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WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING GUIDE

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY
DISTRICT 4
BY**



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Effective the week of April 3, 2017, ***Meridian Waste Solutions*** is the **St. Louis County authorized hauler for your waste district (4)**. **Services for one base price include** once-a-week trash, once-a-week recycling, once-per month bulky waste, and 3 free yard waste collections. The new 5-year contract runs through April 2, 2022. Pricing and service requirements for the first year of the contract are provided in this brochure.

Please take the time to read this educational brochure as it will give you a clear understanding of the services offered by Meridian.

NEW: TRASH CARTS WITH LIDS

The County has elected to implement automated collection in all districts. This means that all trash must be placed in carts provided by Meridian. Residents will have the choice of a 95 gallon or a 65 gallon cart. In addition, qualified senior/disabled customers may choose a 35 gallon cart. With the exception of the monthly bulky collection (see page 18) trash and any other items left outside of the carts provided, or in another unauthorized container will incur additional charges per the rates provided in this brochure. See pages 8 and 9 for specific details.

NEXT STEPS FOR SERVICE

- **Choose your cart size and any optional services. Review page 8 for pricing and optional service rates.**
- **Fill out page 3 of this brochure and return it to our office no later than February 24, 2017.**
- **Carts will be delivered during the last three weeks of March. Please do not use this cart until your new service starts.**

Seniors (65+)

To receive the senior discount or if you have a disability that requires special service, please fill out page 21 and return it.

ABOUT MERIDIAN WASTE SOLUTIONS

Meridian Waste Solutions is one of the largest Missouri-based integrated solid waste service companies that provide solid waste collection, transfer, recycling and landfill services. In business for over 30 years, we strive to provide service excellence for the communities that place their trust in our company, and we are always dedicated to putting our customers first. As an outsourced service provider and an extended arm of your County's services, providing the best possible customer care is our way of showing respect and appreciation to those that we are fortunate to serve.

Please fill out this form and return it to:

Meridian Waste Solutions

PO Box 9

Winfield, MO 63389

Seniors and disabled customers– complete form on page 21

Due date: February 24, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____

Check Preferred Options For Waste and Recycling Carts

Waste Carts (1 each, no charge, part of basic service)

__ 95 gallon __ 65 gallon (7% discount off base price)

Recycling Carts (no charge)

__ No recycling cart needed, using black County cart

__ 95 gallon recycling cart

__ 65 gallon recycling cart

Optional Services

Additional Carts (Place # of additional carts needed by size i.e. 1)

For Trash or Yard Waste, \$8.00 ea. per month

95 gal _____

Optional Weekly Yard Waste Collection -

\$9.45 per month, 3 month minimum.

Yes _____ NO _____ Start Date _____

If you do not fill out this form and return it to our office, a 95 gallon cart will be delivered to you for trash collection. If you request a different cart size after it is delivered you will be charged \$15.00.

Return Address

Place
Stamp
Here

**Meridian Waste Solutions
PO Box 9
Winfield, MO 63389**

DISTRICT 4

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Service Overview

District 4 will be broken out into five sections and trash will be collected on your scheduled day. Recycle and yard waste (if you choose to subscribe for this service) will be picked up the preceding (this means the day before) day in each section. See page 11 for your collection days for trash and for recycle and yard waste.

Trash and Recycling

All trash must fit in the waste cart provided by Meridian. Meridian carts are compatible with our automated equipment. Automated collection enables us to keep your costs low! When selecting your cart-size, be sure to choose one that best meets your household's needs. **Loose trash and trash bags will be collected but you will be charged an additional fee.** Additional 65 & 95 gallon waste carts are available from Meridian for a low monthly fee of \$8.00 per month. Or choose to recycle more to save money. Over 70% of household discards can be recycled. You can set out an unlimited amount of recycling at no additional cost but your recyclables need to fit in the recycling cart. Additional 65 & 95 gallon recycling carts or replacements for broken County black recycling carts are available at no charge.

