

2026 Garbage & Recycling Guide

Sanitation Division

Office — 639 Witzel Avenue
Follow the Driveway on the Ohio Street Side
(920) 232-5383

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
6:30 am to 2:30 pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Yard Waste Drop off Site — Permit Required
W. 3rd Avenue between Ohio Street & Idaho Street

Winter Hours:

December 1st to March 31st
Monday - Friday 6:30 am to 2:30 pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Summer Hours:

April 1st to November 30th
Monday - Friday 11 am to 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 6 pm
Closed Holidays

The City of Oshkosh Sanitation Division Automated Collection program for garbage and recycling is designed to make collection easier and more cost effective for the residents and the city.

The Sanitation Division makes approximately 32,000 weekly stops on the garbage and recycling routes. The Sanitation Division picked up 250 tons of garbage and 62 tons of recycling weekly in 2025. The City diverted over 3500 tons of recycling from reaching the landfill. As you fill your carts, remember that a little sorting goes a long way toward reducing the amount of garbage going to the landfill.



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Garbage and Recycling Collection Guidelines

The Sanitation Division of the City of Oshkosh provides Garbage and Recycling collection services to residential customers in buildings of 4 living units or less. Garbage is collected every week and Recycling is collected every other week, separated into "A" week and "B" week, (Route Map shown on Page 7).

Garbage Cart and Recycling Cart:

- The property owner of each residence shall purchase the garbage and recycling cart provided by the City of Oshkosh. The property owner will choose the size and number of carts needed for the property. However, **one recycling cart is required at each living unit.**
- All regular household waste (**no recycling items**) shall be placed inside the garbage cart. (**Shredded paper should be bagged and then placed inside the garbage cart or taken to a sponsored shredding event or location.**)
- All recycling materials shall be placed loosely (**no plastic bags or garbage items**) inside the recycling cart.
- Cart lids must be closed, with nothing placed on top of the cart lids when they are out for collection. The weight of each cart cannot exceed 300 pounds.
- Carts must be set out for collection **no later than 5:00 am** on your scheduled collection day. Late set outs will not be collected until your next scheduled collection day. Carts can be placed out for collection **no earlier than 4 pm** the day before your collection day. **Carts shall be returned to the proper point of storage within 12 hours after collection.**

Placement of Garbage and Recycling Carts for collection:

- Always place your cart so that the white serial numbers are facing the street. This places the lid opening in the proper position for emptying.
- Place your cart on your driveway apron or terrace at ground level so that it is **3 feet away** from obstacles such as other carts, special paid pick ups, brush bags, parked cars, mail boxes, utility poles, trees and other obstructions. If the terrace is too narrow to place the cart without obstructing the sidewalk, place your cart at the house edge of the sidewalk or driveway apron. Carts **must not** be placed in the roadway. Improperly placed carts will not be collected.
- **Winter Placement:** The best placement is on your driveway apron after you have cleared it of snow. It can also be placed on a cleared area on the **street side** of your terrace. Do not leave your cart on the sidewalk or on top of a snow bank. Improperly placed carts will not be collected.



Occasional excess garbage: For an occasional need for extra garbage disposal, try one of the following options:

- Check with a neighbor to see if they have extra room for your waste materials in their cart(s)
- Hold the excess waste materials for disposal on the next collection day
- Take garbage and/or recycling for disposal to the Winnebago County Solid Waste/Recycling Transfer Station (Landfill) (920) 232-1800, WinnebagoCountyWI.gov/163/Solid-Waste. Disposal fees may apply.
- Purchase an additional cart. Additional garbage or recycling carts may be purchased at the Collections Center at City Hall. **Each** additional **garbage** cart collected will be charged an annual collection fee of \$180.00. There are no restrictions on the number of recycling carts collected per living unit.

- Items that do not fit into the cart may be scheduled as a **Prepaid Pick up** at the Collections Center at City Hall, 215 Church Avenue. Once scheduled, the item should be placed at least 3 feet away from your carts on the terrace or driveway apron, no later than 5:00 am on your scheduled collection day. The prepaid cost per item is as follows:

\$25 (each)—**Freon Appliances**, such as Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers (Remove the doors from the Refrigerators and Freezers.)

\$15 (total)—**Non-Freon Appliances and other Metal**, such as Dishwashers, Microwaves, Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Treadmills, Lawn Mowers (gas removed)

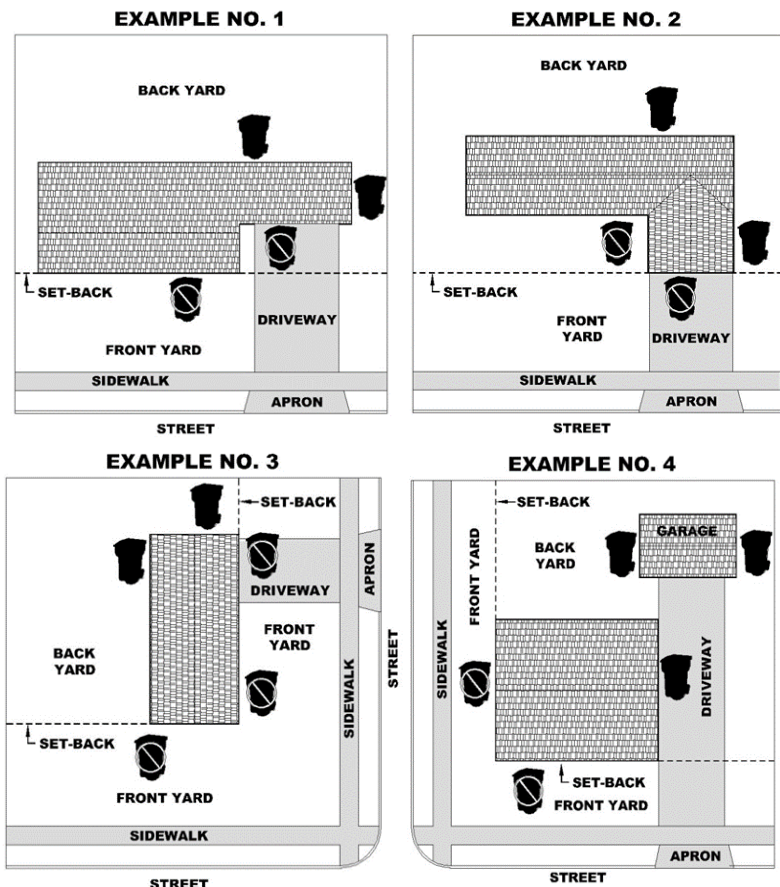
\$15 (each)—**Large Items**, such as Couches, Toilets, Dressers, Mattresses, Box Springs, Carpet or Rugs (up to 15 rolls, tied, no longer than 4 feet in length. Each roll weighing less than 50 pounds.)

TVs, other Electronics, and Tires will not be picked up curbside at any time.

Placing items on the terrace: All items on the terrace or driveway apron are presumed out for collection by the Sanitation Division. The terrace and driveway apron **cannot** be used as a pick up location. Items “for sale” or for “free” should be placed on the **house side of the sidewalk**, either on the grass or on the driveway. If loose items on the terrace have not been scheduled as a **Prepaid Pick up**, the items will be tagged with a **Violation Notice**. The items **must be removed by 5:00 am** of the following work day or the City will collect the items and issue a **Violation Invoice** for the cost of collection (minimum \$25 plus a \$25 administrative charge).

Garbage & Recycling Cart Storage Requirements

- Carts cannot be stored on any side of a building that faces a public right-of-way except alleys.
- Carts cannot be stored on, under, or alongside of a front porch, stoop, landing, accessible ramp, or deck fronting on the public right-of-way.
- Carts cannot be stored within 15-feet of the public right-of-way except during time of collection



Residential Disposal Guide

As you fill your carts for collection, remember a little sorting goes a long way to reducing costs and lowering the amount of items going to the landfill. Please note the items below with an asterisk (*) may have other disposal options besides the garbage cart. See the next page for more information.

