



# City of Lafayette Three-Cart Program

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## 2026 Service and Rates

### A Week



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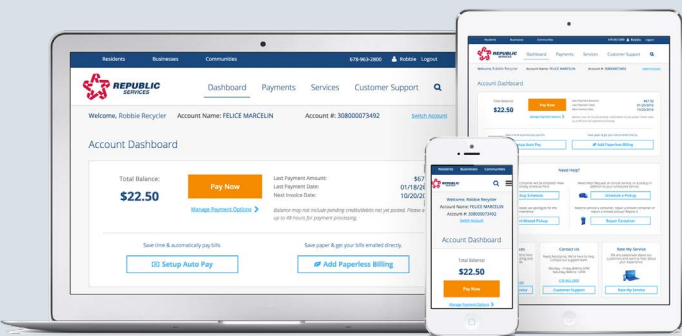
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# The City of Lafayette's Three-Cart Program

- ▶ Weekly compost collection.
- ▶ One free compost cart exchange annually. If requested more often, an additional fee will apply.
- ▶ Continued collection of recycling every other week. Please refer to the calendar in this booklet.
- ▶ Your monthly rate depends on your garbage cart size; the rate includes recycling and compost collection service at no additional cost.
- ▶ More cart size choices for recycling and compost carts: 32-, 64- or 96-gallon.



## Sign Up for Recycling, Compost and Garbage Alerts

Get notifications from Republic Services about service announcements, holiday schedule delays, inclement weather delays and more in two easy steps!

1. Visit **RepublicServices.com/account** to log in or create an account.
2. Click **Sign Up**, and follow the prompts to start receiving notifications.

Go to Google Play or the Apple Store to download the “Republic Services” mobile app.



Customer Service:  
**303.286.2400**  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Email Customer Service:  
**CustomerExperience@RepublicServices.com**

Website:  
**RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lafayette-CO**

# 2026 Collection Service Calendar – A Week

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Please place your carts curbside by 7 a.m.

### Holidays

Holidays are reflected on the calendar with a **RED SQUARE** and the delayed service dates follow with a **BLACK RECTANGLE** (if your collection day falls on or after a holiday, it will be delayed one day).

Monday May 25 → Tuesday May 26 → Wednesday May 27 →

### Collection Issues

Contact customer service at **303.286.2400** within 24 hours to report missed collections.

- Observed holiday
- Holiday one-day delay
- Recycling – collected every other week
- Compost – collected weekly
- Garbage – collected weekly



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# How to Sort Your Recycling, Compost and Garbage

## Recycling

Empty, clean and dry. Place items loose in your recycling cart, not in bags.



### PLASTIC

Empty plastic bottles, jugs and tubs



### PAPER & CARDBOARD

Please flatten all cardboard



### METAL

Aluminum



### GLASS

Bottles and jars

**✗ No plastic bags or wrap; no food; no liquid**

## Compost



### YARD & PLANT TRIMMINGS

Grass clippings, leaves, small branches and plant trimmings



### FOOD SCRAPS

Coffee grounds and filters, egg shells, fruit and vegetable peelings

**✗ No metal; no glass; no plastic; no paper**

## Garbage



### PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPPERS



### PLASTIC UTENSILS & STRAWS



### CERAMICS & GLASSWARE



### STYROFOAM™



### DIAPERS, PET WASTE & KITTY LITTER

Bagged



### LOOSE LIDS, CAPS & TOPS

Less than 3" wide

## No hazardous materials

Products labeled with "CAUTION," "WARNING" or "POISON" require hazardous material disposal.

**These items are not accepted in any cart.**



- ✗ Automotive fluids
- ✗ Flammable gas containers
- ✗ Lawn chemicals and pesticides
- ✗ CFL bulbs
- ✗ Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- ✗ Paints and solvents
- ✗ Batteries

Call **303.444.6634** or visit **Ecocycle.org/charm** for safe disposal information.

# Residential Rates Beginning January 1, 2026

Weekly Garbage Collection	Weight Limit	Monthly Rate
32-gallon cart	60 lbs.	\$17.32
64-gallon cart	90 lbs.	\$28.49
96-gallon cart	180 lbs.	\$39.67
Additional 96-gallon cart		\$8.87
Extra material tag (32-gallon equivalent)*		\$4.00

\*Extra material tags can be purchased at Lafayette City Hall (1290 S. Public Road). Bags without stickers will not be collected.

Weekly Compost Collection	Weight Limit	Monthly Rate
96-gallon cart (smaller cart sizes available)	180 lbs.	included
Extra compost cart (must have 96-gallon cart; maximum two carts per household)		\$3.89
Extra material tag (32-gallon equivalent)*		\$4.00

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Every-Other-Week Recycling Collection	Weight Limit	Monthly Rate
96-gallon cart (smaller cart sizes available)	180 lbs.	included
Extra recycling cart (must have 96-gallon cart)		\$3.89

Cart exchange requests will be accepted through the 25th of the month. The cart change-out and rate change will occur the 1st of the following month.