Bulky Collection

Up to 2 bulky items (limited to what can be picked up by two persons) that will not fit in a typical trash container, such as furniture, wood, fixtures, etc., will be picked up on the last trash pickup day of each month. Additional bulky items can be scheduled for pick up anytime for an additional charge of \$15.00 per item. These pickups must be scheduled with our office. For greater amounts of bulky waste or debris for small renovation projects or storm damage, you can call our office to arrange of \$250.

Seasonal Yard Waste

Three collections are provided, one pickup per season (March, July and September.). Volumes for each seasonal collection are limited up to 10 yard-waste bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) or 300 gallons in containers will be collected.

**All items for collection should be curbside by 6:00 am
on your scheduled pick up day.**

Contact Numbers and Websites

Meridian Waste Solutions
103 Pine Street
PO Box 9
Winfield, MO 63389
Customer Service 314-291-3131
Fax 636-668-6021
Website: www.mwsinc.com

St. Louis County
Phone:-314-615-HAUL (4825)
Website: www.stlouisco.com/Trash

Holiday Schedules

Meridian Waste Solutions observes six holidays per year:

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day—July 4th

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day



Monday-Friday holidays will move the regular service day to one day later than scheduled. The overflow day will be Saturday. The following week will revert back to your regular schedule. The only exception that the schedule does not revert back to the regular schedule is Christmas and New Years where the holiday is one week apart.

Please visit our website at www.mwsinc.com or call our office for the yearly holiday schedule.

Rates For Services (Year One)

Service	Cost
Trash and Recycling	
Once per week trash and recycling (95 gallon trash cart)	\$11.24/month
Once per week trash and recycling (65 gallon trash cart)	\$10.45/month
Senior Rate, Age 65+ (95 gallon trash cart)	\$10.12/month
Senior Rate, Age 65+ (65 or 35 gallon trash cart)	\$9.41/month
Any item collected outside of the cart	\$20.00/ occurrence
Optional second trash collection per week	\$18.00/month
Additional Container Rental (1 trash and recycling cart included in basic service)	
95, 65 or 35 gallon cart for trash or yard waste	\$8.00/month
65, 95 gallon recycling cart	No Charge
35 gallon recycling cart	No Charge
Trash Container Swap if page 3 is not filled out and returned to our office.	\$15.00
Bulky Items (see page 18 for description)	
2 items picked up on last trash collection day of each month (weight cannot exceed what two men can lift) (Some items are excluded like landscape timbers and metal poles longer than 4ft.)	No Charge
Scheduled Bulky over basic service	\$15.00/pick up
Appliances	
refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers, etc.	\$30/pickup
Construction Debris	
Emergency Debris Collection (fire, flood, natural disaster, minor renovation -up to 10 cubic yards)	\$250.00/pickup
20, 30 and 40 yard roll off boxes for larger construction/demolition jobs.	Call for Pricing
Seasonal Yard Waste Collection	
Basic service includes 3 pickups, one pickup per season, except winter. Seasonal yard waste collection cannot exceed 300 gallons(10 paper bags or nine, 33 gallon cans or three 95 gallon carts)	No Charge

Rates For Services (Year One) Continued

Service	Cost
Optional Weekly Yard Waste	
3 month minimum subscription. Weekly limit is 300 gallons(10 paper bags or nine, 33 gallon cans or three 95 gallon carts.)	\$9.45/month
Over Volume Limit, Yard Waste Collection	\$15.00/pickup
Christmas Tree Collection	
For non-subscribers of yard waste	\$9.45

Senior Citizen and special accommodations for those with Disabilities - See Pages 21.

Price Increases.

The contract was bid to allow increases over the 5-year contract. **Basic Service rate** will be increased on average by 2.0% per year for the duration of this agreement. Cart Rental pricing will remain fixed for the duration of the agreement. Please refer to our website for the yearly prices for all other services for the duration of the agreement. Price increases will occur on the April billing cycle of each year. See 5 year pricing on next page for all services.

