

# COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Columbia County residents receive weekly garbage service. Recycling is collected every other week.

## Please follow these guidelines to ensure collection.

Please place containers at the curb by **6:00 a.m.**

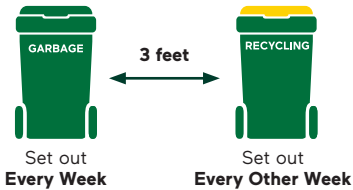
- Three (3) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees, mailboxes
- Wheels as close to the road as possible
- Please remove containers as soon as possible after collection

### Do not overstuff your carts

All materials must fall freely into the truck

### Maximum allowable weights:

- 20-gallon cart – 35 lbs
- 35-gallon cart – 60 lbs
- 60-gallon cart – 120 lbs
- 90-gallon cart – 145 lbs



There is an additional charge for each extra bag or container (32-gallon, 60 lb. limit) that doesn't fit in your garbage container with the lid closed. If you often have extra garbage, you may want to increase your garbage container size to avoid overflow and extra garbage charges.

## Backyard Composting Tips

**By setting up a backyard compost pile, you can turn your food and yard waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment to help grow a healthy garden. Finished compost helps to prevent erosion, retain water and adds nutrients to the soil.**

- Select compost bin or area to create a compost pile
- Compost bins can be purchased or built using scrap wood.
- Add fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, leaves, sticks, brush and yard trimmings to your compost bin or pile, making sure larger pieces are chopped or shredded.
- Stir the contents occasionally, ensuring proper airflow.
- Your food scraps and plant trimmings will become nutrient rich compost in three to six weeks.

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