



Automated Garbage Collection Guide

It's Easy. It's Clean. It's Safe. It's Time!



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THE PROGRAM

Automated Garbage Collection is rolling out in Wauchula! It's a cleaner, safer and smarter way to collect waste.

Simply wheel your plastic can out for collection and the automated truck empties it using a mechanical arm. It makes it safer for our workers as they no longer need to lift and haul the garbage.

Wheeled Cans

It's Easy. It's Clean. **It's Safe.** **It's Time...** **Roll With It!**

Wheeled cans are being delivered to each address in the City of Wauchula that is not serviced by a dumpster.

All regular household garbage must be placed inside the can and the lid must close. The cans can hold the equivalent of five to six bags of garbage. Any garbage placed beside the can cannot be collected. If garbage is placed on top of the can, the can cannot be picked-up and emptied.



The cans have individual serial numbers, which helps us manage inventory, verifies the correct address for misplaced cans and records the replacement history of individual cans.

Only cans provided by the City of Wauchula can be used for Automated Garbage Collection.

How It Works

Starting the week of October 1, 2018, on your garbage day, simply place the can curbside, just off the road, on the shoulder or at the end of your driveway. The cans have large wheels that make them easy to roll, even over curbs and gravel. Once garbage has been collected, return your can to a secure location on your property.

The wheeled cans must be to the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. Leave at least 4 feet of clearance between the can and any obstacles such as parked cars, poles, mailboxes, other cans, etc. and clear of overhead utility lines. The arrows on the can lid must point to the street. Please make sure your can is clearly visible and accessible.

Please do not use wheeled cans for garbage collection before October 1, 2018. Automated Collection cans are too heavy, once filled with garbage, for a person to safely pick up.

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Park It!

Place the can curbside just off the road or at the end of your driveway.

2

Point It!

Make sure the opening is pointed **toward** the street.

3

Space It!

Give your can at least 4 feet of clearance on all sides.