PLASTIC

Put these items in the **RECYCLING CART**

Bleach and Detergent containers
Dairy tubs and containers
Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars
Produce, Deli & Bakery Containers
Soda and Water bottles

Put these items in the **GARBAGE CART**

CDs, DVDs, Audio & Video Cassettes
Disposable Baby & Adult Diapers
Disposable Drink Cups
Extension Cords & Christmas Lights*
Garden Hoses
Kitty Litter Pails
Motor Oil Bottles, empty
Plastic Utensils, Plates
Plastic Bags, Wraps & Films*
Plastic Plant Pots, Trays & Lawn Edging
PVC Piping
Plastic Kids' Toys
Styrofoam, Packing Peanuts and To-Go Containers

GLASS

Put these items in the **RECYCLING CART**

Food & Beverage Bottles & Jars

Put these items in the **GARBAGE CART**

Ceramics & China
Drinking Glassware, Window Glass
Mirrors

Place recycling items loosely in the cart.
Empty, rinse, and replace all caps and lids.

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD

Put these items in the **RECYCLING CART**

Cereal, Soda, Gift, & Shoe Boxes*, flattened
Corrugated Boxes*, flattened & cut to fit
Magazines
Milk, Juice & Soup Cartons
Newspapers* & Inserts
Office Paper, remove paper clips
Paperback & Hardcover Books
Paper Egg Cartons
Pizza Boxes, emptied of food

Put these items in the **GARBAGE CART**

Paper Towels, Napkins & Tissues
Shredded Paper*, bagged
Wax Paper
Tissue Paper

METAL

Put these items in the **RECYCLING CART**

Aluminum Bottles & Cans
Steel & Tin Cans, except Pet Food cans

Put these items in the **GARBAGE CART**

Metal Pet Food cans, lined with plastic
Aerosol cans*, empty
Aluminum Pans & Foil*
Latex Paint Cans, dried or empty

City of Oshkosh Yard Waste Drop off Site

3rd Avenue between Ohio Street & Idaho Street

Permit required to drop off yard waste. Permit is only valid for one vehicle.

Permits may be purchased at the Collections Center, City Hall or at Kitz & Pfeil, 427 North Main St.

\$25/City of Oshkosh resident -- \$125/non-City of Oshkosh resident

All loads entering the yard waste site must be covered with a tarp or tied.

Yard waste from commercial operations prohibited, including tree trimmers, landscapers & apartment buildings.

Items Accepted

Brush, **up to** 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter
Grass & Leaves
Apples, Pumpkins & Walnuts
Weeds & Garden Debris
Waste Automotive Oil (no permit required)

Items NOT Accepted

Brush, **larger than** 6 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter
Sod, Stumps, Roots & Dirt
Rocks, Gravel & Concrete
Lumber or other wood & Building Materials
Any material classified as garbage or recyclable

Other than Curbside Collection

Many items can be re-used or recycled and kept out of our landfills. Many other items are required to be recycled, but the curbside collection does not support that. Items not picked up curbside may be disposed of at the following businesses. **Charges and limitations may apply.** Call for more information. Inclusion on this list is not intended to imply endorsement by the City of Oshkosh, nor is exclusion intentional.

Batteries & Bulbs Visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/batteries.html for more information on recycling batteries.	Fluorescent bulbs Rechargeable Batteries Vehicle Batteries	Batteries Plus (920) 231-1100 Lowes (920) 232-7423 Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800
Computers & Electronics Electronics with rechargeable batteries are banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators. Visit dnr.wi.gov , search "ecycle" for more information.	Blu Ray, CD & DVD Players Cell Phones Computer monitors CPUs E-readers & Tablets Printers TVs	Best Buy (920) 424-8079 Goodwill-Oshkosh (920) 233-3897 Milwaukee PC (920) 233-4706 Sadoff Iron & Metal (920) 232-7373 Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800
Extension Cords & Christmas Lights	Seasonal drop-off, November — January	City of Oshkosh — (920) 232-5383 City Hall — 215 Church Avenue Field Operations Facility — 639 Witzel Avenue Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800
Home Composting Visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/recycling/compost.html for more information.	Branches less than 1/2" in diameter Boxes & Newspapers Garden Debris Grass & Leaves Shredded Paper	Composting defers material from the landfill, reducing garbage and recycling costs.
Medication	Unwanted or Expired Medication	Oshkosh Safety Building—open 24 hours a day
Needles & Sharps	Place items in a Sharps Disposable Container	Aurora Pharmacy, Oshkosh 414 Doctors Court, Suite 100 — (920) 303-5006 135 Jackson Street, Suite 100 — (920) 303-8140 855 N. Westhaven Drive — (920) 303-8830 Pick 'n Save Pharmacy (920) 236-9494
Plastic Bags, Wraps & Films	Not all plastic bags or wraps are recyclable. Check with each store for a list of items accepted.	Festival Foods (920) 966-3378 Piggly Wiggly (920) 236-7801 Target 920-426-5003 Walmart Supercenter (920) 231-1575
Scrap Metal	Aerosol Cans Aluminum Appliances Bicycles Grills Water Heaters	Miller Scrap Removal (920) 379-2517 Sadoff Iron & Metal (920) 232-7373 Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800
Shredded Paper	Place shredded paper in a bag for drop off.	United Recycling Solutions (920) 235-2000
Used Oil, Automotive	Used motor oil, only. No gasoline, antifreeze or cleaning solvents.	City of Oshkosh Yard Waste Drop off Site Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800
Used Oil, Cooking	All clean used cooking oils, no bacon grease.	Winnebago County Solid Waste (920) 232-1800

Wish-cycling is the disposing of items in the RECYCLING cart in hopes that it will be recycled; however, these items do not belong in the recycling cart.

Towels and Bed Linens	Building Materials	Sawdust/Ashes
Pots and Pans	Styrofoam	Furniture
Plastic Toys	Plastic Bags & Wraps	Diapers
Clothing/Textiles	Yard Waste	Tires

Not sure if your item is recyclable?

Scan this code for more information.



2026 Curbside Brush & Loose Leaf Collection Guidelines

Brush Week:

- **Brush** is defined as tree branches, hedge clippings, garden debris and leaves. **The City does not pick up grass, dirt, root balls, or stumps at any time.**
- Curbside collection of brush is scheduled **on your garbage day**. **Brush weeks** are **underlined** and **bold** on the Sanitation Collection Calendar. New for 2026: **NO Brush collection during November 2026.**
- **Brush should be placed in paper biodegradable bags or bundled and tied.** Bundles can be no longer than 4 feet in length and have branches no larger than 3 inches in diameter. Bags and bundles shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Do not place brush inside garbage or recycling carts for collection.
- Place bags and bundles at least 3 feet away from the garbage and recycling carts on the terrace or driveway apron, no later than 5:00 am on the scheduled collection day. Do not obstruct the sidewalk. Loose brush will not be collected.

Spring Cleanup:

Spring Cleanup is 2 non-consecutive weeks of brush collection, scheduled during the weeks of April 6th through April 10th, and April 20th through April 24th. Follow the same guidelines as the Brush Week collection above.

Fall Loose Leaf Collection:

- Fall Loose Leaf Collection runs for 5 consecutive weeks, **starting** October 19th and **ending** November 20th. Collection is scheduled for the **day after your garbage day**. Loose leaf collection weeks are noted by the green boxes on the Sanitation Collection Calendar.