Billing

Meridian will send invoices on a quarterly basis sent 30 days in advance. Terms are net 30 days. We greatly appreciate your prompt payment. Online bill paying makes paying your invoice simple, safe and secure. Setting up automatic payments is a great way to lower your monthly bill as it saves you time and postage and us on mailing, printing and administration costs. If you opt for recurring payments, you can stop, start or cancel autopay at anytime. You can even pay your bill over the phone by calling 314- 291-3131.

Completing forms on page 3 and page 21 for Seniors and returning the information by February 24th 2017 will ensure all of your services and carts selected will result in the correct fees on your initial bill.

Unpaid Invoices and Stop Service

Our payment terms are net 30 days. If we have not received payment within 45 days you will be place on stop service and your trash cart will be collected. A \$15.00 cart delivery fee will be assessed to restart your service.

Additional charges will be assessed to you for check payments with insufficient funds. We will pass on any charges that were incurred by Meridian from our bank due to insufficient funds.

Finance charges of 10% per quarter will also be added to your invoice for outstanding balance over 60 days.

Five year prices for Services offered

Basic Service		Optional Yard Waste		Extra Trash Cart		Extra Recycle Cart	
Year 1	\$ 11.24	Year 1	\$ 9.45	Year 1	\$ 8.00	Year 1	N/C
Year 2	\$ 11.46	Year 2	\$ 9.69	Year 2	\$ 8.00	Year 2	N/C
Year 3	\$ 11.69	Year 3	\$ 9.93	Year 3	\$ 8.00	Year 3	N/C
Year 4	\$ 11.93	Year 4	\$ 10.18	Year 4	\$ 8.00	Year 4	N/C
Year 5	\$ 12.17	Year 5	\$ 10.43	Year 5	\$ 8.00	Year 5	N/C

Outside of Container	
Year 1	\$ 20.00
Year 2	\$ 21.00
Year 3	\$ 22.00
Year 4	\$ 23.00
Year 5	\$ 24.00

Extra Yard Waste	
Year 1	\$ 15.00
Year 2	\$ 16.00
Year 3	\$ 17.00
Year 4	\$ 18.00
Year 5	\$ 19.00

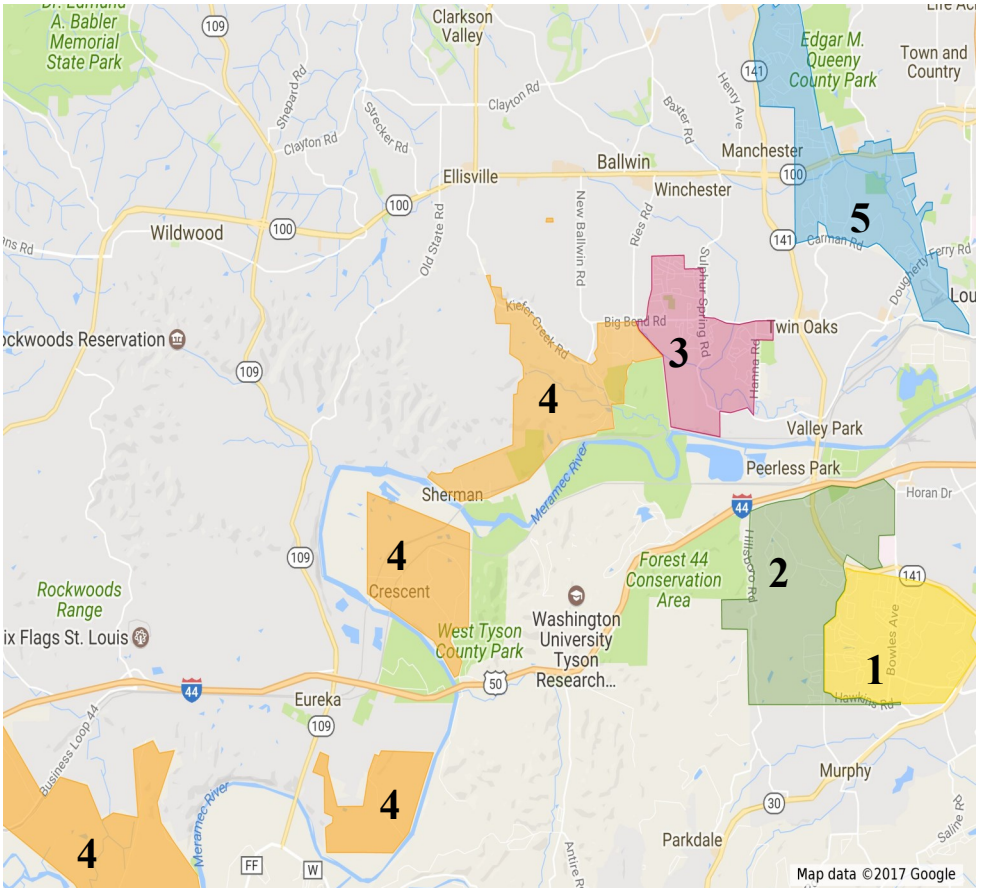
Appliance Collection	
Year 1	\$ 30.00
Year 2	\$ 30.00
Year 3	\$ 30.00
Year 4	\$ 35.00
Year 5	\$ 35.00

