

YOUR 2011 RECYCLE & TRASH SCHEDULE

WEST LAFAYETTE STREET & SANITATION DEPT.

705 South River Road • West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 • Phone 775-5242

RECYCLE - IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!



PURCHASE A NEW TOTER

Green Recycling Toters are now available - they have tight fitting lids, wheels and will conveniently hold up to 48 gallons of recyclables. The cost is \$57.52 each.

Trash Toters are also available at \$69.55 each. These 96 gallon containers have extra strong wheels, a tight fitting lid, are heavy duty and compatible with the mechanical lifter on city trash trucks.

New residents get one red recycling bin for free, additional bins can be purchased for \$6.57 each.

Call 775-5242 to order or get more information.

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

A new statewide law prohibits residents from placing tv's, computers, monitors and anything that plugs into these items (keyboards, cables, mice, scanners, printers, vcr's, dvd players) out with the regular trash.

You can bring these items to Wildcat Creek Waste District at 2780 N. 9th St. Rd. Lafayette anytime, and place them next to the red barn. (Just don't leave computers with intact hard drives when the site is unattended - take them out and destroy them first to keep your personal information safe). Items are recycled through a state-approved vendor in Indianapolis.

Goodwill also takes working AND non-working computers and monitors. Call staff at Wildcat 423-2858 to get more information.



SETTING OUT RECYCLING

Recycling is now picked up the same day as your trash every week, and can be placed all together in the red bin, recycling toter or any rigid container marked "recycling". Set out between 7:00 pm the night before and 7:00 am the day of pickup.

Plastic Containers - milk jugs, water, juice, shampoo bottles, soda bottles, laundry detergent, yogurt, cottage cheese containers. (No hazardous product containers - motor oil, antifreeze).

Metal Cans - aluminum cans, steel food cans.

Paper - newspaper, newspaper inserts, magazines, cereal boxes, catalogs, mail, envelopes, office paper, school paper, etc.

HOW TO SET OUT TRASH

Place trash out in good quality trash bags in 30 gallon metal or plastic trash cans. Have them **at your property line by 7:00 am the day of collection** or risk a missed pick up. Set out no earlier than 7:00 pm the night before.

Call us at **775-5242** for pickup of large metal items. Don't pack cans with more than 60 pounds of material. All cans should have tight lids to avoid attracting animals and insects.

Items we DO NOT pick up:

concrete/brick

sod/dirt/sand/gravel

contracted tree/brush trimmings

(If you pay for trimming they need to take the materials away for you).

contracted construction/demolition items

ITEMS PICKED UP CURBSIDE - How To Set Them Out



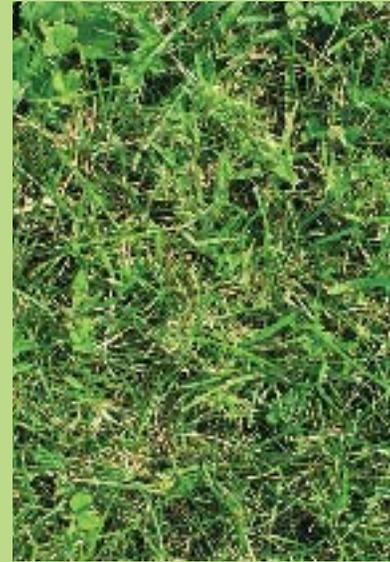
SETTING OUT BRUSH & LIMBS

Brush no more than 4 inches in diameter and no more than six feet long can be taken curbside on your regular yard waste day. Place it in a pile at your curb. Brush will be chipped into mulch. For holiday trees remove tinsel, plastic bags and tree stands and set the trees out on your regular yard waste day. **No contracted work will be picked up** - if you paid someone to trim your yard they need to dispose of the materials.

If you have larger limbs, shrubs and trees to dispose, bring them for a fee to these commercial sites:

•**Soilmaker**, 2000 S. River Rd. WL, 743-9861. \$5 minimum, call for prices. Open April - Oct. Hours M-F 8am-5pm, Sat. seasonally, call first.

•**Tippecanoe Trash Transfer Station**, 2770 N. 9th Street, 742-7131. \$10/carload, \$18/truck load. Hours MWF 7am to 4pm, T, Th 7am to 6pm, Sat. 7am to 1pm. Both sites also take leaves and grass.



SETTING OUT YOUR TRIMMINGS, LEAVES, WEEDS AND GRASS

Grass clippings, weeds, spent plants, leaves and other yard waste needs to be placed in a rigid container such as a 30 gallon plastic or metal trash can that has handles. Set it out on your scheduled yard waste collection day. It will be brought for composting.

It saves \$120 taxpayer dollars a year per household if you mulch grass clippings into your lawn rather than bagging and setting them out.

Leaving clippings on the lawn returns micronutrients, nitrogen and builds your soil.



LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL

Paint that can be cleaned up with soap and water is latex. Dry it out by pouring as much cheap clay kitty litter as there is paint into the can. It will dry in 24 hours. Set it out for the regular trash with the lid off. Then our sanitation workers can see it is dry and they can put it with the trash. Our workers can't take undried latex paint.

For a full can of latex paint, get a sturdy cardboard box and line it with a trash bag. Pour cat litter into it and paint on top until you empty half the can. Dry what remains in the can as above and set out for the trash.

Call Wildcat Creek Waste District at 423-2858 with questions on how to dry out latex paint, or if you have oil based paint. They do not accept latex paint.



SET OUT SCRAP METAL

Call the Street Department at 775-5242 if you have scrap metal.

Then set it out at the curb. We will send a truck and take it to the scrap yard for recycling.

Scrap metal items include ovens, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, metal swing sets, old metal fencing, bed frames, metal sinks and more.*

Remove parts that are not metal.
*No refrigerators, a/c's, freezers or dehumidifiers. See next page for disposal options.

WHERE TO TAKE ITEMS NOT PICKED UP CURBSIDE



OIL & COOKING GREASE RECYCLING OPTIONS

Don't ever pour cooking oil or grease down the sink. This causes clogs in our sewer system that are difficult to remove, and can cause back ups.

Instead pour your cooking grease, oils, bacon fat, etc. into a container, and bring it to the West Lafayette Street Department Recycling Center. Place it in the yellow box under the shelter. Empty containers to refill can be picked up in the same yellow box, or at City Hall.

The grease is used by the West Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Plant as biofuel for their waste digester, creating energy to run the plant.

Absorb small amounts of cooled grease with paper towels and throw out with the regular trash.



MICROWAVE OVEN RECYCLING OPTIONS

Wildcat Creek Waste District can now take microwave ovens to recycle with their electronics program. Residents of Tippecanoe County can drop them off anytime next to the little red barn at the District's Lafayette Office. Their address is 2780 N. 9th St. Rd.

WHERE TO TAKE ITEMS NOT PICKED UP CURBSIDE



HAZARDOUS LEFTOVERS

Never put toxic, flammable or corrosive products in the trash. They can injure sanitation workers and pollute our land, air and water. Use up or take them for proper disposal to:

Wildcat Creek Waste District Monday Hazardous Product Drop Off Events

1. First call 423-2858 to tell them what materials you have. They will tell you how to pack materials and give directions to their 2780 N. 9th St. Rd location.
2. Then bring items any Monday from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Gas, pesticides, acids, mercury items, oil based paint & stain, aerosols, propane tanks, solvents etc. No latex paint accepted. Appointments can also be made Tues - Fri. Call for availability.



MOTOR OIL RECYCLING

- West Lafayette Street Dept.**
705 South River Rd. 24 hour drop off. Pour oil into large white oil recovery container.
- Autozone on US 52 West.**
M-Sun. 8am-8pm. Call first to make sure they are not full. 464-8797. Up to five gallons.
- Wal Mart West Laf. 2801 Northwestern**
463-8392. Up to five gallons at a time.



RECYCLING OIL FILTERS

- West Lafayette Street Department**
705 South River Rd. 24 hour drop off. Place in gray bin next to the oil collection container.

Filters are chopped up, the oil recycled into new oil and the steel is recovered. No fuel filters please.



CONCRETE/BRICK/SOD/DIRT/GRAVEL/DEBRIS

- Tippecanoe Trash Transfer Station**
2770 N. 9th Street, phone 742-7131. Hours MWF 7am to 4pm, T, Th 7am to 6pm and Sat. 7am to 1pm. Larger limbs, brush, sod, shrubs and trees can be brought for \$18 a truck load, \$10 a car load for composting - keep separate from trash. Trash such as concrete, brick, construction and demolition debris, dirt and gravel is \$7 a carload, \$18 a truck load.
- American Paving** takes concrete for \$20 a load, phone 471-8484.
- Soilmaker** at 2000 S. River Rd. 743-9861. M-F 8am-5pm, (Apr.-Oct.) call for Sat. availability. Recycles limbs, sod, soil, straw, pallets. \$5 minimum, call for prices.



RECYCLING ANTIFREEZE

- West Lafayette Street Department**
705 S. River Road. 24 hours. Mark the containers "antifreeze" and place next to the oil recycling container.

- Wildcat Creek Waste District**
Mondays from 9:00am to 6:00pm or call 423-2858 to arrange another time.



REFRIGERATORS, AIR CONDITIONERS, FREEZERS AND DEHUMIDIFIERS

These items have freon that must be removed by a certified technician to prevent damage to the ozone layer. It's a Federal law. **Call Wildcat Creek District at 423-2858 for a list of private vendors** who will either come get a CFC appliance, or will take an appointment for you to drop the item off to them. Both options have a fee.



TIRE DISPOSAL SITES

Take your tires to these locations promptly to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in them. Charges are \$2-\$3 each tire to cut up and send for recycling.

