

WE'RE ON A ROLL

Meet your new
recycling cart!

FAQ



WHAT IS THE NEW CART RECYCLING PROGRAM?

The City of Gahanna has decided to replace the smaller recycling bins that are currently used with larger wheeled recycling carts to improve the community's recycling program. Wheeled recycling carts provide more room for recyclables, have a lid to prevent blowing litter and are easier to move to the curb. All city residents who currently receive curbside recycling service will receive a new cart.

Household containers play a major role in determining the methods in how residents are serviced, collection costs, community aesthetics and landfill capacity. One of the City's Sustainable 2050 goals is to reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill. Providing larger collection containers will help to achieve this goal and thus prolong the life of the landfill. In addition, standardizing the cart creates an even playing field among communities so that collection contractors can standardize their bids, increase efficiencies during the collection process and provide reduced collection costs.

WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE MY NEW RECYCLING CART?

New recycling carts will be distributed throughout the community to each single family residence sometime between April 1, 2019 and May 25, 2019 (**weather dependent**).

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY OLD RED BINS ONCE I RECEIVE MY NEW CART?

When you receive your new recycling cart, enclosed will be an informational packet. It will tell you the date to place your old red recycling bins out curbside for collection. The old red recycling bins will no longer be used once you receive your new cart.

WHEN DOES CART-BASED RECYCLING COLLECTION BEGIN?

Recycling with the new carts begins on the next collection day immediately after you receive your new cart.

WILL MY COLLECTION DAY FOR RECYCLING CHANGE UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM?

Rumpke will continue to collect recycling on your regular recycling collection day. Your collection day is not changing.

WHERE SHOULD I STORE MY NEW RECYCLING CART?

Carts can be stored in your garage, at the side of your house or in your back yard.

WHAT IS THE WARRANTY PROVIDED BY THE CART MANUFACTURER?

There is a 12 year warranty for the body of the cart and a 10 year warranty for all other components (lid, wheels and axles and stop/tip bar). Although most of these items are covered under a significant warranty period, their useful life of 15 to 20 years extends beyond the warranty periods.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CART IS MISSING OR DAMAGED?

Contact the Department of Public Service and Engineering Utility Billing Division at 614-342-4440 to report your concern and discuss options.

CAN I REQUEST A SMALLER RECYCLING CONTAINER?

The City is asking residents to accept and use the 64-gallon cart for a period of at least 60 days. The 64 gallon size is used by many communities in Franklin County and we are confident that it will be an appropriate size for most households. If at the end of the 60 day trial period you feel that you need a smaller container than the grant provided 64 gallon recycling container, you may request to purchase a smaller 48 gallon or 32 gallon container by contacting the Department of Public Service and Engineering Utility Billing Division at 614-342-4440.

ARE RESIDENTS ABLE TO OPT OUT OF THE PROGRAM?

City code 941.03 specifically requires residents to participate in the recycling program and use the bins that the City provides. Currently the City does not allow residents to opt out of the program, and that is not expected to be changed as the City moves forward.

WHAT IS THE SWACO COMMUNITY RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT?

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) has partnered with The Recycling Partnership to offer its consortium members a onetime grant opportunity to purchase standardized 64 gallon wheeled recycling carts at a greatly reduced cost in order to help municipalities transition away from smaller bin based collection practices and implement cart based recycling. Each cart costs approximately \$45.00; however, with the grant, the City was able to purchase carts for approximately \$15.52 each.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED FEES FOR COST RECOVERY OF THE RECYCLING CARTS?

The City will charge a fee of approximately 44 cents per month over a three (3) year period to cover the cost of the cart purchase from SWACO. After which the City plans to charge a fee of approximately 25 cents per month to create a sustainable program that could fund the replacement and maintenance of the carts as they reach end of life.

The implementation of these fees is in compliance with the grant agreement and has been verified in writing by SWACO. For reference, and comparison, if residents elected to rent the same container from Rumpke today, they would be charged \$3.50 per month, or \$42.00 per year. If they elected to purchase the same container from Home Depot, it would cost no less than \$85.96 (79.97 plus tax).

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions, contact the Department of Public Service and Engineering Utility Billing Division at 614-342-4440 or visit the City website at www.gahanna.gov for more information.