2x per week Trash, add:	
Year 1	\$ 18.00
Year 2	\$ 19.00
Year 3	\$ 20.00
Year 4	\$ 21.00
Year 5	\$ 22.00

Extra Bulk Waste	
Year 1	\$ 15.00
Year 2	\$ 16.00
Year 3	\$ 17.00
Year 4	\$ 18.00
Year 5	\$ 19.00
2 items per month	
No Charge	

Debris Collection	
Year 1	\$250.00
Year 2	\$250.00
Year 3	\$275.00
Year 4	\$275.00
Year 5	\$275.00

Collection Schedule District 4



District 4 will be broken out into 5 sections. Trash collection will always be one day after your scheduled recycle and yard waste collection day. Please refer to our website at mwsinc.com for a more detailed map.

1. MONDAY TRASH - FRIDAY RECYCLE & YARD WASTE

2. TUESDAY TRASH - MONDAY RECYCLE & YARD WASTE

3. WEDNESDAY TRASH - TUESDAY RECYCLE & YARD WASTE

4. THURSDAY TRASH - WEDS. RECYCLE & YARDWASTE

5. FRIDAY TRASH - THURSDAY RECYCLE & YARDWASTE

Automated Collection and Approved Containers

St. Louis County has mandated automated collection for all districts as part of this new agreement. The increased productivity that these new state of the art trucks provide, equate to lower costs for you, if you adhere to the collection requirements. All trash must fit in the waste cart provided by Meridian. **Approved containers for trash are 95 , 65 or 35 gal carts (disabled and seniors) provided by Meridian. Choose your trash cart size on page 3 (or page 21 for senior or disabled) If you do not choose a cart size, Meridian will deliver a 95-gallon cart. There will be a \$15.00 delivery to change carts sizes after the initial distribution**

One trash cart from Meridian is included in the base price. Other containers owned by you or a competitor are not approved containers. Any trash which is not in a Meridian cart or trash which is left outside of a Meridian cart will be charged \$20.00 every time it is collected. By recycling, hopefully, trash can be contained in the trash cart, but if you are a heavy trash generator we highly recommend that you rent additional carts from Meridian at \$8.00 each per month. If you have one bag per month outside of the cart you will be billed an additional \$20.00. If the cart is overloaded and the lid can not close you will be charged \$20 if any spillage occurs.

FAQ - Why can't I use my own containers and why am I being charged \$20 if trash is not in an approved container or left outside of the cart?

Automated collection which was mandated by the County in the bid specifications for the haulers, offers the highest level of productivity and many additional benefits, for example, fewer employee injuries and workman comp claims. The automated arms on the trucks are compatible with our carts and not with carts provided by homeowners. We don't want to damage/replace homeowners' carts. If an item is not in our cart, the driver will need to exit the truck and reload our cart so that it can be emptied into the truck. With automated service, our drivers can pick up almost two homes per minute. So, the automated collection process eliminates overtime and costly injuries which enables us to offer the highest level of service at the lowest cost to you.

