



City of West Allis

Your 2026 Guide to Garbage and Recycling Collection

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Let Us Help!

Need assistance with household and brush pick-up? Our dedicated team is here to make it easy for you. Simply request a pick-up, and we'll take care of the rest. Enjoy a cleaner, clutter-free space with our reliable service. Contact us today to schedule your pick-up!

To ask a question, express a comment or suggestion, report a concern or issue, or request a service, access the City's Online Help System at www.WestAllisWI.gov/LetUsHelp.

Your Collection Day

Garbage from one-to-three-family homes is picked up weekly by the City of West Allis. Recycling is picked up every other week from one-to-four-family homes. To find your pick-up day and recycling week, visit the City's website at www.WestAllisWI.gov/PropertySearch.

Make Sure Your Carts Are City-Approved

All residential properties with City garbage or recycling pick-up must have approved carts from the Department of Public Works. If you don't have an approved cart for collection, the City will provide them at your expense.

Order your carts at:
www.WestAllisWI.gov/Carts.



Garbage Carts

- To purchase a 96-gallon cart (200-pound capacity), please see website for current pricing. Prices and availability subject to change.
- You may buy an additional cart.
- Two containers maximum per residential unit.
- Free delivery.



Recycling Carts

- To purchase a 96-gallon cart, please see website for current pricing. Prices and availability subject to change.
- One container provided per residential unit.
- You may buy an additional cart, free of charge.
- Two containers maximum per residential unit.
- Free delivery.



Please do not write on, spray paint, label or otherwise change your carts.

Drop-Off Sites Locations and Hours

Municipal Yard Drop-Off Site

6300 W. McGeoch Ave.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

7:15 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday

7:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Hours and days of operation are subject to change.

Dates Closed

2026

- Jan. 1
- Jan. 17 and Jan. 19
- May 23 and May 25
- July 3 and July 4
- Sept. 5 and Sept. 7

2026 (continue)

- Nov. 26 and Nov. 27
- Dec. 24 and Dec. 25

2027

- Jan. 1

Accepted Items	Not Accepted
<p>No Charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard waste. • Antifreeze. • Motor oil and oil filters. • Scrap metal. • Recyclables. • Corrugated cardboard and newspapers. • Batteries (car, boat, motorcycle). <p>Possible Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush. • Concrete. • Ground and sod. • Construction debris (carpet, padding and shingles). • Household items (furniture, clothing). • Electronics <p>Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer monitors. • TVs. • Tires (no rims). • Microwaves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass clippings. • Large gas appliances (water heaters). • Propane tanks. • Explosive or flammable products. • Wet or oil-based paint. • Fluorescent light bulbs. • Materials from contractors, contractor vehicles, commercial properties, and businesses.

Drop-Off Site Locations and Hours

Morgan Avenue Drop-Off Site

3601 S. 116 St.

May 26-Sept. 4

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 8-Sept. 25

Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Dates Closed

2026

- July 3 and July 4
- Sept. 5 and Sept. 7
- Sept. 26-Dec. 31

2027

- Jan. 1-May 31

Accepted Items	Not Accepted
<p>No Charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard waste. • Old mulch (only untreated). <p>Possible Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush. • Concrete. • Asphalt. • Patio pavers. • Bricks. • Stone. • Ground and sod. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass clippings. • Pet waste. • Household garbage. • Recyclables. • Construction debris. • Motor oil / antifreeze. • Tires. • Materials from contractors, contractor vehicles, commercial properties and businesses.

The Municipal Yard and Morgan Avenue sites will be closed for drop-off, DPW offices will be closed and garbage and recycling will not be collected on:

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| • Saturday, Jan 17 | • Friday, July 3 | • Thursday, Nov. 26 |
| • Monday, Jan. 19 | • Saturday, July 4 | • Friday, Nov. 27 |
| • Saturday, May 23 | • Saturday, Sept. 5 | • Thursday, Dec. 24 |
| • Monday, May 25 | • Monday, Sept. 7 | • Friday, Dec. 25 |
| | | • Friday, Jan.1 |

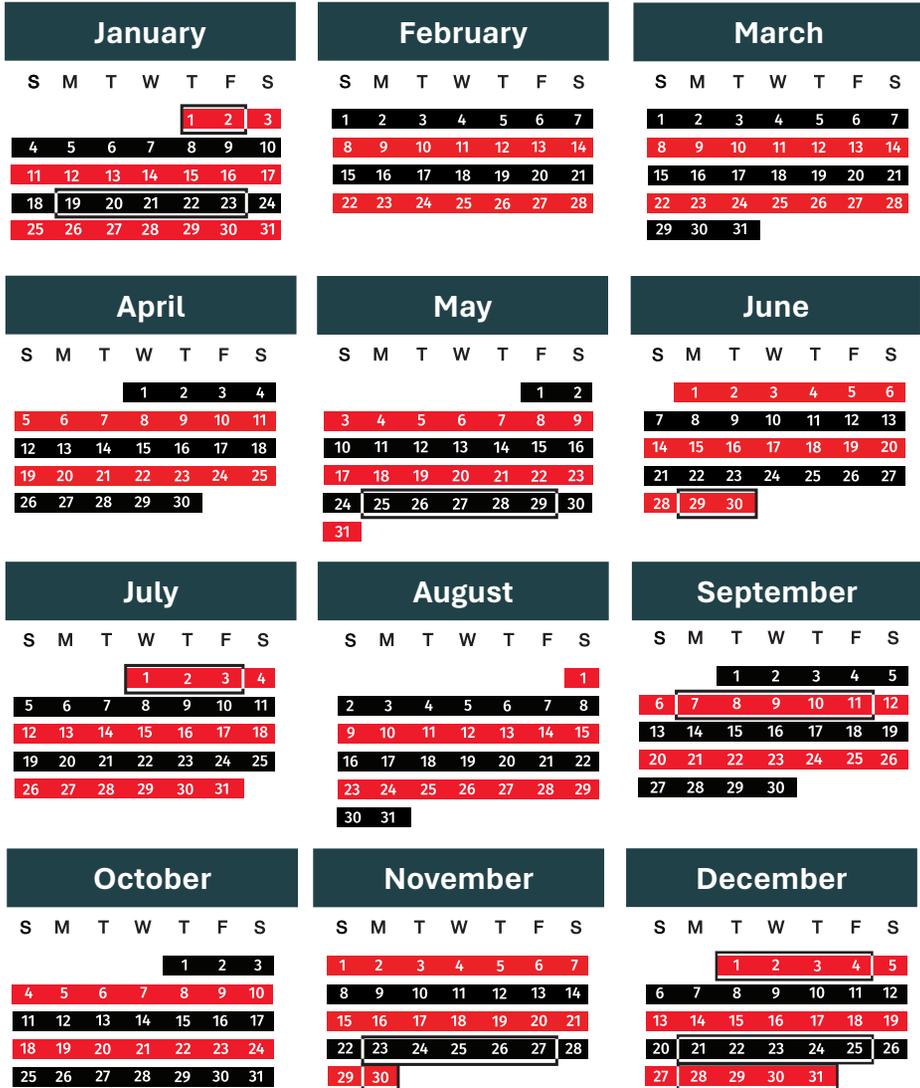
Mulch

Free mulch is available on a self-serve basis at the Morgan Avenue site. Bring your own shovel and container.

Prescription drugs can be taken to:

West Allis Police Department
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI 53227

2026 Recycling Collection Calendar



Holiday weeks are boxed.

- Be prepared for early or delayed collection.
- Winter storms may alter schedule.
- No brush collection during boxed weeks.

Spring Yard Waste Collection:

April 19–May 10

Fall Yard Waste Collection:

Sept. 27–Nov. 15

Garbage and Recycling 2026 Holiday Schedules

Garbage and recycling crews work on an adjusted schedule for holidays observed by the City. Use the chart to guide you. If your carts are not emptied on the first day listed, collection will take place the following day.

Martin Luther King Day		Thanksgiving		
Black Week	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 23
	Jan. 20	Jan. 20 and/or Jan. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 23 and/or Nov. 24
	Jan. 21	Jan. 21 and/or Jan. 22	Nov. 25	Nov. 24 and/or Nov. 25
	Jan. 22	Jan. 22 and/or Jan. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 25 and/or Nov. 30
	Jan. 23	Jan. 23	Nov. 27	Nov. 30
Memorial Day		Christmas and New Year's		
Black Week	May 25	May 26	Nov. 30	Dec. 1
	May 26	May 26 and/or May 27	Dec. 1	Dec. 1 and/or Dec. 2
	May 27	May 27 and/or May 28	Dec. 2	Dec. 2 and/or Dec. 3
	May 28	May 28 and/or May 29	Dec. 3	Dec. 3 and/or Dec. 4
	May 29	May 29	Dec. 4	Dec. 4
Independence Day		Christmas and New Year's		
Red Week	June 29	June 29	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
	June 30	June 29 and/or June 30	Dec. 22	Dec. 21 and/or Dec. 22
	July 1	June 30 and/or July 1	Dec. 23	Dec. 22 and/or Dec. 23
	July 2	July 1 and/or July 2	Dec. 24	Dec. 23 and/or Dec. 26
	July 3	July 2	Dec. 25	Dec. 26
Labor Day		Christmas and New Year's		
Red Week	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Dec. 28	Dec. 28
	Sept. 8	Sept. 8 and/or Sept. 9	Dec. 29	Dec. 28 and/or Dec. 29
	Sept. 9	Sept. 9 and/or Sept. 10	Dec. 30	Dec. 29 and/or Dec. 30
	Sept. 10	Sept. 10 and/or Sept. 11	Dec. 31	Dec. 30 and/or Dec. 31
	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Jan. 1	Dec. 31

For the holiday adjustment map, scan the QR code.



✔ Do This



Do This:

Place garbage and recycling carts neatly at the curb so they don't block sidewalks, streets, or pose a risk to people or property.

✘ Don't Do This



Don't Do This:

Do not leave garbage loose or overflowing—uncontained items create safety hazards for DPW workers and attract rodents.



Do This:

Clear snow and ice around carts so they are easy for DPW crews to access and move safely.



Don't Do This:

Do not leave carts blocked, buried, or covered in snow and ice, making them unsafe for DPW crews to access and empty.



Do This:

Place garbage and recycling carts properly at the alley edge with all items fully contained inside the cart for pickup.



Don't Do This:

Bagged garbage should always fit inside the cart – loose or overflowing items can create unsafe conditions for DPW workers and invite rodents and other pests. Bring excess bagged garbage to the McGeoch drop-off site.



Garbage Pick-Up Guidelines

What's New – January 2026

Items placed outside the garbage cart are properly prepared and will be collected without a fee if:

- The total of all items does not exceed one cubic yard (3' x 3' x 3'), estimated size of a standard clothes dryer.
- Limited to 3 items or less, and are solid and not bendable. If more than 3 items are placed outside of the cart for collection, the additional item(s) will be subject to an additional collection fee based on volume.
- Full, twin, and crib size mattresses will be collected as one of the 3 items placed outside of the cart.
- Queen size and larger mattresses will be collected for a fee.
- No single item exceeds 50 pounds. Items greater than 50 pounds will be subject to an additional fee.
- No items should pose a threat to people or property.
- Nails and screws must be removed or pounded down and broken glass contained.
- Loose and uncontained materials shall not be placed outside the garbage cart.
- Items should be less than 5 feet in length.
- Items must be safe and easy to remove.
- Items cannot be a food source or attractive to rodents.
- Bags should not be placed outside the cart. To be collected, all bags must be in the cart.



