniors (65 and older) and U.S. military veterans.

To arrange a large item or appliance pickup, call Republic Services at **208.345.1265** or email **csidaho@republicservices.com**.



# No sorting. No sweat.

Have you heard that blue is the new green? Garden City's no-sort carts make recycling easier than ever. Make sure recyclables are empty, clean, and dry before throwing them loose in the recycling cart.



# Recycling Guidelines

Recycling is included in residential solid waste service. Every household is provided a blue recycling cart for every-other-week collection. Residents may choose the recycling cart size that best meets their needs. Carts are available in 48, 65, and 95-gallon sizes.

## Recycling List

### Items Accepted (no sorting)

- > **Aluminum and Steel/Tin Cans:** labels okay, must be empty, clean, and dry
- > **Corrugated Cardboard:** flatten or cut boxes so they fit completely inside the recycling cart.
- > **Mixed Paper:** newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, dry food/dry good boxes, paper bags, packing paper, phone books, etc.
- > **Plastics:** household plastic bottles and jugs with a number 1 or 2 on the bottom (i.e. plastic milk, juice, soda, and detergent jugs)
- > **Orange Hefty® Energy Bags®:** is an optional program where low-quality plastics are used for energy recovery. Residents may purchase Hefty® Energy Bags® from local stores that sell Hefty® plastic bags. Tightly close the following plastics in the Energy Bag® before placing it in the blue recycle cart: plastic bags (bread, tortilla, chip, salad, meat/cheese packaging, food storage), juice pouches, foam plates/bowls/cups, plastic flatware, candy wrappers, single-serving plastic cups, rigid dairy tubs (sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese), empty toothpaste tubes, and bubble wrap.

### Recycling Accepted Outside your Cart

#### USED MOTOR OIL

- > Recycle up to 2 gallons per household per week
- > DO NOT mix oil with other fluids like gasoline or antifreeze
- > Use a non-returnable, transparent plastic container
- > Set containers next to (not inside) your carts
- > Label container "Used Motor Oil"

### Items Not Accepted in Your Recycling Cart

- ✗ No glass
- ✗ No polystyrene foam
- ✗ No loose plastic bags
- ✗ No milk or juice cartons
- ✗ No empty hazardous waste or pesticide containers
- ✗ No hardbound books
- ✗ No paper plates, cups, towels, napkins, tissue, diapers, or toilet paper
- ✗ No yard waste (place in trash cart, or compost cart if participating in this program)

## Recycling Centers

Recycling centers vary in the types of materials they take. For more information about what materials are accepted at specific centers, please call in advance.

### REPUBLIC SERVICES MERIDIAN TRANSFER STATION

208.345.1265  
2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian, ID 83642 (enter Benchmark Road, located between Ten Mile and Linder, off Franklin Road)

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### The following materials are accepted for free at the recycling center:

cardboard, mixed paper, cans, bulk metals, and non-Freon® appliances.

\* The transfer station does not pay for recyclables.

### PACIFIC STEEL AND RECYCLING

208.375.2131  
5120 Emerald Street, Boise

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon

### WESTERN RECYCLING

208.375.8580  
1990 South Cole Road, Boise

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Note: Location hours and materials accepted for recycling are subject to change. For current information, we recommend calling in advance.*







# Composting: an Optional Service

**Roughly 40% of household waste can be composted.**

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:** Composting saves landfill space and creates a useful soil amendment. Finished compost is **FREE** to participating residents. One cubic yard of compost may be collected each spring and fall from designated drop-site locations in town. Participating residents will be notified via text message when compost is available.

## Composting

Composting is a subscription service available to Garden City residents for a monthly fee. It's a great way to reduce your trash and create a valuable soil amendment.

### Setout Protocol

Compost collection occurs weekly, year-round, on the same day as your trash. Fill the compost cart first. Overflow of up to 10 paper leaf/yard waste bags per week will be accepted. Additional compost carts are available for a small monthly fee. Place compostable kitchen scraps in a paper bag to contain potential liquids. A layer of clean cardboard (no tape or packaging material) or a paper bag on the bottom of your cart will prevent organic material from sticking and will make cart cleaning easier.

### Fall Leaf Recycling

All Garden City residents may recycle their fall leaves curbside each November (see calendar dates) or at the Garden City Operations Department from mid-October through the first week of December (207 E. 38th Street).

### Holiday Tree Collection

Christmas trees for all Garden City residents will be composted the first full week of January. Compost program participants may set their tree out for composting at any time.