Unlimited trash does not include:

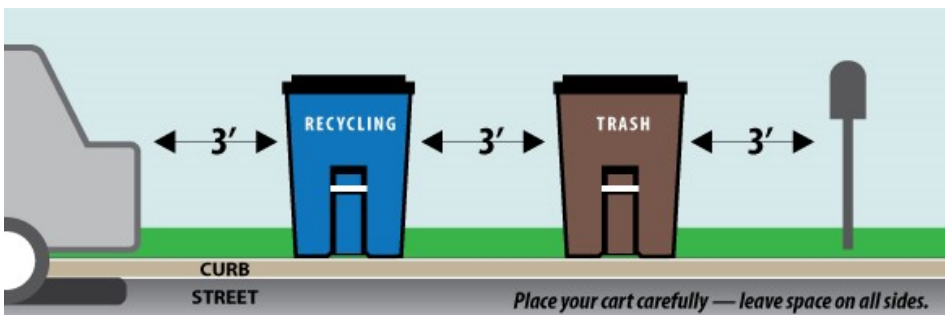
- Individual garbage bags, boxes and any loose debris left outside an authorized container. We will collect it but you will be charged \$20.00
- Any construction debris that will not fit into an authorized container.
- More than 2 Bulk items, left out on the last collection day of the month i.e. small furniture. Additional items will be collected but you will be charged \$15.00
- Yard waste in excess of 300 gallons. Additional items will be collected but you will be charged \$15.00
- Infectious waste that is not stored in a biohazard, leak proof, sealed container.
- Household hazardous waste which includes: paint, pesticides, solvents, batteries, motor oil, pool and other chemicals, etc.

You can rent additional authorized trash containers from Meridian for only \$8.00 per month.

Proper Cart Placement

Carts should be placed at the curb by 6:00am on your scheduled day of collection. Carts should be placed within two feet of the curb and 3 feet apart from vehicles and mailboxes. Carts should also be 3 feet apart from each other in order to accommodate the automated arms on our trucks and to prevent any damage to your property.

Your strict adherence to our cart placement guidelines will help us to provide safe and efficient collection of your waste which will keep your costs low.



Curbside Recycling

Recycling is not difficult – it can be a natural part of your family’s lifestyle. **Studies show that it takes less than three minutes a day for a household to recycle cardboard, newspapers and many household containers made of glass, metal and plastic. Additionally, recycling reduces the amount of waste headed to a landfill, which reduces the cost of trash service. And finally, producing products from recycled materials creates jobs and saves energy and natural resources.**

The County makes it easy for residents to recycle all their items in one cart. Every resident should have a 65 or 35 gal cart that was provided by the County. Meridian Waste Solutions will replace County carts and provide additional carts if needed at no charge. Recycling carts can only be used for recyclable material. Any contaminated recycle carts (with garbage or yardwaste) will not be collected.

	YES! Recycle at the Curb		NO!
Aluminum and Steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Beverage cans ✓ Clean foil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean food trays ✓ Tin cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No scrap metal ✗ No soiled foil or soiled trays
Cardboard and Paperboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Boxes ✓ Food and soap boxes ✓ Milk and juice cartons and boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper cups ✓ Round oatmeal containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No heavily soiled or greasy food containers
Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Glass bottles or jars of any color 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No ceramics ✗ No mirrors or window glass
Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Catalogs ✓ Junk mail ✓ Magazines ✓ Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Office paper ✓ Paperback books ✓ Phone books ✓ Wrapping paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No hard books ✗ No tissues, toilet paper, or paper towels
Plastic #1 – #7 plastics are accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Buckets – up to 5 gallons ✓ Beverage containers ✓ Laundry soap bottles ✓ Liquid dish soap bottles ✓ Margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese tubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Milk and juice jugs ✓ Shampoo and similar health and beauty containers ✓ Look at recycling symbol on the bottom for #. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No plastic bags of any kind ✗ No Styrofoam ✗ No plastic disposable utensils

