

HOT SPRINGS SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Guidelines for residential pickup

The city provides each household with a 96-gallon cart and weekly semi-automated curbside collection service. Qualifying residents may receive a smaller, 48-gallon cart. The wheeled carts are attractive, weather resistant and easy to maneuver, with tight-fitting lids that reduce problems with animals and other pests.

Carts must be set out for collection by 6 a.m. on collection day, or after 6 p.m. the previous night. After collection, carts must be removed from the curb before 6 p.m. and stored in a convenient place near your house.

Only typical household garbage goes into the cart. The garbage should be placed in plastic bags and sealed, to prevent litter and to help keep your cart clean.

- Do not put yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, or tree trimmings in the cart. Those items will be picked up by a different crew on the leaf and mulch collection days.
- Do not put lumber, shingles, rocks, dirt, and other household building debris in the cart. These items can be scheduled for collection by calling the CAPS division at 321-6921.
- Do not place hot coals from your barbecue grill in the garbage cart. It's a tough cart, but it's no barbecue grill and it could melt or catch on fire.

If you have any questions regarding service, call 321-6911.

CLEAN, ATTRACTIVE PROPERTY SERVICE (C.A.P.S.)

The CAPS program is a service provided by the Sanitation Department to city residents who wish to dispose of large bulky items such as couches, mattresses, furniture, brush, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and water heaters. Please do not mix items to be picked up with any type of regular household trash. Pickup days are listed below:

MONDAY AND THURSDAY – BRUSH DAYS – Brush that is picked up by CAPS is grinded and recycled into compost. Brush must be cut 6 feet in length or less and no larger than 2 inches in diameter.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY – MISCELLANEOUS – Couches, mattresses, chairs and large brush, wood and building materials.

WEDNESDAY – METAL – Dishwashers, washers, dryers, water heaters.

REFRIGERATORS are collected Monday through Friday. Please be sure to clean out all food items.

Items scheduled for pickup must be placed curbside by 6:00 a.m. At least 20 feet of overhead clearance is needed to operate equipment safely. Please do not place items under low power lines or tree limbs. We offer special assistance to the disabled and elderly. For more information, contact the Sanitation Department at 321-6921.

COST:

First pickup is free, up to one ton. Each additional collection is \$20.00 for the first ton, and \$40.00 per ton thereafter. Commercial customers are charged \$40.00 per ton, or \$15.00 for the first item and \$5.00 for each additional item picked up on the same day. There will be a charge of \$20.00 per item containing refrigerant (i.e., refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners).

Items not accepted for C.A.P.S. collection:

- Tires
- Batteries
- Paint
- Regular Household trash
- Brush and lumber over 6 feet in length.

To schedule a C.A.P.S. collection, please call 321-6921 Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday – 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

EARTH ANGEL RECYCLING PROGRAM

The city's curbside recycling program is the "Earth Angel" program. A progressive recycling program is the best way to deal with over-burdened landfills, protect the environment and reduce cost. By taking part in the Earth Angel recycling program, you have the opportunity to help ensure a healthy future for your community.

The "Earth Angel" truck collects the following materials: Newsprint, clear glass, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, telephone books and brown paper grocery bags. The City will furnish the container and a calendar of scheduled collection days. The container should be placed curbside prior to 7:00 a.m. for pickup.

Newsprint

Newsprint must be dry, clean and unsoiled (free of wax, plastics and other contaminants). Discard any insert that is not printed on newsprint. No glossy paper. Hint: If the paper has a jagged edge, it is newsprint.

Clear Glass

Rinse clean and avoid breaking. No colored glass, light bulbs, window glass or ceramic dishes. Remove any metal or plastic rings, caps or lids. Labels can stay on.

Aluminum Cans

Rinse beverage cans. No tin cans, foil, siding or pie pans. Hint: If in doubt, use a refrigerator magnet. If the magnet sticks, it is not aluminum.

Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard (a wavy layer between two flat layers) only. No pasteboard, such as cereal boxes and shoe boxes. Flatten boxes and place either inside recycling container or underneath it. Labels, tape and staples do not have to be removed.

Brown paper bags

Brown paper grocery bags only; no white or colored bags.

Telephone Books

No junk mail or magazines.

Leaves, grass and small brush

Material must be in plastic bags and placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. Small shrub trimmings no longer than three feet or 2 inches in diameter should be bundled. The bundles should be placed curbside. Pickup days will be the same as recyclables. Please do not set out bags and bundles more than 12 hours prior to collection. No other items may be mixed in, i.e., household waste, rocks or dirt. If they are, the bag cannot be collected for recycling.

KNOCK OUT LITTER PROGRAM

Knock Out Litter is the slogan for the city's award-winning litter control program, developed to address a top priority identified by the Hot Springs Board of Directors. The key components of this successful program include:

Full-time litter crew targeting major roadways throughout Hot Springs.

Educational programs to build community awareness and elicit public support.

Intensified enforcement of existing litter laws.

You can help by using the Sanitation Department services to dispose of litter, participate in clean-ups, and by reporting those who litter.

To report litterers, call the city's 24-hour action line, 321-6808, with the following information: make, model, color and license plate; location; and type of littering. A courtesy letter will be sent by the Police Department, reminding the individual of current litter laws and asking them to help keep Hot Springs beautiful.

Area Clean-ups and Educational Presentations

Check the local news media for information on upcoming neighborhood clean-ups and larger events, such as the Sanitation Department's annual Spring Fling Citywide Clean-Up and the Trash Bash sponsored by the Hot Springs / Garland County Beautification Commission. The commission also makes educational presentations to schools and civic groups. To contact the Hot Springs / Garland County Beautification Commission, call 623-7871.