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Caldwell

Caldwell's Recycling and Trash Handbook

Your guide to the recycling and trash program



Sustainability in Action

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Cart sizes



48-gallon
equal to 1 1/2 trash cans



65-gallon
equal to 2 trash cans



95-gallon
equal to 3 trash cans

Trash Collection Guidelines

- › Residential trash rates in Caldwell are determined by trash cart size. Three cart sizes are available: 48-gallon, 65-gallon and 95-gallon.
- › Residents with 65-gallon or 48-gallon trash carts will be limited to the respective cart size without the option to add extra carts. Residents with 95-gallon cart service will not have the option to add smaller carts, but do have the option to add extra 95-gallon carts.
- › Extra trash carts are available for a small monthly fee.
- › Trash is not accepted outside of the trash cart. **However, each household gets 10 FREE bulk item or non-Freon® appliance collections each year.** A customer can also use their own personal trash can (up to 32 gallons), fill it with extra trash, and have it emptied and counted as a bulk item (personal trash cans will not be replaced if broken or lost).
- › Cart lids must be closed, with trash contained inside the cart.
- › Do not pack trash in the carts so it becomes stuck and will not fall out.
- › Do not place hot ashes in the cart or set the cart near sources of heat (furnace, fireplace, grill, etc.)
- › Needles, lancets and other sharps must be placed inside a sealed, rigid plastic or metal container if disposing in your trash cart.
- › Do not put liquids, tires or household hazardous waste in your cart.
- › Carts should be left at the home if you move.
- › When considering the right cart size for your house, think of: fall leaves, branches, yard waste, holidays and other peak waste seasons.
- › Yard waste will be accepted year-round in large kraft paper bags (absolutely no trash in the paper bags). Additionally, there will be a leaf drop site open to residents in November. Leaves must be loose in the trash cart or in paper bags (no plastic bags).
- › Tied bundles of tree limbs, carpet, linoleum and other waste must be 4' or shorter in length, weigh 30 lbs. or less, and be 18" or smaller in diameter. A maximum of four rolls will be accepted as a bulk item collection.



Large Item Collection

Appliance, furniture and other large item collection is available year-round. Residents are allowed 10 large items collected free of charge. Additional charges apply beyond the 10th item. Large items (not fitting in your trash cart) must be scheduled ahead of time by contacting Republic Services with your name, phone number, service address and item to be collected at answerfirst@RepublicServices.com or **208.345.1265**. Make sure items are outside and visible to the driver on trash day for removal. These items include:

- › **Furniture:** couch, chair, dresser, table, bed frame, mattress/box spring, etc.
- › **Appliances:** refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dishwasher, hot water heater, washer, dryer, etc. Appliances must be empty. Appliances with refrigerant, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, etc., will require an additional fee.
- › **Miscellaneous:** bicycle, swingset, carpet/pad (4 rolls max.), grill, lawnmower, water softener, furnace, etc.
- › **Branches and yard debris:** in tied bundles of 4 feet or smaller and weighing less than 30 pounds (4 bundles max.)

To arrange a large item pickup, call Republic Services at **208.345.1265** or email your name, phone number, service address and type of large items to answerfirst@RepublicServices.com.

Carry-Out Service

Curbside carry-out service is available in Caldwell for a monthly fee. Carts must be visible and accessible to the driver from the street. Common carry-out locations include a next-to-yard gate, garage door or side of the house. Republic Services will retrieve, empty and return the carts for carry-out service customers. Carts cannot be inside structures, behind fences or in areas where animals are present. Customers requesting this service must sign a carry-out agreement.

Service for People With Disabilities

Customers who have qualified for temporary or permanent disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act may receive free carry-out service.

Senior and Veteran Discounts

Caldwell offers a discounted monthly fee to seniors (65 years old and older) and to those who have veteran status. To sign up for a Senior or veteran discount, call **208.455.3000, ext 1**.



Recycling in Caldwell

Make sure recyclables are empty, clean and dry before throwing them loose in the recycling cart. No bagged recycling will be allowed.

Recycling Guidelines

Recycling is included in residential solid waste service. Every household is provided a blue recycling cart for every-other-week collection. Residents may choose the recycling cart size that best meets their needs. Extra recycling carts are available for a small monthly fee. Visit [RepublicServices.com/schedule](https://www.republicservices.com/schedule) if you're unsure about your recycling collection day.

Recycling List

Items Accepted In Your Recycling Cart

- › **Aluminum and Steel/Tin Cans:** labels OK; must be empty, clean and dry.
- › **Corrugated Cardboard:** flatten or cut boxes so they fit completely inside the recycling cart.
- › **Mixed Paper:** newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, dry food/dry goods boxes, paper bags, packing paper, phone books, etc.
- › **Plastics:** household plastic bottles and jugs with a #1 or #2 on the bottom and #5 food containers (i.e. plastic milk, juice, soda and detergent jugs, dairy containers and plastic containers less than 5 gallons.) All recycling must be empty, clean and dry.

Attention!



Plastic bags should never go into the recycling cart.

