

# City of Swartz Creek

## New Enhanced Solid Waste & Recycling Program—Summer 2021



### Dear Swartz Creek Resident:

The Swartz Creek City council has awarded the solid waste contract to GFL for five years. GFL will be providing 95-gallon wheeled trash carts and a new exciting weekly recycling program with 65-gallon recycling carts coming to all residents starting with the first collection Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

This will be a significant enhancement to our existing solid waste program that will continue to include, yard waste, bulky waste, and weekly curbside recycling program. To assist you during this transition period, we have made available pertinent

information that outlines all of the services you presently have and new enhancements that will improve the entire solid waste program.

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 844.464.3587 Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

**Service Days: Please be aware that your current Monday collection schedule has changed. GFL will now collect your household solid waste, yard waste, large bulky waste, and recyclables on Tuesday.**

Dear Swartz Creek Resident, please continue to use your Republic Services trash and recycling carts through the end of June 2021. Republic Services should be picking up your existing carts on your last collection day in June 2021. Your new GFL trash and recycling carts will be delivered to your home starting June 24th, 2021 and should all be distributed within 7 days.

***We are asking you to not use your new carts until the start of our new contract July 1, 2021.***

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

### HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE AND NEW CART PROGRAM

Swartz Creek residents will begin universal use of 95-gallon refuse containers starting July 1, 2021.

**GFL 95-gallon refuse containers are black with hinged bright green lids & wheels and stamped trash on the lids.**

In an effort to keep our city neat and clean, and improve the quality of your collection services, we are continuing with a new roll out cart system. A 95-gallon trash cart will be delivered to your home starting June 24th, 2021 with assembly and delivery being completed within 7 days. The new carts will be placed at the edge of your property by the driveway. Please start using your new cart the week of July 1, 2021.

Should you need an additional trash cart, they can be purchased from GFL for \$75.00, just contact their Customer Care Center at 844.464.3587.

Each cart has a serial number and will

be assigned to a specific street address. Carts, once delivered, should stay at the address it is assigned to.

Please place household solid waste out in your new 95-gallon cart by 7:00 am. To provide a safe environment in every neighborhood, please remove containers within 12 hours of your pick up and store accordingly in a garage or behind your residence or garage. Carts should not be stored in front of or along side your place of residence. To eliminate spillage and possible injury, please do not overload containers. Weight limit on 95-gallon trash carts should not exceed 125 pounds.

**Note:** To help keep your new cart in a clean and sanitary condition, you should contain household waste in plastic bags prior to placing in your cart.



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# NEW WEEKLY RECYCLING AND NEW CART PROGRAM COMES TO SWARTZ CREEK

**Enhanced Recycling Program.** GFL has partnered with Swartz Creek to enhance the recycling program to residents and to make 65-gallon wheeled recycling carts available to all residents. This is a universal program and will not increase your collection rate. Swartz Creek residents will begin universal use of 65-gallon recycling carts starting July 1, 2021.

**GFL 65-gallon recycling carts are bright green with hinged black lids, wheels and have the recycling logo stamped on the lid.**

In an effort to keep our city neat and clean, and improve the quality of your collection services, we are continuing with a new roll out cart system. A 65-gallon recycling cart will be delivered to your home starting June 24th, 2021 with assembly and delivery being completed within 7 days. The new cart will be placed at the edge of your property by the driveway. Please start using your new 65-gallon recycling cart the week of July 1, 2021.

Should you need an additional recycling cart, they can be purchased from GFL for \$65.00 each. Please contact the **GFL CUSTOMER CARE CENTER AT 844.464.3587**. Each cart has a serial number and will be assigned to a specific street address. Please start using your new recycling containers once you receive them.



*Note: Once a resident takes possession of their new 65 gallon recycling cart it is their responsibility to keep it in a clean, safe and serviceable condition.*

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES



## 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 **the week that includes April 1st and runs through the entire week that includes the last day of November**. Please have your yard waste set out for collection by 7:00 A.M. and placed separate from your household solid waste, recycling and bulky waste.

Yard waste includes: Garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs & tree trimmings/pruning waste. Yard waste will be collected in up to 32-35 gallon plastics or metal containers marked "yard waste" and/or Kraft, yard waste, paper bags. Please keep in the mind the weight restrictions on containers, 50 pounds, container and contents.

FYI: Brush and tree limbs up to 2 inches in diameter and 4 foot in length and bundled will be collected with the yard waste. Branches and tree limbs should be tied securely in bundles not exceeding 18 inches in diameter and stacked neatly for pickup. This service is separate and in addition to the city brush clipping service.

**Not considered yard waste: Dirt, Sod, Large Stumps, Sand, Gravel, Animal Feces, Dead Animals**

## 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.

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

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

## 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, pharmacy, or hospital 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."

*Note: Please keep in mind that Medical Sharps are not recyclable and should not be placed in your recycling cart.*

## 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.

## 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 844.464.3587.

**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 GFL are looking forward to a long and valued relationship with Swartz Creek and a smooth, seamless transition to the new Large Wheeled Cart Program starting July 1, 2021.

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 844.464.3587 Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm or visit us on our website at [www.GFLUSA.com](http://www.GFLUSA.com).

Thank you,  
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**Holiday Schedule**

GFL observes the following holidays:

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