Pick-Up Schedule

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

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Tuesday

Addresses located North of West Main Street & West of Northbound Highway 17

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Wednesday

Addresses located South of West Main Street & West of Northbound Highway 17

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Thursday

Addresses located East of Northbound Highway 17

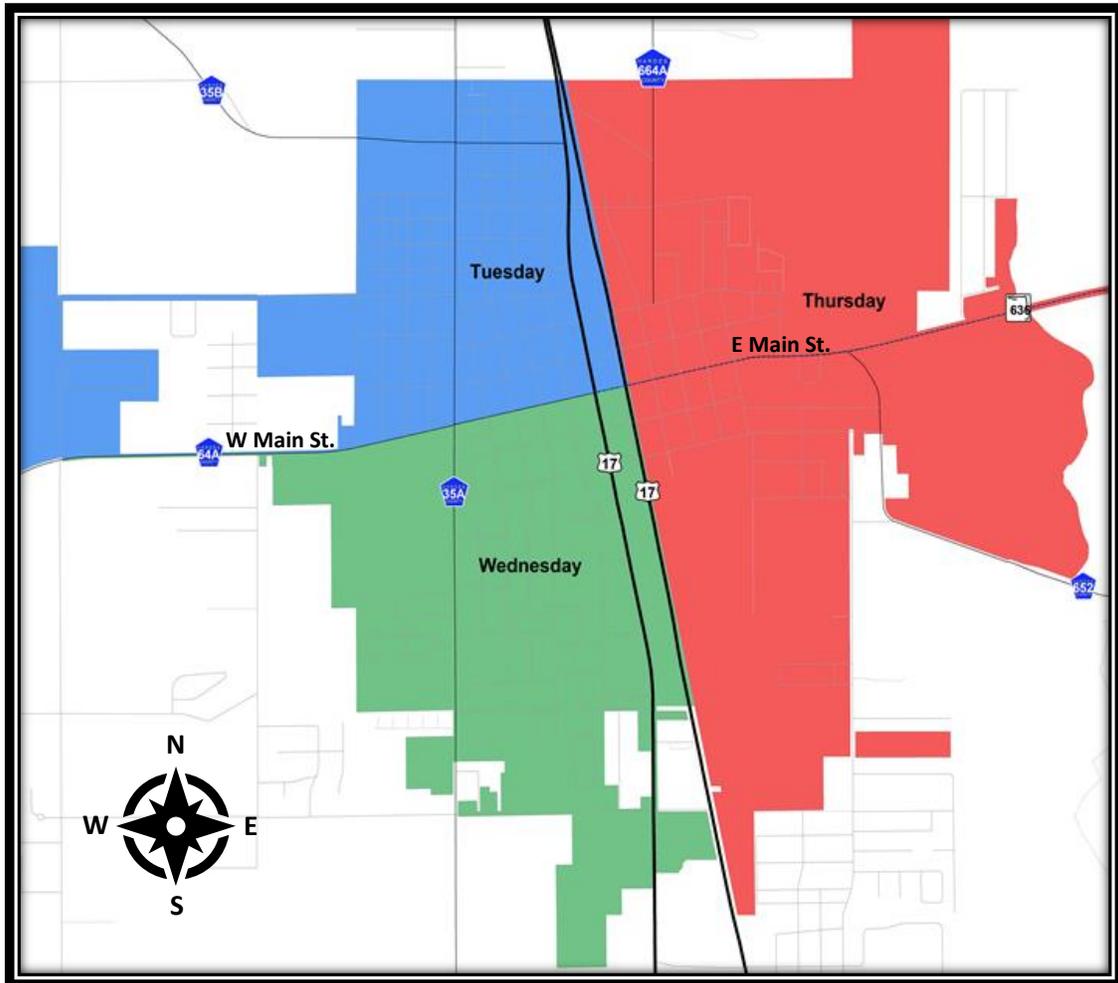
Yard Debris 

Yard debris will be picked up on Wednesday- Do not use city-provided can



Furniture

Furniture will be picked up on Friday



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the City of Wauchula changing the way it collects garbage?

Automated collection is a more efficient, cost-effective, safe and responsible method of garbage collection. It will decrease lost time incidents/accidents by improving employee safety. There will be fewer litter, odor and pest problems.

Who will own the cans?

The cans are the property of the City of Wauchula and will be replaced as they reach the end of their lifecycle. The City will assign a can to each address not serviced by a dumpster. A serial number identifies the property to which the can belongs. If you move, the can remains with property for the next occupant.

Who is responsible for the can?

Residents will be responsible for routine maintenance such as cleaning the cans, removing them from the street after collection and storing them in a safe place. The cans have a warranty and the City will take care of any warranty repairs. Any stolen cans or those damaged through neglect or misuse will be replaced at the property owner's expense.

Where should the can be stored?

Residents should store cans as close to their house as possible, inside a garage, etc. Cans should be secured when removed from curbside to prevent damage from wind or theft.

What if I am not physically able to move the can to the curb?

The cans are equipped with large wheels and are easy to roll curbside. Some residents may have a special circumstance which may require review. These cases will be reviewed on an individual basis upon request.

Can extra bags of garbage be placed at the curb for pick up?

No. All garbage must be placed in the can for pick up. The lid must be fully closed. Cans that are overflowing or garbage that is placed outside of the cans will not be picked up.

Can I use my own can which looks identical to the City-supplied ones?

No. The City-supplied cans are labeled with serial numbers to help the City manage can inventory, verify the correct address for misplaced cans and record the replacement history of individual cans.

What kind of garbage can I place in the can?

All regular household garbage may be placed inside the can. All the garbage must be bagged to avoid odor and keep the can clean. Items that should not be placed inside the can include: dirt, sod, rocks, concrete, bricks, metal, flammable, toxic or hazardous materials, hot ashes or charcoal, construction materials, needles, solvents, animal carcasses, and electronics (i.e., televisions, computers, monitors, etc.)

What can I do with my old trash bins?

It would be great for yard debris pick-up. Also, think about how you could use your old trash bin around your home – store garage supplies or outdoor toys. Trash bins are easily converted to rain barrels – a great way to collect water for your garden or compost bins.



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