

AURORA ILLINOIS

CITY OF LIGHTS



Trash & Recycling Reference Guide

Flexible Options!
Cleaner Community!



Republic Services
630.892.9294

City of Aurora
630.256.INFO

Si usted desea recibir una versión en español,
por favor solicítela llamando al 630.256.4636



The City of Aurora’s updated trash and recycling program offers 5 different collection options through its waste hauler Republic Services. The new program is designed to give residents the flexibility to select the type of service that best meets their household’s needs and budget, while at the same time reducing worker injuries and encouraging recycling.

3 TRASH CART CHOICES:

Under the new program, Republic Services provides residents separate trash and recycling carts—both with lids to help keep the community cleaner. All trash carts have wheels and come in three convenient, affordable sizes. Additional cans or bags may be placed at the curb with a sticker for collection.

35 gallon	65 gallon	95 gallon
		
39"	40"	45"
20"	27"	29"
Depth: 23"	Depth: 28"	Depth: 34"
Holds: three 13-gallon trash bags	Holds: six 13-gallon trash bags	Holds: ten 13-gallon trash bags
\$10.30 per month	\$13.25 per month	\$19.05 per month

- Republic Services bills residents quarterly.
- Carts remain the property of Republic Services.

2 RECYCLING CART CHOICES

35 Gallon or 65 Gallon: Residents continue to enjoy unlimited recycling. Each household receives a 35 or 65 gallon cart that has wheels and a lid. Additional recyclables may be placed by the curb in containers that do not exceed 25 gallons of capacity (recycling does not require a sticker).

SENIOR OPTION

This option allows eligible seniors (65 and older) to use special 14 gallon orange bags for trash. Bags cost \$1.40 per bag and may be purchased in rolls of 20 at designated retail locations. See www.aurora-il.org for a list of locations. When signing up for this program, seniors also receive their choice of a 35 gallon or a 65 gallon recycling cart with weekly service.

LOW-VOLUME OPTION

The limited, low-volume option provides trash collection twice per month in a specially marked 35 gallon cart. Trash service occurs on the first and third full weeks of each month. Recycling occurs weekly using a 35 gallon cart. The cost for this service is \$8.80 per month.

SCHEDULE

Trash, recycling, yard waste and large items are collected on the same day with a separate driver and vehicle for each type of service.

COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

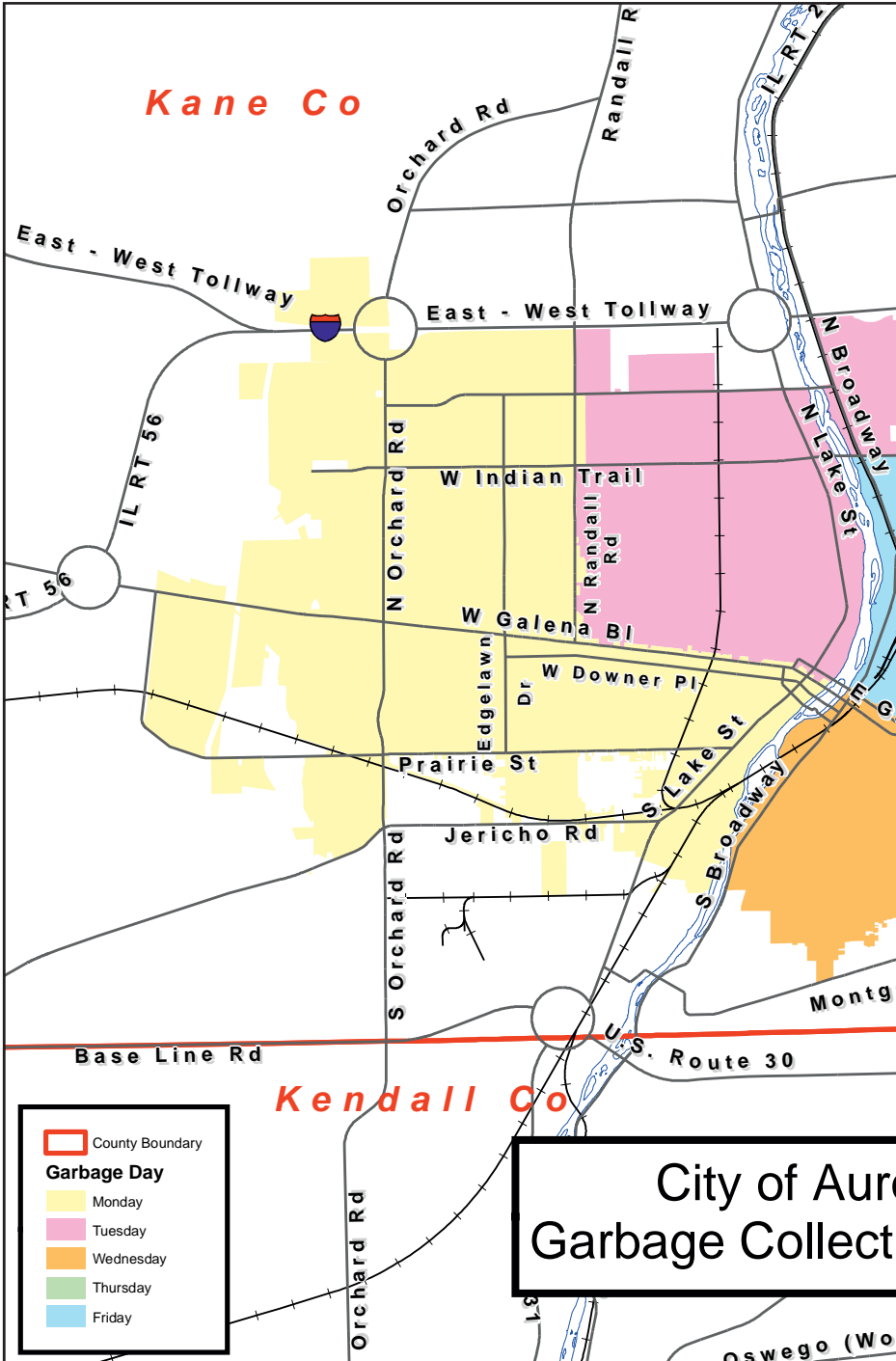
The following holidays are observed by Republic Services:

