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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY

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Delaware City Solid Waste Rules and Regulations

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Trash will be collected once a week on Monday, unless otherwise posted. If a holiday falls on Monday, pick up will be on the next business day (Tuesday). **Curbside Recycling and Yard Waste collection is also on Monday of each week.**

Trash carts, recycling bins, and yard waste piles or bags must be placed at the curb no later than 7 AM on Monday and must be removed before the end of the day.

Only approved carts provided by the City or its contractor may be used to set out residential garbage.

- All trash must be confined in the cart. Only light but bulky objects, such as empty non-recyclable boxes, folding chairs, etc. may be set out next to the cart without additional collection fees.
- All food waste must be securely wrapped or bagged prior to placement in cart or container.
- Single Stream recycling is now being used with bins provided by Town Hall
- Ashes must be cold
- Animal and human excrement must be properly wrapped and bagged. This includes disposable diapers.

One (1) 96-Gallon cart is provided at no cost by the City to each tax parcel. Additional carts needed must be arranged through the City for a fee. For apartment properties, the property owner is responsible for providing either: (a) an adequate number of carts for each residential unit (apartment), which is arranged through the City for a fee; or (b) a commercial type container or dumpster, which is collected privately, at the expense of the property owner, in accordance with the Delaware City Code.

Large item pick up must be scheduled with Waste Industries at 302-378-5400. Fees are charged based upon the size and weight of items. Large item pick up is available for appliances, furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and high volumes of trash. A **Violation Notice** will be placed on large items set out for pick up without a scheduled pick-up date. If not paid for or removed by the owner within 24 hours, the items will be collected at the owner's expense. Violating property owners may also be subject to additional fees and fines.

Yard Waste set out for pick up must be kept separate and free from other trash and garbage. Delaware City recycles yard waste. Yard waste includes grass clippings, weeds, shrub or hedge prunings and minor tree trimming or storm damaged limbs. **Large quantities of yard waste will be subject to Large Item Pick Up fees.** Yard waste items must set out at as follows:

- Sticks, branches, limbs must be cut in 4 foot or smaller lengths & bundled
- Leaves should be raked to the curb and piled (or bagged if desired)
- All other lawn waste must be bagged and kept separate from trash

Unacceptable items. The City will not collect **hazardous materials** including:

- Paints and solvents
- Batteries
- Motors – automobile, boat, lawn mowers etc.
- Transmissions
- Auto Parts
- Oil Drums
- Ammunition
- Propane Tanks

Delaware Solid Waste Authority Hazardous Waste information pamphlets are available at Town Hall or you can visit www.dswa.com.

Air conditioners and refrigerators can now be collected. There is a fee for such appliances. Call Waste Industries at 302-378-5400

Unacceptable items. Construction debris disposal is the responsibility of the property owner. The City will not collect large quantities of clean fill and **building materials** including:

- Rocks, stones, bricks, cement blocks, dirt, etc.
- Lumber, drywall, plaster, lath, sheet metal, windows, doors, cabinetry, plywood, guttering, aluminum, shingles, siding, etc.

Moderate quantities of certain building materials may qualify for Large Item pick up for a fee. Inquire at Waste Industries for details.

Commercial Properties. The City does not provide collection service to commercial properties. Commercial properties are responsible for arranging private solid waste collection services in compliance with the Delaware City Code.

Commercial containers / dumpsters:

- Must be located out of the right-of-way on private property
- Must be placed on a cement pad or other impervious surface
- Must be screened or enclosed to minimize visual impact and to contain blowing trash
- Must be properly maintained
- Trash must be completely inside the dumpster – not hanging over sides

Landlords must inform all residential and commercial tenants of these rules and regulations.

Delaware City Recycles!