## What can I compost?

### Acceptable

- ✓ Leaves, tree branches, stumps, and limbs (up to 4 feet in length and less than 60 pounds)
- ✓ Grass
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Yard and garden waste
- ✓ Coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags, and eggshells
- ✓ Pine cones and needles



### Unacceptable

- ✗ Dairy
- ✗ Fats, oils, and grease
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Grains, bread, and pasta
- ✗ Meat, fish, bones, or any other animal by-product
- ✗ Plastics
- ✗ Compostable bags, plates, cups, or utensils





# Be safe with hazardous waste

Products used for cleaning, home improvements, automobile maintenance and lawn and garden care contain ingredients that can harm human health and the environment. Properly disposing of these hazardous products will keep our community safe and clean.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

### Rotating Collection Sites

There are many convenient neighborhood collection sites serviced by the household hazardous waste vehicles. The mobile sites are open noon - 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. To locate the site nearest you, call [208.577.4736](tel:208.577.4736) or visit [Adacounty.id.gov/landfill/waste-types-solutions/hazardous-waste](http://Adacounty.id.gov/landfill/waste-types-solutions/hazardous-waste)

### ADA County HHW Collection Facility

Garden City residents may also take household hazardous waste to the collection facility located at the Ada County Landfill. Address: 10300 N. Seaman's Gulch Road

**Hours:** Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Identifying Hazardous Waste

Items such as solvents, paint/stain/varnish, yard/garden products (including pesticides and herbicides), batteries, automotive products (including oil), fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, TVs, and computer monitors are considered hazardous waste.

If something is hazardous, the label will contain one of these words: Caution, Danger, Poison, Warning, Corrosive, Flammable, Explosive, Oxidizer, Irritant, Environmental Hazard.

If the label contains one or more of these words, it is hazardous and is accepted at the disposal sites listed. Do not throw hazardous waste in your trash or recycling cart. For more information, call [208.577.4736](tel:208.577.4736).

### Needles, Sharps and Syringes

Follow these simple steps for safe disposal of sharps:

- Purchase a sharps container or use a hard plastic (e.g. laundry detergent) or metal (e.g. coffee can) container.
- Using permanent marker, label container, "**USED HOUSEHOLD SHARPS: DO NOT RECYCLE.**"
- Place sharps point-first into container.
- Keep lid on at all times to prevent spills and decrease needle stick hazards.
- Fill container as much as possible with sharps, and then fill with sand or kitty litter. You must be able to close container lid.
- When full, cap container with lid, and secure with duct tape.
- Place in trash cart.

### DON'T!

- ✗ Put loose sharps in the trash.
- ✗ Flush used needles or medicines down the toilet.
- ✗ Place sharps in recycling carts.

### Medication Disposal

Residents can drop off old prescriptions at area law enforcement offices.

- Liquid prescription medicines must be in the original container and sealed in a plastic bag.
- Do not dispose of medicines from a business.
- Sharps, needles, aerosol cans, infectious or bloody wastes, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide are NOT accepted.

### GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

301 E. 50th Street, Garden City, ID 83714

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[208.472.2950](tel:208.472.2950)

### ADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(Center Lobby, Building #1)  
7200 Barrister Drive, Boise, ID 83704  
**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[208.577.3000](tel:208.577.3000)





# Your wheeled carts

Wheeled recycling and trash carts make getting your materials to the curb easy. They are also an important part of automated collection. In order for trucks to grab and dump your carts, you need to follow a few basic rules when placing your carts against the curb or along the alley.

## Cart Placement

- › Set carts out by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts from street within 24 hours.
- › Place wheeled carts in the street with the wheels against the curb and handle facing the house.
- › Do not block the sidewalk with carts.

### 3-Foot Rule

Keep carts at least 3 feet away from other carts, mailboxes, fire hydrants, low-hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, and utility poles, so trucks can easily access the cart.

### Weight Limits

Your carts cannot be picked up if they exceed the following weight limits:

**48-gallon cart:** 168 lbs.

**65-gallon cart:** 200 lbs.

**95-gallon cart:** 335 lbs.

**NOTE:** Sod, rocks, concrete, or bricks can overload the cart and cause damage. Carts containing these materials will not be serviced.

## Additional Carts

Residents may order up to six 95-gallon trash carts. To order additional carts, contact Garden City Utility Billing at **208.472.2930**. Waivers are required for more than six trash carts.

## Cart Exchange Policy

To exchange or replace damaged carts contact Republic Services at [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com) or **208.345.1265**. Exchange fees may apply.

## Damaged or Broken Carts

Damaged or broken carts are repaired or replaced for free.

## Cart Cleaning

Customers are responsible for keeping carts clean. Rinse carts by placing them on their side and spraying the inside on a lawn and spraying the inside with a strong spray of water. Let dry with the lid open.







# Contact Us

## More Information

For additional questions, contact Garden City Utility Billing at: [208.472.2930](tel:208.472.2930) or Republic Services: [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com), [208.345.1265](tel:208.345.1265), or [Local.republicservices.com/site/idaho](http://Local.republicservices.com/site/idaho) and click Garden City in the drop-down menu.

### Starting, Stopping, and Changing Cart Service

To start or stop residential recycling, trash or composting services, contact Garden City Utility Billing at [208.472.2930](tel:208.472.2930).

### Repairing or Replacing a Cart

To have a cart repaired or replaced, contact Republic Services at [208.345.1265](tel:208.345.1265) or [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com).

### Household Hazardous Waste

For more information regarding safer household hazardous waste disposal, call Ada County at [208.577.4725](tel:208.577.4725) or visit the Ada County Landfill's HHW page.





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Meridian, ID 83642