Additional curbside recycling requirements

- ◆ Keep containers that contained household chemicals out of the recycle cart.
- ◆ Do not put any type of plastic bags into your recycle cart. Most grocery stores have drop-off bins at the front of the store for recycling plastic grocery bags and many other retail stores are also offering recycling for their shopping bags.
- ◆ Plastic windows on envelopes, rubber bands and staples are okay.
- ◆ You may leave labels and tape on cardboard boxes when recycling them.
- ◆ It is okay to recycle metal cans with labels or bands.
- ◆ Leave the lids on containers. When you remove the lids, they usually end up mixed with other small residuals that are discarded as trash, after being processed at the materials recovery facility.
- ◆ All containers are to be emptied before recycling them.
- ◆ Break down large cardboard boxes so they can fit in your recycling cart.

Unacceptable Items - Gas and oil containers, antifreeze containers, Styrofoam, hoses, plastic and metal toys, large metal items (car parts), panes of broken glass, ceramics or Pyrex, paint containers and plastic bags. **Please do not put plastic bags in the recycle cart.**

Needles and Syringes— Not Recyclable!

It is acceptable to place needles and syringes in a sturdy container with a lid. That container must go in the trash! Taping the lid closed with duct tape is an extra step you can take to protect landfill workers.

Placing garbage, dirty diapers, yard waste, etc. in with your recycle material will potentially contaminate the entire truck load collected from you and all of your neighbors and may be rejected at the recycle center. The entire load will end up in the landfill. We ask that when you recycle that you are a good steward of the environment and only recycle those items listed on the previous page, at the curb.

Other Ways to Recycle

A provision of the 1990 Missouri Solid Waste Management Act prohibits the disposal of major appliances, lead-acid batteries, used oil, waste tires and yard waste in Missouri sanitary landfills.

The following items cannot be mixed with household trash or curbside recycling:

Appliances: Meridian offers curbside pick-up for a fee of \$ 30 per item.
Batteries (Automotive) Oil, Tires, CFL and Florescent light bulbs, Paint

Go to www.recyclesaintlouisco.com for a complete listing of specialized recycling drop-off locations.

The items below should be recycled or reused, but cannot be recycled at the curb.

Clothing

Donate or sell clothes or durable products to charities or resale shops and shop those stores. Your trash could be someone else's treasure. Drop off boxes are located throughout County. Sell second-hand items at garage sales or consignment shops.

Electronics Recycling

Old or unwanted electronics like computers, TV's and radios should be donated or recycled, not pitched. The heavy metals and other toxic materials found in many electronics can be harmful to the environment if the products are not properly managed. Examples of potentially harmful materials are lead, cadmium, mercury, arsenic and even PCBs (in some TVs and computers made prior to the early 1990's). Visit www.ecyclemissouri.org for recycling options.

Construction Materials

Used construction materials are a large portion of the waste stream, although a good portion of it is often recyclable. Many companies accept donations of used construction products including lumber, bricks, dry-wall and doors. Go to **www.recyclesaintlouisco.com** for a listing of recommended recycle companies. For any other commercial or construction removal needs, please call our office for rental information of roll-off boxes.

Yard Waste

County residents are encouraged to mulch and compost to keep yard waste at a minimum. Three yard waste collections are provided at no charge. One pickup per season during the third week of (March, July and September.). Volumes for each seasonal collection are limited, and only up to 10, yard-waste bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) or 300 gallons in containers will be collected. In addition to the three free yard waste collections offered as part of basic service, residents can sign up for optional weekly yard waste service. Yard waste will be collected on your scheduled pickup day, **but you must sign up for this optional service for a minimum of three months.** Yard waste must be placed in rigid containers (marked as “Yard Waste”) or biodegradable brown paper bags or bundled to be collected. **Do not put yard waste in plastic bags. Yard Waste collection is available for 12 months of the year.** Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, plant trimmings, weeds and branches. Please keep all other material, such as animal waste, trash, and rocks out of the bio-degradable yard waste bags or containers. Rocks, bricks, roots or shrubs containing root balls, stumps and large trunks, landscaping timbers and construction debris will not be accepted as yard waste. Branches, sticks and limbs must be bundled with natural fiber twine. Each bundle must be no larger than four feet in length by eighteen inches in diameter and may not weigh more than fifty pounds. Yard waste is limited to 300 gallons or a combination of 10 bags or containers or bundles per week.