Loose Leaf Collection Day	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day	Final Day
Friday Garbage = Monday Loose Leaf Collection	10/19	10/26	11/02	11/09	11/16
Monday Garbage = Tuesday Loose Leaf Collection	10/20	10/27	11/03	11/10	11/17
Tuesday Garbage = Wednesday Loose Leaf Collection	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11	11/18
Wednesday Garbage = Thursday Loose Leaf Collection	10/22	10/29	11/05	11/12	11/19
Thursday Garbage = Friday Loose Leaf Collection	10/23	10/30	11/06	11/13	11/20

- Place **leaves** loosely on the terrace, **no bags or brush**, no later than 5:00 am on the **day after your scheduled garbage collection day**. Rake the leaves as close to the street as possible. Do not rake leaves into the street, the gutter line or over the sidewalk. Be mindful of obstructions, such as parked cars, mailboxes, fire hydrants and power poles. **Do not mix brush, grass clippings, other plant materials, dirt, root balls, rocks or stumps with the leaves.**
- Loose leaf collection may end any time due to weather or equipment issues. **Scheduled Loose leaf collection will end November 20th.**

Christmas Tree collection:



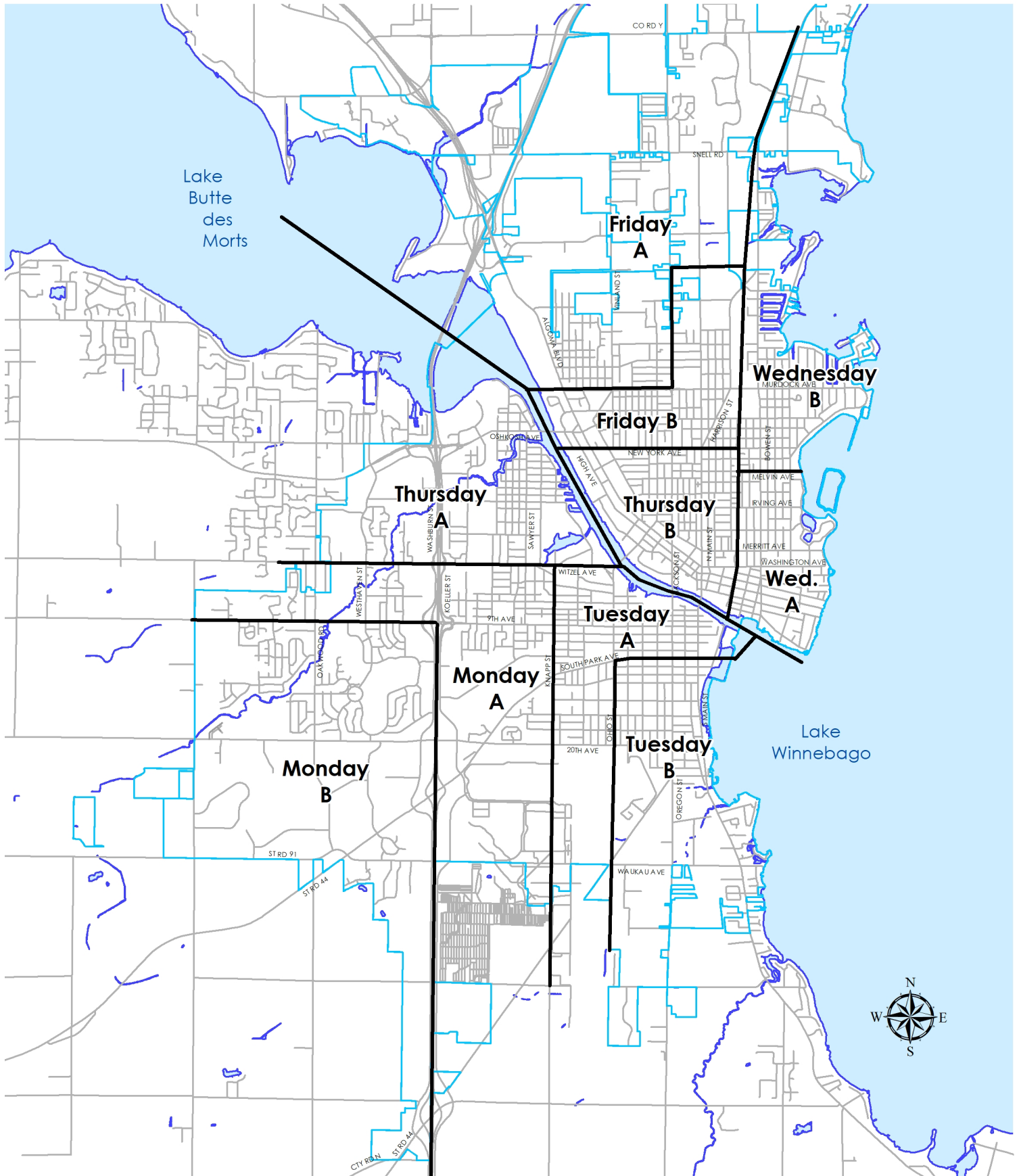
- Christmas tree collection will take place during 2 weeks in January. Check the City website for exact dates.
- Place trees on the terrace or driveway apron, no later than 5:00 am **on your scheduled garbage collection day**. Artificial or flocked trees will NOT be collected.
- Remove all decorations, lights and the tree stand. Trees must not be buried by snow. Trees **must** be removed from plastic bags.
- Christmas wreaths, garland or swags that contain a metal frame should be placed in the garbage cart.

