

Dear Schererville Utility Customer,

This correspondence only applies to Schererville utility customers who also receive trash collection with Republic Services, the trash collection contractor for the Town. If you are not sure if you receive trash collection service from Schererville, please refer to your utility bill. If there is no trash collection charge on your bill this correspondence doesn't affect you.

Republic Services listened to the concerns of residents and provided us with three size containers to choose from. Over the last few months you responded with your size requests and orders were placed accordingly. We have taken delivery of about half the containers needed for Schererville and are waiting for shipping confirmation on the balance. The schedule for the delivery of the new trash and recycling containers to your homes will be late October or early November. The delivery is dependent upon the scheduling of the delivery contractor and the arrival schedule of the remaining containers. Please take a few minutes to read through the information below, provided by Republic Services, on using the new containers and the importance of placing them properly by the street for pick up. In November we will provide you with a zone map and recycling pick up schedule. The recycling pick up will be every other week and the schedule will identify your pick up day through 2012.

We want to thank everyone for the information that you provided to the Town concerning this new collection program. It is through your comments, concerns and working with Republic Services that will make the distribution of the new containers and the new collection program successful.

Sincerely,

Bob Volkmann
Town Manager



INFORMATION FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES -

Utilizing an automated truck for collection can be much more efficient than standard rear or front load collection. Increasing efficiency helps us keep your cost down. Automation will also make trash day easy, neat and hassle free for you.

While reviewing the basic procedures below, please keep in mind the single most important factor: in order to increase productivity and savings to the community, it is necessary to keep the driver in the truck as much as possible.

Automated trucks utilize a mechanical arm, which will wrap around the trash and recycle carts that we will be providing you, and empty the contents into the top of the truck. Our carts are designed to work with this collection system. Please do not purchase containers at a local store and expect them to hold up for an extended period of time.

Republic will soon begin delivering carts in your area. One **Blue** cart for trash and one **Blue Cart with Green Lid** for recycling will be delivered to each home. If a second trash cart is needed, please call 219-662-8600. Please do not use **Blue with Green Lid** for extra trash. It is to be used for recycling only. Begin utilizing your carts upon arrival.

Basic procedures:

1. On trash day, please place your cart within 4 feet of the roadway.
2. Please be sure there is at least 3 feet of clearance between your trash cart, your recycle cart, and any other object, i.e. mailboxes, trees, vehicles, guide wires, etc.
3. Please do not overload your trash cart. Loose trash on top of a cart will always end up on the ground as it falls down the side of the truck while the cart is being emptied. All trash needs to be bagged and placed inside the trash cart. For the occasional time that you have extra trash that you can't fit in the container you may place it bagged (if possible) next to the container for pick up. If you find you cannot maintain your weekly household flow of refuse within one cart, please call our office to order an additional cart. There is a small fee required for additional carts. Items that are too large to fit in a trash cart (stove, couch, washer, dryer, etc.) should be placed outside the cart with 3 feet of clearance so they can be picked up.
4. Please place the cart at the curb with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the street. Should your cart not have arrows, the wheels should be facing away from the street. This will prohibit damaged to your lid as well as leave your lid shut after emptying. Yard waste should be placed in the trash cart only, never in the recycling cart. **NO LEAVES PLEASE.** Schererville Public Works will pick up leaves starting October 10th.
5. Republic makes recycling easy. No sorting, just place it loose in the **Blue Cart with Green Lid.** Place the cart in the same place as you would the recycle bin. Keep the cart 3 feet from the Blue Trash cart. **Recyclables will be collected every other week.**

Acceptable Recyclables:

- A) All #1 through #7 plastics, including plastic bags
- B) Glass bottles and jars
- C) Empty aluminum, metal, tin and steel cans
- D) Newspapers and inserts
- E) Magazines, phonebooks, soft cover books
- F) Broken down cardboard/cereal boxes/ brown paper bags
- G) Office and school papers

Recycling will begin every other week starting on the West side of Austin, December 7th and the East side of Austin, December 14th.

Should you have any questions, our office is available to you Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. You may reach us at 219-662-8600.

Thank you,

Republic Services