

# Community Newsletter



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## Time to Set Out Yard Trimmings, or Enroll in the Service!

Spring is here, and that means it's time to start using your yard trimmings cart—or sign up if you haven't already. Yard trimmings service is included in the City of Fort Collins' residential trash program and is a great way to support our community's Zero Waste Goals. By participating, you help divert valuable organic material from the landfill and support local composting efforts at a nearby dairy.

The 2025 seasonal yard trimmings program runs from **March 31 to November 28**, with **weekly pickups on your regular recycling and trash day**. Please note: Households that enroll in yard trimmings service through this program will receive a green yard trimmings cart and will see a \$5/month increase on their bill.

Yard trimmings materials will only be collected curbside in green city-branded carts, not in personal containers. For residents with extra yard trimmings material, please call to request a bulk item pickup, or save your excess trimmings until next week's service. An additional yard trimmings cart can be requested for an additional \$15 per month charge.

If you're not yet enrolled, call our local customer service team at **970.416.2012** to get started.

### Acceptable Yard Trimmings Items



Leaves, Weeds  
& Plant Materials



Brush &  
Small Limbs



Grass Clippings

### Unacceptable Yard Trimmings Items



Dirt or Rocks



Pet Waste



Plastic



Metal or Glass



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## Let's Talk About Wish-Cycling

We've all been there—standing over the recycling bin, holding something and thinking, *"Well, it's probably recyclable..."* and tossing it in just in case. That's called **wish-cycling**, and while it's well-intentioned, it can actually cause more harm than good. Non-recyclable items can jam sorting equipment, contaminate batches of recyclable material, and increase processing costs.

Common wish-cycled items include plastic bags, takeout containers, coffee cups, greasy pizza boxes and even things like garden hoses and clothing. When in doubt, it's better to **leave it out**—or check the **A to Z Recycling List** at [FCGov.com/a-z](https://www.fcgov.com/a-z) to know for sure.

Keeping our recycling clean and accurate helps protect workers, saves resources, and supports a stronger recycling system in Fort Collins. Let's recycle right—together!

## Common Wish-Cycled Items to Keep Out of Your Recycling Cart



Plastic Bags



Garden Hoses



Plastic Toys



Dirty Jars/Containers

## Acceptable Recycling Items



Cardboard & Paper



Clean Plastic



Clean Metal & Glass

