



City of Meadville REFUSE GUIDELINES



REFUSE - CART SERVICE

▶ Carts and bags may not be placed at the curb for collection before 12:00 p.m. of the day for collection, and must be removed from the curb and stored within 24 hours after collection. When not at the curb, the carts must be placed either:

1. Behind the front wall of the house or building (including porches) the carts serve; or
2. Within three feet of the front of the house or building (including porches) the carts serve and screened from view from the street by an opaque fence, wall or hedge to a height of at least the height of the cart; or
3. Inside of an enclosed structure.

▶ **STATE REGULATIONS:** Due to state regulations, we CANNOT accept human excrement, flammable liquids (solvents, paint thinners, oil, containers holding liquid paints, gas, kerosene or any liquids), auto batteries, tires, or any material that may be considered hazardous, infectious or toxic including medical and radioactive waste.

▶ **PREPARATION:** Bag all garbage before placing it in cart. Make sure lid closes. Wrap, tape and securely package any sharp metals, syringes, or broken glass in hard containers.

*NOTE

In the event that the city, upon request by an affected property owner, determines that compliance with the cart storage criteria is impossible or unduly burdensome due to specific structural or topographic issues, such requirement can be waived in the city's sole discretion with respect to the specific property.

YARD WASTE

COLLECTED BI-WEEKLY (opposite week from recycling) April 1st - November 30th
Yard waste can be accumulated for collection using composting bags. Please contact the City for retail outlets where approved bags are available for purchase.

▶ **ACCEPTED:**
Plant Material - leaves, branches, brush, flowers, roots, wood waste, etc. Christmas Trees - During the first two (2) full weeks in January. Trees must be no more than 6 ft. tall and 4 ft. wide

▶ **NOT ACCEPTED:**
Loose Soil or Sod, Grass Clippings, Garbage, Food Waste, Garden or Orchard Food Waste, Food Compost, Human or Animal Excrement, Cat Litter, plastics or synthetics, lumber, and wood or tree limbs over 4" in diameter or 4' in length, construction material, soil contaminated with fecal matter, hazardous substances or other ineligible material, Christmas trees in plastic bags or composting bags exceeding 40 lbs. in weight. Yard waste placed in regular paper or plastic bags, cardboard boxes or other receptacles is also not accepted.

▶ **PREPARATION:** DO NOT use plastic bags. ONLY COMPOSTING BAGS MAY BE USED FOR YARD WASTE. Bags must be closed securely to be picked up. Cut Christmas trees to 6 feet lengths and 4 feet spread or less.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The purpose of leaf collection is to ensure that they don't wash into catch basins, clogging the City's stormwater collection system. They are collected in two ways:

- Raked into piles at the curb for pick up by the City's leaf vacuum (Refer to website for Leaf Collection map and schedule)
- Bagged in paper bio-degradable bags and placed at curb for pick up by Tri-County through the end of November. Refer to Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection calendar on the City's website.