

Residential Garbage Collection

The City of Rapid City provides residential garbage collection to existing accounts and all new accounts. The service is provided to all residential units up to a four-plex. New service can be obtained by calling the City water billing office at 394-4125.



Residential garbage service includes garbage, recyclables and yardwaste collection. Garbage is to be placed in the dark gray container available in three sizes, (S) 35 gal., (M) 65 gal., & (L) 95 gal. Recyclables are to be placed in the blue container and yardwaste in RALF bags. When ready for collection, all three must be placed in your normal collection location **by 7:00 am** on your designated collection day. **Place all containers three to four feet apart and away from fences, mailboxes, racks, or other objects. This allows sufficient space for the automated arms to grab the container.** Generally, southwest Rapid City is collected on Monday, northwest on Tuesday, north on Wednesday, central on Thursday, and south on Friday. If you do not know your collection day, please call us with your address and we will assist you (355-3496).

Recyclables are collected on a variable schedule. If you have alley collection your recyclables are collected every other week. If you have an odd house address your collection will be on an odd week with the first full week of January 2004 being odd. If you have curbside collection your recyclables will be collected any time they are placed out on your normal collection day.

If you are moving in or out, or have an occasional unusually large amount of extra garbage that will not fit in your container, please call 355-3496 with an explanation so this can be relayed to the collection supervisor. Once or twice a year we will accommodate. If the large amount of garbage is reoccurring, we will be contacting you about getting an additional container. Additional containers will mean additional charges at the rates listed below.

If you need to change the size of your garbage container, you may come to the Material Recovery Facility (5165 S. Hwy. 79, use landfill entrance) to exchange according to your needs. There is no cost to exchange containers unless we deliver the container to your location. Delivery fee is \$15.00.

Monthly Garbage Collection Rates

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Collection 35	\$7.87	\$7.87	\$7.87	\$7.87	\$7.87	\$7.87	\$7.87
Collection 65	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$9.76
Collection 95	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.65
Recycling	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29	\$4.44	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60
Disposal	\$2.43	\$2.53	\$2.63	\$2.72	\$2.82	\$2.82	\$2.82

If you are a Rapid City resident and are paying for garbage collection service, you should see the above charges on your water bill. Your charges will correspond to your container size.

If you commonly have more garbage than your container can hold, please call and we can provide you with a second container at the given rates. The blue containers are **only** for recycling and are provided to you at no charge. The more you recycle the less garbage you will have. Refer to the “**How to Recycle**” section below for more information on what can be placed in your blue container.

Yardwaste

City ordinance prohibits the disposal of yardwaste such as grass, leaves, trees, etc with garbage. Yardwaste must be separated from garbage for composting. Composting is a means of recycling organic material into a valuable soil amendment instead of wasting it.

The City of Rapid City provides curbside collection of yardwaste to our residential customers. Yardwaste must be in a RALF bag (40 gallon paper bag). RALF bags can be purchased at your local grocery or hardware store. All RALF bags must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on collection day, about four feet from your automated garbage container.

The City also operates three drop-off points for yardwaste. These are located at Anamosa and West Boulevard North, Fairmont Boulevard, and Fitzgerald Stadium. Look for the large green containers at these locations April through November. During Christmas a designated location at these sites will be available for Christmas tree drop-off. Please make sure all yardwaste left at these sites does not include garbage, plastic bags, cardboard boxes, tires, wire, rope, rugs, etc.

Yardwaste can be taken to the Rapid City Landfill at **no charge** year around. The Landfill is open Monday through Saturday, 7:00 am to 4:45 pm.

Garbage

All non-hazardous, household wastes can be placed in your gray container for collection. Please use all household cleaners and chemicals completely before disposal. These items present a hazard to our personnel, our equipment and our environment. Do not place hot ashes in the container. It will melt!

If you have questions about disposal of a household product that may be hazardous, such as batteries, thermometers, waste oil, old gasoline, insecticides, herbicides, etc., contact the Solid Waste Facility at 355-3496 or click here, [Special Waste Handlers](#), for assistance.



How to Recycle

If you pay the City of Rapid City for garbage collection or if you live anywhere around Rapid City **you can recycle!** Anyone without City garbage service is encouraged to recycle using our convenient drop off locations in the parking lot at Fitzgerald Stadium off Canyon Lake Drive, at West Blvd. and Anamosa Street yard waste site, or at Fairmont Boulevard yard waste site east of the Fire Station. Look for the blue containers! Newspapers can be recycled at these same locations. Look for the white containers!

Put the following items in your blue container or in the blue drop off bins.

- **Glass** – pickle jars, mayonnaise jars, beer bottles, baby food jars, etc.
- **Plastic** – milk, juice, ketchup, whip cream, cottage cheese, detergent, and shampoo containers, etc.
- **Aluminum** - pop cans, beer cans, personal hygiene products, etc.
- **Steel** – coffee, food, empty paint, empty aerosol cans, etc.

Remove all lids from containers and put lids in garbage. Labels can be left on containers. Rinse recyclables only to help keep your blue container clean and odor free!

NO PAPER, CARDBOARD, OR PLASTIC BAGS IN THE BLUE CONTAINERS OR DROP OFF BINS. CLEAN CORRIGATED CARDBOARD IS ACCEPTED AT THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AT NO CHARGE!

