

REDUCING WASTE IN OUR COMMUNITY



COLLIERVILLE SANITATION

The average American generates about 4.6 pounds of trash each day. That means Collierville generates more than 82,493 pounds a day, totaling more than 30,110,000 pounds a year. That's a lot of garbage. We pay for this garbage over and over when we buy products from stores, when garbage is picked up at the curb by sanitation workers and again when it reaches the landfill. Check out these ideas for quick ways to reduce the trash. Your effort will make Collierville a little greener.

Reduce trash when you shop.

- Purchase reusable and refillable containers instead of disposable items.
- Purchase products in bulk or with the least amount of packaging. Bulk items often have less packaging.
- Buy concentrates.
- Purchase products that are returnable, reusable or refillable. Look for creative ways to reuse items.
- The things you buy today will eventually become waste in the future. Do some research to find which products are most reliable. Buying products that are easy to repair or can be upgraded will make your initial investment last longer.

Stop unwanted mail.

- Last year the U.S. Postal Service delivered more than 5.56 million tons of advertising mail. Of that amount, only 1.23 million tons was recycled; the other 4.33 million tons found its way into our landfills.
- Households can significantly reduce advertising mail by registering with the Direct Marketing Association. DMA is a trade association of businesses advertising directly to consumers by mail. DMA does not do the mailing but its members do. To have your name removed from the DMA list call **212-768-7277** or visit their website at www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html.
- Collierville accepts junk mail for recycling. Simply put in your recycle bin for pickup.

Reduce waste at home

- Print on both sides of paper.
- Reduce the amount of paper and plastic tableware you use.
- Many common household items are recyclable (See Sanitation Guidelines).
- Give items to charitable organizations or friends. Non-profit groups appreciate books, sporting goods, toys, clothing and furniture.
- Prevent food waste and compost organics. Avoid preparing too much food, letting fresh food go bad and buying too much food. This will save money and result in less garbage. Composting the remaining food makes a great additive for your garden.

What We Pick Up



< **Recycle Truck**
Recycle bins >
Plastic/glass bottles,
aluminum/tin cans,
and newspapers.



Knuckle Boom Truck >
Tree limbs, wood, and
appliances.



< **Rear Loader Garbage Truck**
Bagged grass, boxes, bagged
leaves, garage cleanout



Automated Truck >
Household garbage in
< green cart



For more detailed information about Collierville's refuse collection please see the "Sanitation Guidelines" on attached sheet.

FOR OBSERVED HOLIDAYS SEE REVERSE SIDE

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The following Holidays will be observed as Holidays for the Town of Collierville Sanitation employees:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Good Friday

Memorial Day – Monday
July 4th
Labor Day - Monday

Friday following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

In weeks that include a holiday collection schedule, notices will be posted in both local newspapers, *The Commercial Appeal*, on the Town of Collierville Web Site (www.collierville.com) and on the Collierville Information Channels 17 & 19 on Comcast CATV. Holiday collection schedules can also be checked 24 hours a day by calling 853-3215, ext. 48.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE