



Talkin' Trash

Changes to City of Moscow Recycling Collection and Drop-off Programs

Beginning in October, the City of Moscow will be scaling back the list of items currently being accepted in the mixed recycling curbside recycling program. Codes (3-7) plastic, plastic bags, aluminum foil/foil trays, pots and pans, shredded paper and aseptic packaging (commonly used for juice and broth) **will no longer be accepted** in your recycling cart. Shredded paper and pots and pans will still be accepted at the Moscow Recycling Center. Codes (3-7) plastics, plastic bags of all types, aluminum foil/foil trays and aseptic packaging **will also no longer be accepted** at Moscow Recycling.

For the past several decades, China has served as the end market for roughly half of the world's recyclables. In July of 2017, the Chinese government imposed new regulations known as "National Sword 2017" and "Blue Sky 2018" which severely restrict the import of low grade and contaminated recyclables. These new restrictions have caused dramatic worldwide impacts to recycling markets and effectively flooded the domestic markets with recycling materials and driven prices to historic lows. The west coast, where much of Moscow's recycled materials are marketed, has been particularly impacted due to its past reliance on the Chinese market. Domestic processors do not have the capability or infrastructure to handle the excess tonnage of low grade materials caused by these restrictions. In many cases, domestic processors of mixed materials have increased rates and ultimately end up landfilling the lower grade materials for lack of domestic markets. If Moscow accepts a material in its recycling stream, it is not unreasonable to expect that it will be ultimately recycled!

Moscow has done a fantastic job of keeping contamination levels down and the mixed recycling program has increased recycling tonnage collected at the curb by over 130%. This decision to modify the acceptance of recycling materials was not taken lightly, but rather a necessary step to maintain the economic viability of the curbside recycling program during these uncertain times. The City of Moscow and Moscow Recycling is focusing efforts on collecting high quality, marketable materials rather than expanded lists of marginal, low grade and difficult to market materials. It becomes more important now than ever, to only place acceptable items in your recycling cart. Keeping contaminants and unacceptable items out of the recycling stream will assure an affordable curbside recycling program for Moscow into the future. In the upcoming weeks, Latah Sanitation/Moscow Recycling staff will be delivering further information, door to door, to all Moscow

residents regarding these changes. Please take a moment to read about and understand these new changes. City of Moscow Sustainability staff along with Moscow Recycling staff will be present at Farmers Market, Latah County Fair and other venues in the coming weeks to provide further information on these changes and other useful sustainability practices.



Solid Waste Collection Rates

(Effective October 1, 2018)

Residential Roll-Cart Rates (rates include recycling)

35 gallon on demand residential roll cart	\$15.95/per mo.
On demand (each time cart is serviced)	\$2.10/ea.
35 gallon residential roll-cart	\$21.10/per mo.
65 gallon residential roll-cart	\$27.10/per mo.
95 gallon residential roll-cart	\$33.15/per mo.
Over Service/Extra Bags	\$6.60/ea.

Commercial/Business Roll-Cart Rates

35 gallon commercial roll-cart	\$20.60/per mo.
65 gallon commercial roll-cart	\$31.10/per mo.
95 gallon commercial roll-cart	\$41.50/per mo.

Solid Waste Processing Facility Rates

Transfer Station - Household (*MSW)	\$88.25/per ton
Inert/Demolition (**NMSW)	\$36/per ton
Mixed Waste (Combo MSW/NMSW)	\$62.30/per ton
Minimum Fee (MSW, NMSW or Mixed)	\$10/per load

Large Appliances-	
Moscow/Latah County residents	No Charge
Commercial/All others	w/o CFC \$6.90/ea. with CFC \$25.55/ea.

Tires	\$157.95/per ton
Asbestos	\$167.50/per ton
Yard Waste	No Charge
Clean Wood Waste	No Charge

*MSW = Municipal Solid Waste

**NMSW = Non-Municipal Solid Waste

Questions, Comments, Suggestions

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Monday—Saturday 8 a.m.— 4 p.m.
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Moscow Recycling

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City of Moscow Sanitation Department

Monday—Friday 8 a.m.— 5 p.m.
Phone: 208.883.7131

For more information visit: www.latahsanitation.com or follow us on Facebook @moscowrecycling

Dates to Remember

- **Collection Reminders**

Roll-carts and curbside single-stream recycling bins should be placed out by 7 a.m. During extreme weather events, drivers may be called in before all garbage is collected. In this unlikely event, garbage collections will usually be caught up by your next collection day.

- **Free Shred Day**

On October 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. bring up to three grocery bags full of documents to be professionally shredded on site. Staples, small clips and folders can remain on the documents. This program is sponsored by Latah County Solid Waste, the City of Moscow's Sanitation Department and Latah Sanitation.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Facility Fall/Winter Hours Begin**
Saturday November 3rd, the HHW Facility will only be open on the first Saturday of each month. The hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In April, we will revert back to an every Saturday schedule.

- **City Tree Collection**

After the Holidays bring your tree to Moscow Recycling's 24-hour yard waste drop-off site on N. Almon Street or the Waste Transfer Station Compost drop-off on Highway 8 East, open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Trees must be in 5 foot segments or smaller and free of decorations and stands.

- **Holiday Collection Schedule**

There will be no garbage or curbside collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's Day. Thursday's and Friday's garbage and curbside recycling will be collected one day late on Thanksgiving. Christmas and New Year's are on a Tuesday this year. Tuesday—Friday service will be a day late.

Fall Yard Waste Collection

Moscow Recycling is requesting residents to haul their leaves to the 24-hour Yard Waste Drop-Off Site located on N. Almon Street directly behind Moscow Recycling.

If you are unable to bring your leaves to this facility, we ask that you call Moscow Recycling (208.882.0590) to arrange having your leaves collected on the following days:

For Collection on:	Call Before:
October 31	October 30
November 14	November 13

- Leaves must be placed on the curb at the same time and in same location as your trash
- Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags (available at hardware stores), open-top containers or open plastic bags (empty plastic bags will be left behind)
- NO TIED PLASTIC BAGS-Tied plastic bags will be left on the curb as trash

Please follow these specifications:

Acceptable Materials:

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Squash vines
- Corn Stalks
- Other non-woody lawn and garden trimmings

Unacceptable Materials:

- Branches or stumps
- Black or raspberry canes
- Rose bushes or trimmings
- Animal waste
- Any other woody material

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