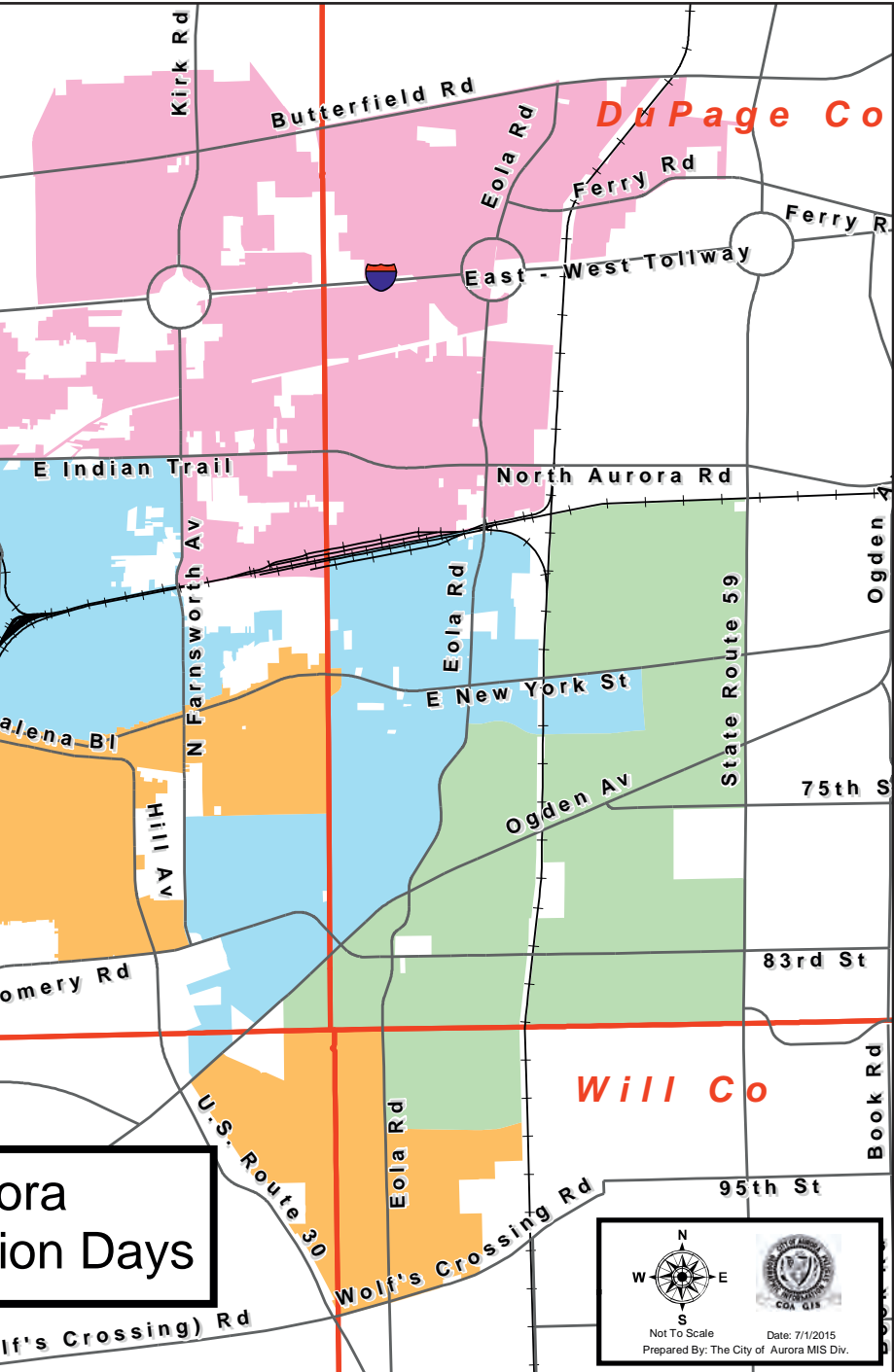
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

When one of these holidays falls on or before your collection day collections are delayed one day that week.

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- ▶ Items must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day, but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the day before collection.
- ▶ Empty trash carts, recycle carts and other containers must be removed from the curb by midnight on the day of collection.
- ▶ Place carts at curb or a maximum of 3 feet from road with front of the carts facing the street. Carts should be placed 3 feet apart from any other object.
- ▶ Excess trash outside of your cart must be placed in a trash container or bag with each extra unit not exceeding 33 gallons in capacity and not exceeding 50 pounds. Each additional can or bag requires a sticker.
- ▶ Stickers can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores or at City Hall, 44 E. Downer Pl., and the Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Dr., for a cost of \$2.75 each. Stickers are used for yard waste, bags, cans, large items and appliances that are in addition to your cart.
- ▶ Content of trash cart or additional cans may not be overfilled. Lids must be fully closed.







The City of Aurora encourages residents to look for alternatives to bagging yard waste for collection. Residents who wish to reduce or avoid yard waste costs should use mulching mowers, leaf shredders, or backyard compost piles. For those residents who wish to have their yard waste collected, the City of Aurora offers the following programs.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection begins the first Monday in April and ends the first Friday in December. Yard waste must be placed in a 30 gallon Kraft paper yard waste bag not to exceed 50 pounds and have a waste sticker attached. The stickers used for yard waste are the same as the stickers used for excess garbage. Yard waste mixed with trash or yard waste in a trash can or plastic bag will not be collected. Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your trash and must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

BUNDLED BRUSH

Unlimited bundled brush collection begins the first Monday in April and ends the first Friday in November. Branches and limbs 1/2 inch to 4 inches in diameter and 2 feet to 4 feet in length **must be bundled**. Each bundle must weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundled brush can be placed at the curb without a waste sticker. Brush less than 1/2 inch in diameter is considered yard waste and must be placed in a Kraft paper yard waste bag with a waste sticker attached.

