

City of Melvindale

Solid Waste Program Update – Fall 2015



Dear City of Melvindale Resident:

Welcome to Rizzo Services, Southeast Michigan's largest privately owned and operated full service solid waste provider for over 50 years, building customer satisfaction on family values, trust, and a commitment to exceeding expectations.

As you are now aware, the Melvindale City Council has selected Rizzo Services as your new solid waste provider for residential collection and disposal, yard waste, large bulky waste, recycling collection and processing. We assumed the solid waste program as of April 2015. To assist you during this transition period, we have made available pertinent information that outlines all of the services you presently have and new features that may interest and benefit residents.

Please keep this information in a convenient location. If you should have any questions or need additional information please contact our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900 Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Service Days:

Please be aware that your current collection day has not changed. Rizzo Services will continue to collect your household solid waste, yard waste, large bulky waste, and recyclables on the same day you are presently receiving service.

All items for pickup (including trash, recycling and yard waste) must be out by 7:00am.

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Note: Once a resident takes possession of a free 64 gallon recycling cart it is their responsibility to keep it in a clean, safe and serviceable condition. Residents that misplace or remove carts from their property or damage carts, other than through the negligence of Rizzo Services, will be required to pay to have a second recycling cart delivered.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY RECYCLE CART?

- Plastics – containers with codes 1 through 7
- Grocery Bags
- Clear & colored glass
- Metal
- Paper milk or juice cartons
- Paper, phone books, magazines and brown paper bags
- Cardboard – cut into 2'x 2' pieces and tied in bundles
- Paper board and box board (i.e. cereal, tissue, shoe box) - flattened and stuffed in biggest box or bundled

What isn't recyclable?

- Packing materials
- Garbage
- Propane Tanks
- Paint cans
- Medical Waste
- Flammable liquids
- Household cleaners
- Dry or liquid chemicals
- Wood items
- Household Batteries

YARD WASTE

Yard waste collection will continue to be part of your solid waste program. We will be collecting yard waste on your regular scheduled service day. Yard waste will also be collected in a separate truck starting April 1 of each year and ending on Friday of the second full week in December. Please have your yard waste set out for collection by 7:00A.M.

Yard waste includes: Garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs & tree trimmings/pruning waste. Yard waste will be collected in up to 32 gallon plastics or metal containers marked "yard waste". Biodegradable (Kraft bags) yard waste paper bags can also be set out for collection during the compost season. Please keep in the mind the weight restrictions on 32 gallon containers is 60 pounds.

FYI: Brush and tree limbs larger than 2 inches in diameter and bundled will be collected with the trash. Bundles should not exceed 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter and 60 pounds in weight. Please tie with heavy twine or rope.

Not considered yard waste:

Dirt
Sod

Large Stumps
Sand

Gravel
Animal Feces

Dead Animals

MEDICAL SHARPS

Self-administering of doctor prescribed medication at home sometimes leaves the homeowner with a disposal issue if the treatment requires the use of syringes with disposable needles or lancets (commonly referred to as medical sharps). Please check with your doctor prior to using any medical sharps for their safe disposal.

If you dispose of medical sharps with your household trash, please place them in a puncture proof container (such as a coffee can or heavy duty detergent container), secure the lid or cap and label "Medical Sharps." Medical sharps can also be dropped off at one of the Wayne County drop-off centers. For more information please contact the Wayne County Health Department at 734.727.7400 or contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734.326.3936.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

We cannot accept any hazardous chemicals that the USEPA considers dangerous and that can catch fire, react or explode when mixed with other substances or if it is corrosive or toxic during the normal weekly collection schedule. This may include: Ammunition, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, gasoline, lacquers, oils, or any other product labeled dangerous, flammable, combustible, poisonous or corrosive.