Brush, leaves and Christmas trees may also be taken to the City of Oshkosh Yard Waste Drop off Site.

A Yard Waste permit is required.

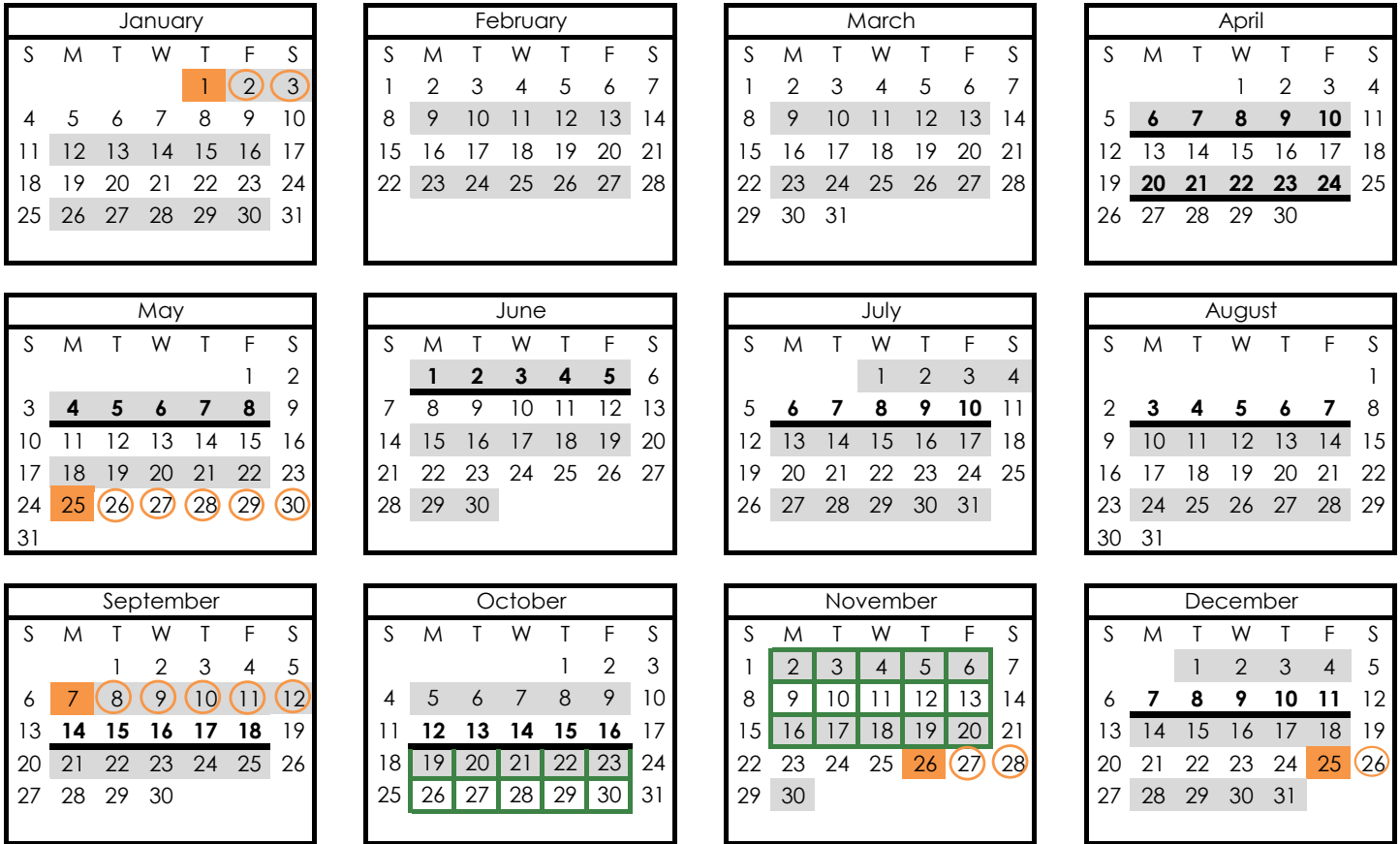
Garbage & Recycling Collection Routes

Recycling weeks marked A & B. See calendar for the recycling schedule.

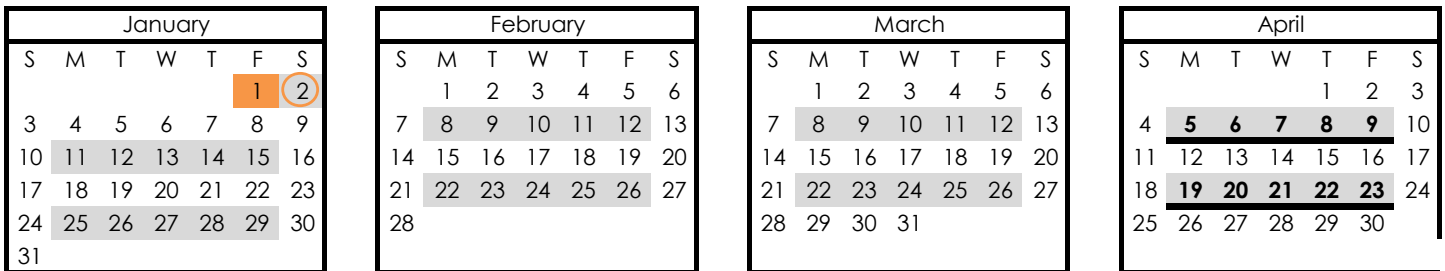


Sanitation Collection Calendar






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LEGEND:

-  Orange box
-  Orange circle
-  Non-shaded week
-  Gray shaded week
-  Bold/underline

Holiday--no collection

Collection is one day later because of the holiday

Recycling "A" week

Recycling "B" week

Brush Week--Brush is collected **ON** your Garbage day. Brush should be placed on your terrace in paper biodegradable bags or bundled and tied. Loose brush will not be collected. Bundles can be no longer than 4 feet in length and branches no larger than 3 inches in diameter. Bags and bundles should not exceed 50 pounds in weight. **Grass clippings, dirt, root balls, or tree stumps will not be collected at any time. NEW FOR 2026: NO Brush collection during November 2026.**

Spring Clean up--Brush is collected **ON** your garbage day during 2 non-consecutive weeks in April. Scheduled during the weeks of April 6th through April 10th and April 20th through April 24th. Follow the same guidelines as **Brush Week**.

Fall Loose Leaf collection--collected the day **AFTER** your Garbage day, from October 19 to November 20, 2026. Place leaves loosely on the terrace, no bags or brush. Rake the leaves as close to the street as possible without going into the curb line or street. Do not obstruct the sidewalk. **Scheduled Loose Leaf Collection will end November 20, 2026.** Loose leaf collection may end at any time due to weather or equipment issues. **Grass clippings, dirt, root balls, or tree stumps will not be collected at any time.**