Other	Monthly Rate
City administration fee	\$2.00

Bulk Items*	Rates Per Occurrence
Mattress or box spring	\$38.80
Large household appliances (not containing Freon®)	\$38.80
Sofa, chair or furniture	\$27.71

\*One free bulk item collection per quarter; must schedule with Republic Services customer service.

To dispose of Freon®-containing appliances, such as a refrigerator, freezer or air conditioner, please contact Eco-Cycle CHaRM: Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials, at 303.444.6634, 6400 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

## Cart Colors



96-gallon recycling cart



96-gallon compost cart



32-gallon garbage cart

Please ensure all material fits inside your cart with the lid closed. If your lid is open, no collection will occur.

For more information, please visit **Ecocycle.org/charm**.

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# Front Range Compost Program

## Composting Guidelines Are Simplified. **Food Scraps and Yard and Plant Trimmings Only.**

Compost haulers like Republic Services and cities all along the Front Range are working with regional compost processor A1 Organics to create a high-quality, clean-finished compost product. A1 Organics announced changes due to widespread contamination (materials placed in the wrong cart) that apply to all cities and towns in the region.

It is extremely difficult for A1 Organics to separate contamination (i.e. clothing, diapers, pet waste, glass, plastics, etc.) at their facility, due to the number of unacceptable materials entering their facility and the difficulty of manually sorting these unwanted items out of the finished product.

As of April 1, 2023, compostable service ware, paper products and compostable bags larger than 3 gallons will no longer be accepted in residential compost carts.

The City of Lafayette’s goal is to provide A1 Organics with contamination-free material, and we need your help! Please call Republic Services at **303.286.2400** or visit **[RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lafayette-CO](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lafayette-CO)** or **[Ecocycle.org](https://Ecocycle.org)** with any questions about these changes.



# What Can and Can’t Be Placed in Your Compost Cart

## ✓ Acceptable Compost Items

- Remove all decals, stickers, rubber bands, twist-ties and anything that is not food.
- Place all yard waste loose in your compost cart unbagged. 3-gallon approved compostable bags can be used to collect food scraps.

### Yard & Plant Trimmings



Grass clippings



Leaves



Plant trimmings



Small branches

### Food Scraps



Coffee grounds



Egg shells



Fruit



Vegetable peels



Bones & Meat

## ✗ Unacceptable Compost Items

### Compostable Service Ware

Plates, cups, utensils, etc.

### Paper or Compostable Bags

Only CMA-certified compostable bags 3 gallons or smaller will be accepted

### Paper Products

Paper towels, napkins, tissues, shredded paper and coffee filters

### Greasy Pizza Boxes

Throw away greasy side; recycle clean side

### Plastic, Metal or Glass



To learn more, visit **[Lafayetteco.gov/RecycleGuide](https://Lafayetteco.gov/RecycleGuide)**



Upcoming Events – 2026

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Republic Services will be picking up Christmas trees for composting during your weekly service day January – March at no cost. Trees need to be cut to 4 feet in length or less and bundled with rope or twine.

Please place your Christmas tree next to your compost cart on your collection day.

- ▶ Trees must be un-flocked and un-decorated of ornaments, including tinsel.
- ▶ Flocked trees must have an extra material sticker purchased from City Hall and will be disposed of as garbage instead of composted.



CURBSIDE LEAF AND BRANCH CLEANUP

Includes pickup of up to 20 compostable or brown/kraft paper yard waste bags and five bundles of shrubbery and tree limbs cut to no more than 4 feet in length and no more than 18 inches in diameter, tied with twine or rope.

Fall:

- ▶ **Saturday, November 7** – Residents located south of South Boulder Road
- ▶ **Saturday, November 14** – Residents located north of South Boulder Road and east of Hwy. 287
- ▶ **Saturday, November 21** – Residents located north of South Boulder Road and west of Hwy. 287

Spring:

- ▶ **Saturday, April 4** – Residents located south of South Boulder Road
- ▶ **Saturday, April 11** – Residents located north of South Boulder Road and east of Hwy. 287
- ▶ **Saturday, April 18** – Residents located north of South Boulder Road and west of Hwy. 287

Cleanup Guidelines  
(place items out by 7 a.m.)

- ▶ Leave items out regardless of the weather.
- ▶ Place items curbside in the street gutter.
- ▶ Place leaves in compostable or brown/kraft paper yard waste bags.
- ▶ Bundle tree limbs/brush with twine/rope. Bundles cannot be more than 4' in length and 18" in diameter.



