

## **City of Greencastle Curbside Trash and Recycling Allowances**

The City of Greencastle's agreement with Republic Services, Inc., to offer curbside trash and recycling totes offer several great features for households in our city.

### **Recycling**

Your recycling toter can be used to recycle the following types of household waste:

- Newspapers, Colored and White Paper, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, & Phone Books
- Lightweight Cardboard – such as cereal boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard – please break down the boxes
- Plastic Containers – Numbers 1 through 7 including milk, water, and soda bottles
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Glass Jars and Bottles – please remove lids
- Aluminum, Steel and Tin Cans

All items can be mixed together in the designated recycling toter. Recycling is picked up every other week. Please place your toter at the curb with the hinge side of the lid away from the curb.

### **Additional Recycling Services**

Please see the attached sheet for recycling services offered by the West Central Solid Waste District. The District can provide assistance with batteries, electronic waste, household hazardous waste, tires, and other items. The District also offers a Tox-Away Day each spring. Please watch the local media or consult the District's website ([www.westcentralswd.com](http://www.westcentralswd.com)) for the time and location.

Republic Services also offers a recycling drop-off center at their facility on West Columbia Street.

### **Household Trash**

In addition to normal household trash, residents may use their trash toter for disposal of yard waste. Small branches and limbs, as well as small amounts of leaves and grass clippings may be put directly into the trash toter. DO NOT use a plastic bag for yard waste. We would like to emphasize that recycling bins are not to be used for yard waste.

Also note that with the trash totes, you are not required to use plastic bags inside the toter for your trash and garbage. Cutting back on the use of a trash can liner or bag will greatly help reduce the amount of plastic put in our landfills. The life of a biodegradable plastic bag can be less than three months, while it has been estimated that a regular plastic trash bag can take up to 1,000 years to decompose. In addition, the contents of such a bag are deprived of oxygen and micro-organisms and do not decompose naturally in a landfill.

Household trash totes are picked up weekly. Please place your toter at the curb with the hinge side of the lid away from the curb.

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

#### **SAVE THE FISH**



Household hazardous waste typically consists of chemicals, cleaners, paint, anti-freeze, fertilizer, or weed killer. The waste may be a liquid or a dry granular product. Typically the package will include a label with the words "Caution, Toxic, Flammable and/or Danger."

- ***DO NOT place household hazardous waste in your trash toter.***
- ***DO NOT flush household hazardous waste down the toilet.***
- ***DO NOT pour household hazardous waste on the ground or into a storm sewer.***
- ***Store this type of product in a secure area away from children.***

The West Central Solid Waste District offers a Tox-Away Day each spring to allow residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. Please watch the local media or consult the District's website ([www.westcentralswd.com](http://www.westcentralswd.com)) for the time and location.

The City of Greencastle and DePauw University collaborate under the state's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System program (sometimes referred to as "MS4") to prevent pollution in the Big Walnut Creek watershed through education and the promotion of the best storm water management practices. Properly disposing of household hazardous waste is greatly appreciated and protects the environment for future generations.

### **Medications**

Small amounts of unneeded medications may be dropped off at the Greencastle Police Department at 600 North Jackson Street. A secure medication disposal bin is available in the lobby of the police station, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No questions are asked of anyone dropping off medications.

From time to time, the Greencastle Police Department offers a Drug Take Back Day to collect unneeded medications. Medications may be disposed of in a secure manner with no questions asked. Please watch the local media for announcements of the date and location of this service.

Other than Tox-Away Day, the City does not have a means to collect sharps. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions for disposal.

### **Grass Clippings**

Please try to minimize the amount of grass clippings discharged onto city streets. Rain washes the clippings down the street where they often clog storm sewer inlets. Clogged inlets result in street and yard flooding. As grass clippings may be contaminated with weed killer and/or fertilizer, the result can cause pollution problems in our waterways.

### **Yard Waste – Large Amounts of Grass, Sticks, and Tree Limbs**

Residents may continue to take grass, leaves, trimmings, sticks, and tree limbs to the West Central Solid Waste District's Yard Waste site at 2362 South County Road 250 West. Please note that large limbs and stumps are not accepted at the yard waste site. For more information about the yard waste site and other solid waste recycling, the West Central Solid Waste District's website is [www.westcentralswd.com](http://www.westcentralswd.com) or see the following attached information.

Please do not leave sticks at the curb. The City no longer has the ability to pick up sticks and limbs on a regular basis.

### **Leaf Pick-up**

Within the City of Greencastle, the Department of Public Works vacuums leaves left at the curbside during the month of November. Please watch the local media for an announcement of the schedule. ***DO NOT mix in limbs, sticks, or plastic bags as these items damage the equipment used for this service.***

### **Help and Assistance**

Several Greencastle residents have expressed concern about the difficulty of getting their trash and recycling to the curb during times of snow and ice. If you prefer to put out bags during such weather, the contract with Republic Services allows for the use of up to three 30-gallon plastic trash bags, but you are asked to contact the local business office at 765-653-1571 if you change from the use of a toter to plastic bags. You are also asked to contact their business office if you need assistance in getting your trash and recycling removed.

Thanks to the agreement between the City and Republic Services, as well as the recycling efforts put forth by our residents, we continue to minimize the amount of trash sent to a landfill. Your efforts have earned the City several awards and recognition of these efforts. The city administration would like to thank residents for recycling and reducing the amount of trash put into our landfills. Let's continue to work together to make Greencastle greener.



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For more information, see:

[www.cityofgreencastle.com](http://www.cityofgreencastle.com)

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Environmental work by city staff, its departments, its Commission on Sustainability, its Tree Board, and its partners in the community has earned the following recognition for the community:

- Recognized by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns as the Green Community of the Year in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014.
- Recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City for 18 years.
- Recognized by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management as an "Indiana Clean Community."