Composting

Yard waste is primarily composed of lawn clippings, leaves and small brush. These items can be beneficial to yards if they are “composted” properly. Compost will add organic matter to the soil, reduce the need for fertilizer and increase water holding ability during dry spells. Master gardeners pay premium prices for good compost because they recognize the value it adds to their gardens.

Cut it high and let it lie: Grass clippings contain many of the ingredients of fertilizer. By allowing your grass to grow slightly higher and cutting it slightly more often, you can fertilize your grass every time you mow. A mulching lawnmower is very efficient at this chore. Grass clippings decompose quickly and pass nutrients into the soil and roots of the existing grass. In small quantities leaves can be mulched and left on the yard to provide the same benefits as grass clippings.

Backyard composting: Using a simple enclosure backyard composting is easy. Visit www.recyclesaintlouis.com for details

Bulk and Other Problem Waste Items

Some waste items need special attention or require special pickups. These items are not banned from disposal in Missouri landfills and include large bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, rolls of carpet, etc. **Up to two bulky items can be left at the curb the last trash pickup of every month and Meridian will collect these items at no charge.** You can also schedule a bulk pick up anytime for a charge of \$15.00 per item or per hopper load. Additionally, for remodeling jobs, you have a special optional service available or large roll-off containers can be rented by calling Meridian at 314-291-3131. As a resident of County you will receive a 10% discount for any roll-off box needs.

Appliances or the following **metal** items collections need to be scheduled with the office. This includes:

- *Refrigerators, Stoves, Dishwashers, and any other large metal appliances

- Metal machinery such as push-mowers (all fluids must be drained)

- *Metal furniture such as patio tables and/or chairs

- *Barbecue grills

- *Metal Poles - swing sets, basketball stands, old style metal bed frames, etc. These type of items can damage our trucks.

If it cannot fit in your approved container, it is most likely considered bulky waste, and it must be scheduled for a pickup or placed at the curb on the last trash pick-up day of the month. In most cases a minimum \$15 fee will apply if it is not discarded on the last pickup of the month.

Infectious Waste

Medical wastes can be dangerous to the workers picking up trash and disposal personnel at the transfer station or landfill. Residential households are required to package all sharps (needles, knives, etc.) in rigid, leak-proof, puncture resistant containers. Items with blood or other bodily fluids should be sealed in bags before placement in the trash.

In the event of accidental poisoning or exposure to toxic chemicals, contact the Regional Poison Control Center at 314-772-5200 or 1-800-366-8888 or call 911.

Household Hazardous Waste

Many common household products contain hazardous substances. Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are leftover products that consumers no longer need. In Missouri, we generate about 47,000 tons of HHW each year. These wastes can catch on fire, react with other substances, explode under certain conditions, injure our employees, damage our trucks, are corrosive or poisonous. Among the most common of these are:

Pesticides	Paints	Cleaners
Solvents	Paint Thinners	Batteries
Varnishes	Polishes	Adhesives
Hobby & Pool Chemicals	Car Fluids	



Liquid HHW **should not** be poured down the drain. They **should not** be put into your household trash for disposal as they may cause serious problems (chemical reactions/fires) for the sanitation workers and the environment.

When disposing of household hazardous waste, please:

- Take the lid off paint and allow it to solidify before disposing. **NOTE:** If you add cat litter or oil dry to the can, the product will solidify faster. When completely solidified, it can be put in your trash container.
- Follow all directions on the container for use and disposal.
- Buy just enough of the product to do the job.
- Buy non-hazardous or less hazardous products.
- Keep products in their original containers with instructions readable
- Share the unused product with others.

