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## Most important things to remember...

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- ◆ No more alley pickup
- ◆ When to start using the carts will be advertised in the local media.
- ◆ Leave the cart at the residence when you move.
- ◆ Each time the driver leaves the cab it reduces the efficiencies of the automated system, which in time can increase the rate that our residents pay.
- ◆ If you have a permanent physical disability and no one can roll the cart for you please contact City Hall for the required forms.
- ◆ Keep on the lookout for more information as we roll out the new system early in the new year.
- ◆ If you are unsure of a good location for the cart contact the City and we will come out and help with positioning it properly at the curb and can suggest places to store it.

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## Dates and Deadlines

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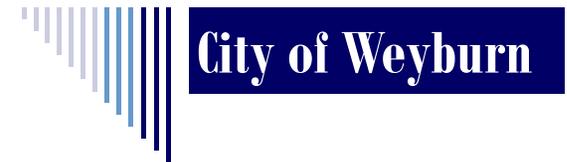
- ◆ Notify the City before **September 30th, 2010** if you would like the smaller 240L cart (holds approx. 3 regular garbage bags). It is recommended that all residents receive the standard 360L cart to accommodate holidays, spring, fall and times when households have extra refuse. There will be an exchange fee of \$25 after September 30th.



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## **What is Automated Refuse Collection?**

Automated Refuse Collection is unique system of residential refuse collection. Each home is furnished with a special cart which the householder rolls to the end of the driveway on collection day. The garbage truck, equipped with a lifting mechanism on the side, will pull up to the container. The operator never leaves the truck cab, but controls the entire loading operation from his drivers seat. The whole process takes only about 10 seconds. After collection, the resident rolls the durable, weather-resistant cart back to either its indoor or outdoor storage place.

## **Why is Automated Collection Better?**

Service improvements and added convenience for residents are provided while reducing injuries to workers through the implementation of automated collection.

- Residents are no longer required to purchase cans
- The carts provide a uniform look to city streets
- The wheeled carts are easy to roll out
- The cart is designed to keep out water, rodents, dogs, cats, birds and insects.
- The cart is stable and tested to hold up in winds of 72km/hr empty.
- Automated collection is more efficient, which saves money.

## **Frequently Asked Questions?**

### **Q. How many garbage bags will the cart hold?**

**A.** The 360 litre cart will hold approximately 4 – 5 regular 70 litre garbage bags.

### **Q. Is this cart mine to keep?**

**A.** The cart does not belong to the homeowner. Should you move even within the city the cart shall remain at the residence it is assigned to. The cart is the property of The City of Weyburn and is assigned to each residence through a unique serial number.

### **Q. How do I dispose of my yard waste?**

**A.** There is a variety of options such as: **Composting** which is a great way to environmentally dispose of yard waste, while creating rich soil for your garden and flowerbeds. **Mulching** is beneficial for flowerbeds and gardens it helps protect against soil erosion conserves moisture and helps maintain a more even soil temperature. **Drop off** any lawn clippings, leaves or compost items at the landfill during working hours free of charge. **Dispose** of yard waste in your cart although you may have to hold onto some and throw away only what will fit into the cart each week.

### **Q. What will happen during holidays when I have excess trash?**

**A.** You may have to hold non-perishable refuse (i.e. wrapping paper, boxes and packaging material) until the following week. All paper and cardboard can be taken to the recycling drop off bins located on East Ave.

### **Q. What about parking on collection days?**

**A.** So that the collection truck can easily approach the containers, we ask that you do not park at the curb within 1.5 meters (5 feet) of carts on collection day. This simple request has remarkable effectiveness, even in areas that could be considered to be problematic.

### **Q. What if vehicles block carts in the street?**

**A.** At the curb it is a simple matter to avoid parking conflicts by requiring carts to be placed at the end of the driveway. Unless householders park in front of the driveway, the container will be accessible. In those few locations where parking is an extreme problem, we ask residents to park vehicles so as to accommodate the new system.

### **Q. How does the system work in inclement weather?**

**A.** The containers are tested to withstand temperature extremes from  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The wide wheels ride well on snow and users from other cities comment that the container is surprisingly easy to roll out with snow on the ground. In winter it may be necessary to place your cart on the street side of the snow plowed berm. In cul-de-sacs and bays it is important to place your cart so the collection vehicle can reach it.

### **Q. What do I do with my old containers?**

There are several options for reuse or disposal:

- ◆ Use to hold yard tools and garden supplies
- ◆ Make a rain barrel
- ◆ Make it into a compost bin
- ◆ Donate it or give it to someone who could use it.