



## **TRASH AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION RULES & REGULATIONS**

\*\*\*\*Summarized below are rules and regulations pertaining to residential trash service. Commercial and Industrial facilities are responsible for their own trash. The City of Lakeland contracts with Republic Services to collect and dispose of residential municipal garbage, yard waste, and recyclables.

### **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY**

There will be a Community Clean-up Day assigned for the City of Lakeland for the spring and the fall of each year. For additional information, please see our website at [www.lakelandtn.gov/cleanup](http://www.lakelandtn.gov/cleanup).

### **GARBAGE (TRASH) COLLECTION**

Household garbage (trash) is defined as anything from waste cans inside your home and bagged trash that can be placed in the garbage container. Bagged garbage (2 per container) outside of the garbage container cannot weight more than 35 lbs.

On scheduled trash day, to ensure collection, garbage containers must be left on the curb by 7:00 a.m. Curbs must be free of all vehicles, etc., to allow the crew to access the container and return it safely. Please make sure the front of your garbage container is facing the street with the handle towards your property for collection. Garbage container must be removed from the curb after emptying; container should not remain on the curb for more than 48 hours.

One (1) standard garbage container with "Allied Waste", "BFI", "All Star" or "Republic" clearly marked on each side, will be provided to each resident, by the Republic Services or City of Lakeland. Each resident will also receive a Yard Waste Container and a Recycle Bin. If there is need for additional trash, you may use the Yard Waste Container. Solid waste services are billed on your Memphis Light, Gas & Water statement at a rate of \$24.70 per month.

Damaged garbage containers, due to normal use, will be replaced with another container by calling the City of Lakeland at 901-867-2717. Dirty trash containers will not be replaced. Homeowners are responsible for keeping their garbage containers clean. If more than one garbage container is present at the residence, the extra container will be removed. Residents are allowed additional garbage containers at an additional quarterly charge of \$12.

Personal effects not intended for trash collection must be kept away from garbage containers in the collection area. Failure to do so may result in loss of those personal effects. Republic Services personnel are not responsible for picking up any loose household garbage in the area.

**We do not collect on the following holidays:**

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

On the holidays listed above, trash collection will be moved one day forward. Example: If normal trash collection day falls on Wednesday, collection will move to Thursday, and so forth. This also includes picking up recyclables.

**TRASH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Household garbage and yard waste are collected from the curb weekly. Recyclables are picked-up every other week. For more information, there are schedules, maps and calendars on the city website, [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov).

**COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE**

- Tree limbs, bushes, brush, leaves, grass trimmings and other large items will be picked up along with your weekly trash. Any yard waste in the container does not have to be bagged.
- \* Weekly pick-up: unlimited bags of leaves (35 lbs. and under). Limbs must be 4 ft & under, in bundled piles of 35 lbs. or less.
- If the container is full, please put the rest of the yard waste into yard bags and place the bags around the yard waste container. If the extra yard waste is not put into yard bags, the following applies:
  - The resident can contact Republic Services, at 901-794-3800, to have them removed at a fee. The fee is quoted by Republic depending on the collection.
  - Any stacked yard waste cannot exceed four (4) feet in length, must be tied in bundles weighing no more than thirty-five (35) pounds each, and cannot be more than two (2) feet thick before depositing for collection.
  - Any waste that is over thirty-five (35) pounds and/or not bagged in heavy duty yard bags is considered bulk pick-up and will require a charge, quoted by Republic Services for the collection. Republic Services must be called at 901-794-3800, to schedule the pick-up.
  - Bags are defined as: made of plastic approximately two (2) feet in diameter and four (4) feet in length and be of sufficient strength to contain the weight of the 35 lbs. and under.
  - Contractors are responsible for the disposal of the following materials: home remodeling, roofing, carper, tree removal, etc. The City of Lakeland WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for removing such items. Landscapers are responsible for the disposal of the yard waste.

- Any items considered to be household hazardous waste can be disposed of at the Shelby County Hazardous Waste Disposal Center on Mullins Station Road. Hazardous waste includes items such as, but not limited to, oil based paints, batteries, used motor oil, tires, and appliances containing Freon. For a more complete list or more information, call (901) 379-4438. The Disposal Center is open on Tuesday and Saturday.
- The City of Lakeland does not have a rule or regulation for developing a residential mulch pile.

Extra-large tree limbs/branches and excessive yard waste (beyond the two small bundled piles referred to above): If you have tree limbs or branches that cannot be cut less than 4 feet, please call Republic Services at 901-794-3800 or a private tree service company to get a tree limb removal quote.

## **RECYCLING**

- Recyclable materials include newsprint, brown, green, and clear glass; aluminum and steel cans; No. 1 through No. 7 plastic; and cardboard. The following will not be considered as recyclables: ceramics, light bulbs, glass, plate/auto glass, and mirrors.
- All cardboard must be cut and broken down or collapsed so that they will lay flat in a collapsed condition.
- All cardboard must be less than 2 ft. x 2 ft. in size. All cardboard that exceeds this limit will not be recycled.
- Please have all recycling containers on the curb by 7:00 A.M., to ensure collection of the above referenced recyclables. Recyclables are picked up on Friday, every other week. See Trash Collection map.
- Each resident will be provided one (1) recycling bin, by the City of Lakeland.
- Damaged recycling bins, due to normal use, will be replaced with another bin by calling the City of Lakeland at 901-867-2717.

## **DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE**

- Residents may wish to discontinue garbage (trash) and recyclable services for approved reasons. In order to do so, they must contact the City of Lakeland at 901-867-2717.

## **HOW TO SIGN-UP FOR SERVICES**

- In order to sign up for services please contact the City of Lakeland at 901-867-5409. Residents living inside the corporate limits of Lakeland must have garbage service with Lakeland. It may take up to a week in order to have garbage and recycling containers delivered to the household. Until then, please bag your trash and set it at the edge of the curb or roadside where it will be picked up by the collection company.