Visit www.HHWSTL.com to make an appointment to properly manage HHW and to learn how not to create HHW in the first place.

How Can I Create Less Waste?

A Lesson in Reducing

Most of us by now have taken steps to recycle. If not, the new larger recycle carts with lids should make this practice easier for you. However, reducing waste is even better! We can make a big impact on conserving resources by reducing the amount of waste we produce in the first place, or “pre-cycling”.

Most packaging gets discarded immediately after the package is opened. That adds up to about one-third of the household waste we send to landfills. When shopping, remember to follow these **pre-cycling tips**:

- Be alert – is there more packaging than product?
- Avoid products with double packaging, such as a bottle inside a box.
- Buy products in the largest quantity possible, but don’t buy more than you need.
- Use refills. Many refills are available in concentrated forms that use less packaging. A good example is laundry fabric softener.
- Product packaging accounts for 30% of the weight and 50% of the volume in our household waste.
- Use cloth kitchen towels and dish cloths instead of paper.
- When entertaining, use reusable tableware and flatware rather than paper and plastic disposables. Consider renting these if you don’t have enough.
- Bring durable tote bags to the grocery store to carry out your purchases.
- Use empty, durable containers for dry goods storage, art projects, or for storing miscellaneous loose items.
- Pack no-waste lunches for you and your family in reusable, refillable containers.
- Make fruit juices and drink mixes from concentrate and store in covered pitchers.
- If you have to buy juice or drinks in single-serving sizes, choose recyclable containers.
- Plan to share excess quantities with family or friends.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRASH DISCOUNT ENROLLMENT FORM

Must be Submitted by February 24th 2017.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____

The information provided below is to qualify that I am a senior citizen (65+) to receive a 10 % discount off of the basic service price. Disabled residents may request special accommodations, please contact us for options. Additional fees may apply.

Cart Selection (check one)

____ 95 gallon cart (included in the \$10.12/month basic service price)

____ 65 gallon cart (additional 7% discount \$9.41/month)

____ 35 gallon cart (additional 7% discount \$9.41/month)

____ I need to replace the County Recycling cart (circle size)

95 gallon

65 gallon

35 gallon

BIRTHDATE: _____ **PROOF: DL#** _____

State ID _____ **Other** _____

How many people are in your household?

ADULTS _____ **CHILDREN UNDER 18** _____

Applicant's Certification of Information

Signed _____ **Date** _____

ID MUST HAVE CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT.

You can fax the information to us at 636-668-6021 or scan a copy and email it to us at customerservice@meridianwaste.com

Optional Services

Optional Waste Weekly Yard Waste Collection—\$9.45 per month, 3 month minimum.

Yes _____ NO _____ Start Date _____

For special accommodation if you have a Disability and require special service, please call our office at 314-291-3131.

Return Address

Place
Stamp
Here

**Meridian Waste Solutions
PO Box 9
Winfield, MO 63389**

DISTRICT 4

Regulations Affecting Your Trash Service

Laws, rules and ordinances are in place to protect you and the environment. Although most of these regulations are directed at the waste stream after it leaves your home, every resident should be aware of the following:

- All occupied dwellings are required to have trash service according to St. Louis County ordinances. Only the county authorized hauler (Meridian for District 4) can provide residential service.
- No suspended customer may mix his trash with a neighbor's trash without their permission.
- Trash and yard waste cannot be mixed.
- Materials to be collected by the waste hauler may be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection and empty containers should be removed from the curb by the evening of collection.

Collection Guidelines

- All trash and recycled material must be placed in an authorized container. Any debris outside of an authorized container will be subject to additional charges.
- Non-recyclable trash cannot be placed in the recycle container.
- Recycle containers cannot be used for trash or yard waste collection
- All items for collection must be out by 6:00 am. Waste may be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection and empty containers should be removed from the curb by the evening of collection.

Following these guidelines helps our company provide quality service, reduce employee injuries, do what is right for the environment and keep your rates low.

Please call our office with any questions that you may have at 314-291-3131 or visit our website @www.mwsinc.com.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your service provider!