Items Not Accepted in Your Recycling Cart

- ✗ No glass
- ✗ No polystyrene foam
- ✗ No plastic bags
- ✗ No wax- or foil-lined paper-based milk or juice cartons
- ✗ No empty hazardous waste or pesticide containers
- ✗ No hardbound books
- ✗ No paper plates, cups, towels, napkins, tissue, diapers or toilet paper
- ✗ No yard waste
- ✗ No garden hoses

Recycling Accepted Outside Your Cart

USED MOTOR OIL

- › Recycle up to 2 gallons per household per week
- › DO NOT mix oil with other fluids, like gasoline or antifreeze
- › Use a non-returnable, transparent plastic container with a threaded lid
- › Set container next to (not inside) your carts
- › Label container "Used Motor Oil"



Be safe with household hazardous waste (HHW)

Products used for cleaning, home improvements, automobile maintenance and lawn and garden care contain ingredients that can harm human health and the environment. Properly disposing of these hazardous waste products will keep our community safe and clean.

Identifying Hazardous Waste

Items such as solvents, paint/stain/varnish, yard/garden products (including pesticides and herbicides), batteries, automotive products (including oil), fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, tube TVs and computer monitors are considered hazardous waste.

If something is hazardous, the label will contain one of these words: Caution, Danger, Poison, Warning, Corrosive, Flammable, Explosive, Oxidizer, Irritant, Environmental Hazard.

If the label contains one or more of these words listed above, it is hazardous and is accepted at a hazardous waste disposal site. **Do not throw hazardous waste in your recycling or trash cart.**

Canyon County offers **FREE** quarterly household hazardous waste disposal collection events. For more information on dates, locations and times, please visit: canyoncounty.id.gov/elected-officials/commissioners/solid-waste/ or call **208.466.7288**.

Needles, Sharps and Syringes

Follow these simple steps for safe disposal of sharps:

1. Purchase a sharps container, or use a hard plastic (e.g. laundry detergent) or metal (e.g. coffee can) container.
2. Using permanent marker, label the container, **"USED HOUSEHOLD SHARPS: DO NOT RECYCLE."**
3. Place sharps point-first into the container.
4. Keep the lid on at all times to prevent spills and decrease needle stick hazards.
5. Fill the container as much as possible with sharps, and then fill with sand or kitty litter. You must be able to close the container lid.
6. When full, cap the container with a lid, and secure with duct tape.
7. Place the container in the trash cart.

DON'T!

- ✗ Put loose sharps in the trash.
- ✗ Flush used needles or medicines down the toilet.
- ✗ Place sharps in recycling carts.

Medication Disposal

- Liquid medicines must be in the original container and sealed in a plastic bag.
- Do not dispose of medicines from a business.
- Sharps, needles, aerosol cans, infectious or bloody waste, thermometers or hydrogen peroxide are NOT accepted.

Medication Drop-Off Locations

Terry Reilly Pharmacy
808 Cleveland Blvd. | **208.459.1025**

Community Family Clinic Pharmacy
317 Happy Valley Blvd. | **208.454.1652**

Albertsons Pharmacy
2500 Blaine Street | **208.454.1271**
415 Cleveland Blvd. | **208.459.3411**

Caldwell Police Department
110 S. 5th Ave. | **208.455.3155**



Your Wheeled Carts

Wheeled recycling and trash carts make getting your materials to the curb easy. They are also an important part of automated collection. In order for trucks to grab and dump your carts, you need to follow a few basic rules when placing your carts against the curb or along the alley.

Cart Placement

- Set carts out by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts from the street within 24 hours.
- Place wheeled carts in the street with the wheels against the curb and handle facing the house.
- Do not block the sidewalk with carts.

Spacing Rule

Keep carts at least 3 feet away from other carts, mailboxes, fire hydrants, low-hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars and utility poles, so trucks can easily access the cart. Leave at least 14 feet of overhead clearance to ensure the truck can safely navigate the roadway while servicing carts.

Weight Limits

Your carts cannot be picked up if they exceed the following weight limits:

- 48-gallon cart:** 168 lbs.
- 65-gallon cart:** 200 lbs.
- 95-gallon cart:** 335 lbs.

NOTE: Sod, rocks, concrete or bricks can overload the cart and cause damage. Carts containing these materials will not be serviced.

Additional Carts

Residents can order extra 95-gallon trash carts for a small monthly fee. If you want additional recycling or trash carts, call **208.455.3000, ext. 1**.

Cart Exchange Policy

To exchange or replace carts, contact Republic Services with your name, phone number and service address at answerfirst@RepublicServices.com or **208.345.1265**. Exchange fees will apply.

Damaged or Broken Carts

Damaged or broken carts are repaired or replaced for free. Residents will be responsible for replacing a cart damaged by more than normal wear and tear, i.e. hot ashes, fireworks, etc.

Cart Cleaning

Customers are responsible for keeping carts clean. Rinse carts by placing them on their side on a lawn and spraying the inside with a strong spray of water. Let the cart dry with the lid open.

Notice to Residents

Fees may apply for changing cart size, adding or removing carts, replacing damaged or broken carts and requesting an exchange of an existing cart.



Contact Us

More Information

Recycling and Trash Service Questions

For recycling and trash service questions, contact Republic Services at **208.345.1265** or email your name, phone number and service address to **answerfirst@RepublicServices.com**, or visit **RepublicServices.com/municipality/Caldwell-id**.

Starting, Stopping and Changing Cart Service

To start or stop residential recycling or trash services, contact Caldwell Utility Billing at **208.455.3000, ext. 1**.

Holidays

We observe New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If your pickup day falls on or after the holiday, collection will be delayed by one day.

