

# Fort Collins Community Newsletter

## Spring is Here, and Fort Collins' Seasonal Yard Trimmings Service is Back

Spring is around the corner, and Fort Collins' seasonal yard trimmings service is almost back. Starting Monday, March 30, 2026, green cart yard trimmings collection will run weekly through Friday, November 27, 2026, picked up on the same day as your regular recycling and trash.

More than 21,000 households already use this service, and we'd love to help more residents participate. Yard trimmings are turned into a valuable soil amendment at a nearby local dairy, keeping organics out of the landfill and supporting Fort Collins' Zero Waste goals. In 2025, this program helped divert 4,400 tons of yard trimmings from the landfill.

### Need a green cart, or a different size?

Call our local customer service team at **970.416.2012** to enroll or adjust your setup:

- ▶ Cart size options: 65-gallon or 95-gallon
- ▶ Yard trimmings are collected curbside only in green city-branded carts (personal containers will not be serviced)
- ▶ Extra capacity available: A second 95-gallon yard trimmings cart can be added for \$15/month (for residents with higher volumes)
- ▶ If you have more material than fits, consider holding it for next week's pickup (or ask about available pickup options)



**Reminder: Yard trimmings carts are for green materials like leaves, grass, garden clippings and twigs!**



Thanks for helping us collect safely, and for keeping yard trimmings out of the landfill this season.



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## Cart Placement: The “3-Foot Rule” Helps Everyone

Correct cart placement keeps routes running smoothly—and keeps drivers safer by avoiding unnecessary stops and stepping out of the truck to reposition carts.

When setting carts out, please leave at least 3 feet of space:

- ▶ Between each cart
- ▶ Between carts and parked vehicles
- ▶ Between carts and mailboxes (and other fixed objects)

## Colorado weather reminder

If there’s snow or a snowbank, keep carts 3 feet away, and shovel a clear area around the cart so it’s accessible. Also, check that lids aren’t frozen shut before collection day.