- Mr. and Mrs. Tire**
1094 US 52 West. 497-2800. M-F 8am to 5pm.
- PEP Boys Automotive**
2121 Sagamore Pkwy South, Lafayette. 446-9499. Hours are 10am-7pm all week.
- Firestone Tire.**
2401 US 52 by mall. 447-5041. Hours M-F 7am to 7pm, Sat. 7am to 5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm.
- Wal Mart Automotive Lafayette Only**
4205 Commerce. 8am-7pm all week. 446-0838.



RECYCLING LEAD BATTERIES

- West Lafayette Street Dept.**
705 South River Rd. 24/hr Place in bin near the motor oil collection.
- AutoZone West Lafayette**
360 Sagamore Pkwy. West 464-8797
Hours M-Sat. 8am-8pm, Sun. 10am-6pm



RECYCLING MONITORS, TV'S AND COMPUTERS

- Wildcat Creek Waste District** electronics drop off is 24 hours for household amounts - set monitors, microwaves, tv's, cpu's (with hard drives destroyed) cables, keyboards by red barn at office. Call 423-2858 for more information. Charges may apply to businesses. There is no charge for households.
- Computer Reboot.** 532-5124. 1624 Main St. Lafayette. M-F 9am-6pm, Sat. 10am-6pm. Bring computers and related equipment during business hours. No tv's.

USING LEFTOVER LEAVES AND GRASS AT HOME HELPS YOUR YARD & SAVES TAX DOLLARS



GIVE YOUR LAWN ITS CLIPPINGS BACK

Grass clippings contain nitrogen and 20 trace minerals given off as they decompose back into your lawn.

A year's worth of clippings can easily weigh 1,000-2,000 pounds and equal one application of store bought nitrogen. It's free, and it will never burn your lawn.

These clippings also help keep moisture constant and shade the roots of your "grass garden," reducing stress on the hottest summer days.

Composting clippings at your house by leaving them on the lawn saves the city an average of \$110 in pickup costs each year, per household.

Most bagging lawn mowers can be changed to mulching mowers with an adapter kit - ask about it where you bought your mower.

Keeping your mower blade sharp makes grass easier and faster to cut by reducing drag, and keeps the grass ends from looking chewed.

Using a slow release nitrogen fertilizer in the spring can keep mowing frequency down compared to rapid release nitrogen that tends to cause lots of blade growth early in the year.

Mowing at least three inches high keeps lawns cooler, provides more energy to the roots because of increased surface area, and shades certain weeds like crabgrass out, helping your lawn compete.

Sometimes grass clippings have to be collected if the lawn is too tall - in this case you can use the clippings as a mulch under shrubs or in the garden if a weed killer has not been sprayed on the lawn. The best place for treated clippings is back on the lawn.



MOW LEAVES RIGHT INTO YOUR LAWN

Parks departments have been doing it for years with good results. It's easier than raking. While it seems strange at first, mulching leaves into your lawn is a good way to "sheet compost" and return needed organic material to your lawn.

Fall is the time of year your lawn needs nitrogen and trace minerals most to grow healthy roots for winter and prepare for spring growth. It's the perfect time to run leaves over with your lawn mower and leave them on the lawn.

How much is too much? Today's mulching mowers chew up leaves very fine - surprisingly even up to nine inches of uncompacted leaves will fall between the grass blades immediately, and all the leaf bits will decompose by spring. You should be able to see the grass blades poking through.

Never leave whole leaves on the grass over winter as this can cause fungal diseases. Mowing leaves will make your blade dull, and you will need to remember to have it sharpened before spring.



EASY MULCHING & COMPOSTING IDEAS

Easy Leaf Composting. Rake fall leaves into a corner of your yard. Enclose them in inexpensive fencing if you prefer. Wait. By spring the pile will be reduced by 70%, and it will be completely composted by early summer and reduced in volume by 90%.

Use compost as mulch in your garden where it looks nice, kills weeds, keeps soil evenly moist and even prevents some plant diseases.

Instant Leaf Mulch. Run the lawn mower over leaf piles in the fall. Do this on concrete so you can scoop up the shredded leaves and save them in plastic bags over the winter for mulching the garden or flower bed in June. Place up to four inches deep around plants, but be sure to keep all mulch an inch away from plant stems. By July when neighbors are fighting a losing battle with weeds your saved leaves will make you almost weed free, and weeds that do get through mulch tend to be very easy to pull. Plan to save some of this fall's leaves for mulch in the spring. Be sure to get your mower blade sharpened after you mulch leaves with it.

Sheet Compost. Place whole leaves up to a foot deep in your bare garden beds, and cover with enough soil to keep them from blowing away. The direct contact with the soil will mean 90% of the leaves will be decomposed by spring planting time, and those that remain can be pulled to the side and left as mulch. This way your compost is where it needs to be, saving time and work. Each year you do this will improve your soil, creating worm tunnels, aerating pore spaces, balancing soil pH, and even holding a microscopic lining of water particles plants can draw on in times of drought.

See www.wildcatwaste.us under the composting at home section for more specific ideas and resources to learn more.