What's the Same

- Contractor-generated materials will NOT be removed by the City.
- Items placed outside the garbage cart that are greater than one cubic yard may be collected for an additional fee. Items exceeding eight cubic yards will be evaluated for collection at the Director's discretion.
- Permits may be requested to bring up to eight cubic yards of non-contractor-generated materials to the Municipal Yard drop-off site. Materials are subject to a fee based on volume.
- Contain all items in City-approved carts, free of liquid
- Put garbage and recyclables out by 7 a.m. at the curb/alley edge or drive approach on your pick-up day.
- Return garbage and recycling carts to storage area by 8 p.m. on the day of pick-up.
- Please make garbage and recycling carts accessible to crews. Carts that are frozen to the ground or buried in snow can cause injury to the collection crew or damage to the cart if they attempt to move the carts.
- Bag or box loose materials like shredded paper, sawdust, dampened ashes, animal waste and bedding, Styrofoam, etc. so they don't blow away when carts are dumped.
- Dry out latex paint and leave cans open for pick up.
- Bag fruit and vegetable waste (including pumpkins).
- Keep cart lids tightly closed.
- Garbage and recyclables shall not be placed at the curb or alley edge before 6 p.m. on the day before the scheduled collection.
- Garbage and recyclables should not be placed in the street or block the City sidewalk.
- Recyclables should not be bagged - place loose in cart.
- Yard waste and brush should not be placed in the alley.

Items That Will Prevent Your Garbage From Being Collected

- Recyclables.
- Brush and yard waste. See page 12 for more disposal information.
- Grass clippings.
- TVs/monitors.
- Computers and electronics (stereos, printers, monitors, cellular phones).
- Household hazardous waste.
- Infectious wastes such as hypodermic needles, lancets, blood or blood-tainted products, pathologic wastes and animal carcasses. Visit www.WestAllisWi.Gov/Sharps for sharps disposal information.
- Propane tanks.
- Tires.
- Large appliances. (Learn more at www.WestAllisWI.gov/Recycle.)
- Explosive or flammable products.
- Industrial waste such as pallets.
- Concrete, asphalt, dirt, etc.
- Liquid cell batteries such as car, boat and motorcycle, and lithium batteries such as cell phone and laptop. Take these to the Municipal Yard for proper disposal as part of the electronics recycling program. For more information, please visit www.WestAllisWi.Gov/Recycle.



Sharps



Recycle



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Not Accepted in Recycling Carts

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| • Batteries. | • Hazardous waste. |
| • Broken glass. | • Light bulbs. |
| • Bubble wrap. | • Mirrors. |
| • Ceramics. | • Motor oil. |
| • Dishes. (plastic, glass, pots, pans, etc.) | • Paint cans. |
| • Electronics. | • Plastic bags. |
| • Garbage. | • Syringes or medical waste. |

Accepted in Your Recycling Cart

Aluminum and Steel

- Aerosol cans.
- Cans.
- Clean foil and trays.
- Clean, empty, and rinsed.

Cardboard

- Cereal boxes.
- Food boxes.
- Moving and shipping boxes.
- Paper rolls.

Glass

- Glass bottles, jugs and jars.
- Clean, empty and rinsed.

Paper

- Junk mail.
- Paper bags.
- Magazines and newspapers.
- Office paper.
- Books (soft and hard cover).
- Gift wrap.
- Tissue paper.
- Phone books.

Plastic

- #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
- Plastic bottles and containers.
- Clean, empty, and rinsed.



Seasonal Services

Yard Waste Collection

- **Spring collection of yard waste:** April 19–May 10
- **Fall collection of yard waste:** Sept. 27–Nov. 15
- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable material. It should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during spring and fall collections.
- Remove pots and dirt from potted plants before placing plants in the curb-line.
- Yard waste can be composted at home or disposed of, without charge, at a City drop-off site.
- When parking on the street, be mindful of leaf piles and allow a 15-foot clearance.
- Find out when crews will be collecting leaves and yard waste in your neighborhood at www.WestAllisWi.gov/LeafPickUp.
- **Do not** put yard waste in bags, boxes or containers in the street.
- **Do not** mix brush into yard waste piles. It clogs the City's equipment rakes.
- **Do not** mix bricks, concrete, etc. into yard waste piles.
- **Do not** put fruit and vegetable material in the curb-line. Bag it and place in the garbage cart.

Christmas Trees

- After removing all decorations, Christmas trees should be put where garbage is collected for pick up. Please do not place trees in the street.

Brush Collection

- Brush is woody material from trees and shrubs and trimmings from bushes. On recycling day, one cubic yard of brush (sticks and branches) will be collected curbside from June 1 (red week) through Oct. 2 (black week). Brush will not be collected during the holiday weeks of June 29 and Sept. 7.
- Cut brush into lengths of five feet or less and no greater than 4" in diameter.
- Bundle the brush pile and place parallel between the sidewalk and curb. Do not place in the street.
- Put smaller pieces of brush in a box or can marked "brush."
- **Do not** put brush in bags.
- **Do not** mix yard waste into brush piles.