Disposal of hazardous chemicals with your regular household trash is strictly prohibited. Liquid, powder and/or granular substances, when placed in a plastic bag or carts, could catch fire, cause an explosion, burn or spray when it is compacted into our vehicles or mix with other products and cause serious injury and even fatalities. Please read all directions and precautions prior to use.

Whenever you need to discard containers and/or products leftover, please read all warnings and dispose of according to the manufactures recommendations.

Please contact the Wayne County Health Department at 734.727.7400 or contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734.326.3936 for proper disposal of household hazard waste material.

BULKY WASTE-APPLIANCES & FURNITURE

The collection of large bulky waste, such as appliances and furniture, will continue to be part of your solid waste program. You may set out large bulky items on your regular scheduled service day for collection. You may also call our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900 if you wish to schedule a pickup.

Please place large bulky items out separate from other products for collection and have out by 7:00A.M. Large items may include: washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water tanks, stoves, microwaves, couches, chairs, tables, dressers and other large items.

FYI: Please remove the doors and racks from refrigerators and freezers prior to setting out for collection. Also, it is the contractor's responsibility to make sure Freon is extracted according to current environmental standards.

SAFETY

PORCELAIN PRODUCTS: Porcelain products can cause serious injury when broken and placed out for collection. If you do have a porcelain product, such as a toilet, sink or tub, and it is broken, please beware and take adequate precautions. Whenever possible, please tape cardboard over the sharp edges and mark accordingly.

BROKEN GLASS: If you need to dispose of broken glass, please wrap in several layers of newspaper and mark "Broken Glass Enclosed." **Please never place broken glass or other sharp objects in plastic bags.*

TRAVEL TIPS: We all share the roadways we travel. Please be extremely careful when approaching one of our trucks, slow down and expect the unexpected. The safety of our employees, customers and the general public is of the utmost importance. We have a zero tolerance for unsafe acts by our employees. If you experience any difficulties, please contact our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900.

LATEX PAINT: Latex paint can be disposed of with your regular household trash if dried or solidified as follows before you set it out at the point of collection. If you only have a small amount of paint left, you can allow it to dry out. Find an area protected from children, pets and the weather but with adequate ventilation. Remove the lid and allow the paint to dry. This works well for small quantities, such as an inch or two. When the paint is thoroughly dry, the remaining hardened material can be placed in your solid waste container. Please leave the lid off so we can see the paint has hardened. For large quantities or partially full cans, mix in equal amounts of absorbent material such as sand, oil dry or cat litter to solidify the paint prior to collection and disposal.

Please remember: Do not dump paint or any other type of hazardous chemicals on the ground, down a storm drain, or sanitary sewer where it can travel directly to surface and/or ground water or any waterway.

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All of us at Rizzo Services are looking forward to a long and valued relationship with the City of Melvindale and a smooth, seamless transition into the new household solid waste and recycling cart programs.

We hope that you find this information to be helpful in establishing a safe and efficient solid waste program. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900 Monday through Friday between 8:00A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or visit us on our website at www.RizzoServices.com.

Thank you,
Rizzo Services

6200 Elmridge
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Annual Holidays

Rizzo Services observes the following holidays:

<u>NEW YEARS DAY</u> January 1st	<u>MEMORIAL DAY</u> Last Monday in May	<u>INDEPENDENCE DAY</u> July 4th
<u>LABOR DAY</u> First Monday of September	<u>THANKSGIVING DAY</u> Fourth Thursday of November	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> December 25th

Please remember that if a holiday falls on a weekday, your scheduled service day will be delayed by one day. Regular collection will resume the following week.



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Important Melvindale Waste Program Improvements

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Guidelines for Cart Placement

YES

Place your container as shown below. The automated truck's robotic arm must be able to reach out to the canister and not touch a vehicle.



NO

Please **DO NOT** place your container behind any obstructions, such as cars, trees, posts, or in hard to reach areas - and never block a driveway.



THANK YOU!

For making your container accessible for the automated collector trucks

Any questions please call us at
888-U.S.RIZZO