Bundled limbs



Paper yard waste bags



Non-compostable plastic trash bags

Unacceptable  
Cleanup Items

- ✗ Items that are placed on the sidewalk or in the driveway, yard or alley
- ✗ Leaves placed in plastic bags
- ✗ Tree stumps placed curbside
- ✗ Bundles thicker than 18" in diameter
- ✗ Tree limbs/brush that are not bundled with twine/rope

COMPOST AND MULCH GIVEAWAY

- ▶ **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- ▶ Lafayette Service Center, 1700 Avalon Avenue
- ▶ Reservations required – visit [Lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth](https://lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth) in early 2026.
- ▶ No trucks or trailers.

HARD-TO-RECYCLE EVENT

- ▶ **Saturday, April 25**, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Flatirons Church, 201 Waneka Parkway (back parking lot) – enter off South Boulder Road.
- ▶ Reservations required - visit [Lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth](https://lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth) in early 2026.
- ▶ Examples of hard-to-recycle items include paint, electronics, batteries, cleaning supplies, paper for shredding and more.



EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY

- ▶ **Saturday, May 2**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Outdoor Classroom, 105 W. Baseline Road Family-friendly event to enjoy the outdoors, protect the Earth, and create a more sustainable and resilient Lafayette.
- ▶ Get the opportunity to sit in a EV truck! For more information please visit [Lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth](https://lafayetteco.gov/EarthMonth).

ANNUAL BULK ITEM CLEANUP

- ▶ **Saturday, September 19**  
Residents located south of South Boulder Road.
- ▶ **Saturday, September 26**  
Residents located north of South Boulder Road and east of Hwy. 287.
- ▶ **Saturday, October 10**  
Residents located west of Hwy. 287 and north of South Boulder Road.
- ▶ Place up to 5 items curbside by 7 a.m. Examples include mattresses, box springs, sofas, chairs, other furniture and large household appliances that do not contain Freon®.

For information on what material is accepted, visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lafayette-CO](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lafayette-CO).

Recycling Tips

- ▶ Empty plastic prescription bottles with caps re-attached can be placed in your curbside recycling cart.
- ▶ Plastic shopping bags are not recyclable and can jam the sorting machine at the recycling facility.
- ▶ Videos and helpful tips on recycling can be found at [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com).

Hard-to-Recycle Items

- ▶ If you need to dispose of Freon®-containing appliances (like refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners), please contact Eco-Cycle CHaRM at **303.444.6634** (6400 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303).
- ▶ Recycle items at the annual Hard-to-Recycle Event. Registration is required. More information coming in early 2025.

Composting Tips

- ▶ When cleaning your compost cart, use a hose and natural cleaner. Soap can damage the local ecosystem.
- ▶ Use vinegar, lemon juice and baking soda to sanitize and deodorize your cart.
- ▶ Apply finished compost to your garden area about 2-4 weeks before you plant, giving the compost time to integrate and stabilize within the soil.
- ▶ Lawn clippings and food scraps are about 80% water and need to be mixed with woody waste to keep from becoming a slimy mess. Alternate green and brown waste in your compost cart.



Bulk Items

Bulk items are defined as items set out for curbside collection that do not fit in your curbside cart. Appliances containing Freon®, electronic items and/or hazardous waste will not be collected.

Material	Accepted	Not Accepted
Landscape	Branches bundled with twine and cut to 4' lengths. Bagged yard clippings and leaves/mulch no more than 50 lbs.	Concrete, dirt, large stumps, fertilizers, chemicals and rocks
Construction	Wood, dry wall, windows, doors, decking, carpet and flooring	Concrete, bricks, paints/stains and chemicals
Metal	Small appliances, metal flashing, metal furniture and household metals	Refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, any appliance with Freon® and lawn mowers
Household	Household trash, furniture, linens, clothes, toys, bikes and play equipment broken down to 4' pieces	Hazardous and bio-hazardous waste, needles, syringes and hot tubs
Automotive	Bumpers, auto body panels, seats and upholstery	Tires, car/truck batteries, vehicle fluids, motor oil plastic containers and windshield glass
Electronics	N/A	All electronics, including TVs

Cart Placement

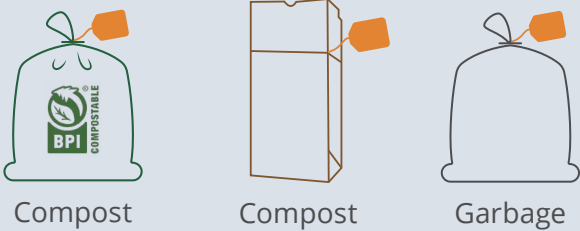
- ▶ Please place carts out for service by 7 a.m.
- ▶ Place carts at least three feet apart and five feet between any other objects at the curb.
- ▶ Place cart with the front of the cart facing the street or alley.
- ▶ Please avoid placing carts under overhangs and wires.
- ▶ Remove carts from the street or alley as soon as possible after collection.



Extra Material Tags

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Thank you for sorting your materials into the correct carts.







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