Grass Clippings

- Grass clippings are not collected or accepted by the City.
- Grass clippings cannot be raked or allowed to blow into the streets where they can clog storm sewers and contaminate run-off water.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn, add to your compost pile or use as mulch under trees and shrubs.

Electronic Recycling (e-Cycling)

Drop off electronics at the Municipal Yard, 6300 W. McGeoch Ave.

Appliances - small	iPods	Servers
Batteries - lead	Keyboards	Stereo equipment
Blue-rays	Laptops	Storage devices
CD/DVD players	Light fixtures	Tablets
Cell phones	Microwaves*	TVs*
Computer mice	Modems	UPSs
Computer parts	Monitors*	Vacuums
Computers	MP3s	VCRs
Copiers	Phones	Video game consoles
DVRs	Printers	Wires
Fax machines	Routers	

*There is a fee for these items. Fees and items accepted are subject to change. See QR code on page 9 for disposal information.

Other Electronic Recycling Options

- **Best Buy** | Accepts TVs for a charge | 4610 S. 76 St. | 414-281-3434
- **Best Buy** | 2401 N. Mayfair Rd. | 414-257-9516
- **Allied Resource Recovery** | Accepts TVs for a charge. Cash only. 1911 S. 80 St. | 414-321-4134

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

For Milwaukee County residents, three permanent sites are open year-round (excluding holidays) for hazardous waste drop-off:

- Milwaukee | 3879 W. Lincoln Ave., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Menomonee Falls | W124 N9451 Boundary Rd., Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Milwaukee | 6060 S. 13 St. (just north of College Avenue), Tuesday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

For more information or to find out about mobile collection sites (available from spring through fall), visit www.mmsd.com or call 414-225-2066.

Accepted

- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Button and rechargeable batteries
- Fertilizer
- Oven cleaners
- Thermometers
- Wet paint

Not Accepted

- Car batteries
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Prescription drugs
- Tires
- Appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.)

Items, fees, quantities are subject to change.

Drop-off - Type of Material	Fee Amount
Brush, household debris, demolition materials, concrete, and ground drop off	\$0.00 (<1 cu. yd - once per day) \$15.00 (over 1-3 cu. yds) \$30.00 (over 3-6 cu. yds) \$50.00 (over 6-8 cu. yds)
Microwave	\$5.00 per unit
Television - CRT, LED, LCD	\$25.00 per unit
Television - Console, Plasma, Projection, Other	\$40.00 per unit
Tires (except tractor tire)	\$5.00 each (0"-16" rim diameter) \$15.00 each (over 16" rim diameter)
Tires (tractor tire)	\$60.00 each
All loads are priced separately, determined by staff and are non-negotiable. Staff reserves the right to deny access depending on vehicle type, load type or conduct.	

Collection / Pickup - Type of Material	Fee Amount
Brush, household debris, and demolition materials collection	\$50.00 (over 1-4 cu. yds) \$100.00 (over 4-8 cu. yds)
Collection of Improperly Presented Solid Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects outside of receptacle 1-4 cubic yards • Objects outside of receptacle 4-8 cubic yards • Objects outside of receptacle 8+ cubic yards • More than 3 objects outside of receptacle • Extraordinary effort to remove object • Waste is source of food or harborage for rodents • Solid waste poses a threat of injury • Object exceeds 50 lbs 	\$50.00 \$100.00 Actual Cost \$50.00 per each additional object \$50.00 per object \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 per object
Collection of Ineligible Solid Waste	Actual Cost + \$10% administrative fee
Overflowing Solid Waste	Actual Cost + \$10% administrative fee

Miscellaneous - Item	Fee Amount
Pickup service requested by households where all residents have a disability that prevents placement of garbage and recycling at curbside/ alley edge	\$100.00 per year (July to June)

Be Notified

To get notified of declared snow emergencies and updates for garbage, recycling, yard waste and brush collection, opt-in for text or email notifications at www.WestAllisWI.gov/Subscribe.