

City of Le Center blue garbage bags:

Under City Ordinance #32-42 ALL garbage must be in a BLUE City of Le Center bag.

Bags can be purchased at City Hall, Hardware Hank, and Radermacher's

Package of 10, 40-gallon bags \$30.00

Package of 10, 25-gallon bags \$22.50

Individual bags can be purchased at City Hall ONLY

40-gallon bag \$3.00 each

25-gallon bag \$2.25 each

Garbage in blue bags must not exceed 40 pounds in weight, bags over that limit may not be collected.

General Guidelines:

- Do not put recycling in plastic bags; paper bags are acceptable.
- The Refuse and Recycling Center is under 24-hour surveillance.
- Illegal dumping will result in prosecution.

Dropping off materials that are not recyclable hurts our program and increases expenses. Please contact us at (507) 357-4450 if you have any questions concerning what materials are accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a clean and sustainable environment for our community.



Top 10 Ways to Reduce Waste:

1. Bring reusable bags and containers when shopping, traveling, or packing lunches or leftovers.
2. Choose products that are returnable, reusable, or refillable over single-use items.
3. Avoid individually wrapped items, snack packs, and single-serve containers. Buy large containers of items or from bulk bins whenever practical.
4. Be aware of double-packaging - some "bulk packages" are just individually wrapped items packaged yet again and sold as a bulk item.
5. Purchase items such as dish soap and laundry detergents in concentrate forms.
6. Compost food scraps and yard waste. Food and yard waste accounts for about 11 percent of the garbage thrown away in the Twin Cities metro area. Many types of food scraps, along with leaves and yard trimmings, can be combined in your backyard compost bin.
7. Reduce the amount of unwanted mail you receive. The average resident in America receives over 30 pounds of junk mail per year.
8. Shop at second-hand stores. You can find great used and unused clothes at low cost to you and the environment. Buy quality clothing that won't wear out and can be handed down, whether to other people you know or on to a thrift store.
9. Buy items made of recycled content and use and reuse them as much as you can. For instance, use both sides of every page of a notebook before moving on to the next clean notebook. Use unneeded, printed on printer paper for a scratch pad.
10. Also, remember that buying in bulk rather than individual packages will save you lots of money and reduce waste! Packaging makes up 30% of the weight and 50% of trash by volume. Buy juice, snacks, and other lunch items in bulk and use those reusable containers each day.

City of Le Center Refuse & Recycling Guidelines



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The City of Le Center encourages all residents to recycle and reduce the amount of waste they generate and to help preserve our environment and natural resources. By following simple guidelines listed in this brochure, you can help make our program successful.

City of Le Center Refuse and Recycling Center Procedures

Effective May 6, 2024, the City of Le Center will be transitioning to an unmanned facility, available for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Garbage Collection:

Le Center Public Works will conduct curbside garbage pickup on Thursday mornings starting at 8:00 am.

Curbside pick-up will take approximately 2 to 3 hours to complete.

In the event of a holiday falling on Thursday, garbage pickup will be rescheduled the day before.

Garbage must be placed in designated (City of Le Center Blue Bags), available for purchase at City Hall, Hardware Hank, and Rademacher's grocery store. Blue garbage bags may be dropped off at the Refuse and Recycling Center anytime Monday through Friday and shall be placed inside the garbage truck hopper.

Garbage drop-off for blue bags is not allowed at the Refuse and Recycling Center during weekends.

The Refuse and Recycling Center will be protected by video surveillance and all illegal dumping will be prosecuted.

Recycling Center:

City of Le Center residents can bring recyclables to the Refuse and Recycling Center seven days a week.

Recyclables can be deposited into any of the recycling containers. Please ensure covers are closed after use.

All cardboard boxes must be flattened.

A Public Works employee is available to assist with depositing recyclables every Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Other Waste Disposal:

Grass clippings, garden waste, and leaves are accepted at the compost site on W. Ottawa Street, located west of the City of Le Center shop.

Sticks, limbs, and branches can be disposed of at the brush pile located at 605 W Sharon St (Centennial Park).



Guide to Recycling:

Accepted Recyclables Include:

Aluminum & Metal Food & Beverage Containers

- #1, 2, 4 & 5 Plastic Food & Beverage Containers
- Newspaper, Junk Mail & Greeting Cards
- Food & Beverage Glass Bottles & Jars
- Paperboard Boxes (all cardboard boxes must be flattened)
- Empty & rinse all containers

Items Not Accepted for Recycling: (Not limited to)

- Plastic Bags, wrap or films
- Styrofoam packaging, containers, or cups
- Ceramics, Pyrex, dishes, or drinking glasses
- Auto or window glass, mirrors, or light bulbs
- Wallpaper, gift paper, tissue paper, or sticker release paper, wrapping paper
- Coffee filters, tea bags
- Candy/gum wrappers, plastic 6 or 4 pack holders
- Oil, antifreeze or fuel containers.
- Photos, transparencies, or slides
- Razors, needles, or sharps
- Yard waste, weeds, or brush
- Packing peanuts
- Lawn chairs or furniture
- Flowerpots, carpet, clothing, blankets
- Wood
- Shredded paper
- Holiday lights, extension cords
- Batteries
- Egg Cartons, milk cartons, and roll tubes.
- Pizza deliver boxes and claim shell food containers
- Chemicals, paint, tires, box spring mattresses, metal