SPRING AND FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Each year, Republic Services collects yard waste bags containing leaves for two weeks in the Spring and six weeks in the Fall without requiring a sticker. Exact dates will vary from year to year, depending on the weather. Dates will be announced each year in the Spring and Fall and posted on the City of Aurora website, www.aurora-il.org. Leaves must be placed in a 30 gallon Kraft paper yard waste bag and placed at the curb on your regularly scheduled garbage date.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Republic Services will collect Christmas trees during the first and second full weeks of January. Trees must be free of plastic bags, all decorations (including tinsel) and tree stands, and be placed at the curb on your normal collection day. Due to the wire used to form them, wreaths and garlands will not be collected as recycling and must be stickered as trash.

BULK ITEMS

Materials that do not fit in a cart or container, such as small amounts of construction debris and rolls of carpeting, must be securely tied in bundles not exceeding 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length, and 50 pounds in weight. A sticker must be affixed to each bundle. Single items such as chairs, tables, mattresses, etc. must have one sticker affixed to each item. Call Republic Services with any questions.

APPLIANCES

The collection of appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, etc. must be scheduled in advance by calling Republic Services at 630-892-9294. Appliances must have one sticker affixed.

SPECIAL PICK UP AND TEMPORARY CONTAINERS

For those times when residents have a large amount of refuse or yard waste that may be too time consuming to use 33 gallon bags or containers, Republic Services offers temporary containers or a special pickup. Arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling Republic Services at 630-892-9294.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

Effective January 1, 2012, electronic waste is banned from Illinois landfills. The City of Aurora offers collection events at the City's Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Drive, and Central Garage facility, 720 N. Broadway Ave. For more information on electronics recycling, call the Customer Service Center number at 630-256-4636 or visit www.aurora-il.org.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous materials (e.g. oil-based paint, fertilizers, pesticides, cleaning solvents, flammable materials, motor oil and other automotive fluids) cannot be set out for curbside collection. For information regarding safe disposal at a regional Household Hazardous Waste drop-off center please visit www.aurora-il.org.

RECYCLING

Please keep this list of items that can be recycled. If you have questions about whether something can be recycled, please contact Republic Services. Many items that are not accepted in the program can be recycled by other means. Please visit www.aurora-il.org for tips and information on recycling items not on this list.

Paper

- YES:**
- Mixed Paper: advertisements, direct mail, office paper, paper bags, gift wrap
 - Magazines, newspapers, catalogs, and shredded paper in clear bags

- NO:**
- Disposable diapers or rags
 - Soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues

Cartons

- YES:**
- Cardboard and boxboard
 - Soda and beer carrying cases
 - Milk and juice cartons



Metal

- YES:**
- Aluminum cans and foil
 - Tin and steel cans including empty aerosol cans



- NO:**
- Needles or syringes
 - Glass

Glass

- YES:**
- Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars



- NO:**
- Window glass and mirrors
 - Compact fluorescent and other light bulbs
 - Ceramics

Plastic

- YES:**
- Plastic bottles and containers coded #1- #7
 - Six or twelve pack rings

- NO:**
- Plastic bags and film
 - Styrofoam or packing peanuts
 - Plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or utensils
 - Electronic items, printer or toner cartridges
 - Insecticide and hazardous chemical containers
 - Toys

Unacceptable Items

- Tires, engine parts, auto body or interior parts
- Motor oil, paint, car batteries, antifreeze or liquids of any kind
- Garbage and food waste
- Wood pallets or construction lumber
- Yard Waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and tree or plant branches