



# Solid Waste & Recycling Program Update

WINTER 2021

Dear White Lake Township Resident:

As you may be aware, White Lake Township has extended the Solid Waste contract with GFL for the next five years. The new contract runs from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. As a result of this, residents will now have the option to purchase 65-gallon recycling carts in addition to still being able to purchase additional 95-gallon trash carts directly from GFL. See pricing below.

This will continue to be an enhancement to our existing solid waste program which will include recycling service, yard waste processing, and bulky waste collection. To assist you during this transition period, we have made available pertinent information that outlines all of the services you presently have and new enhancements that will improve the entire solid waste program. Please keep this information in a convenient location.

## Service Days

Please be aware that your current collection day has not changed. GFL will continue to collect your household solid waste, yard waste, large bulky waste, and recyclables on the same day you are presently receiving service.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Customer Care Center at **844.464.3587** Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

All items for pickup (including trash, recycling, bulk waste, and yard waste) must be out by 7:00 am.

## Household Solid Waste Cart Program

New homes will receive one 95-gallon trash cart and one 18-gallon recycling bin once they receive their certificate of occupancy. Upon notification, GFL will deliver both to each new home.

Homeowners that generate more trash than can fit in one 95-gallon cart, may purchase additional carts directly from GFL. New this year, residents may now purchase a 65-gallon recycling cart for \$65.

### Cart/Bin Costs

95-gallon trash cart	\$75.00
65-gallon trash cart	\$65.00
18-gallon recycling bin	\$14.00
65-gallon recycling cart	\$65.00

Please keep in mind that by request to the Township, GFL will provide a 65-gallon trash cart in lieu of the 95-gallon cart to any new participating senior citizens 62 years of age or older.

Please place household solid waste and recycling out by 7:00 am. To provide a safe environment in every neighborhood, please remove containers within 12 hours of pick up and store accordingly in a garage or behind your residence or garage. Carts should not be stored in front of or along the side of your place of residence. To eliminate spillage and possible injury, please do not overload containers. Weight limit on 96-gallon trash carts should not exceed two hundred and twenty-five pounds.



*Note: To help keep your new cart in a clean and sanitary condition, household waste should be placed in plastic bags prior to placing in your cart.*

## What can I put in my recycle bin or cart?

- Plastics – containers with codes 1 through 7
- Clear glass, (no broken glass/panes or drinking glasses). Please remove all plastic and metal lids
- Metal including cans, pots, pans, etc.
- Paper, newspaper, phone books, magazines and brown paper bags
- Cardboard – cut into 2'x 2' pieces and tied in bundles.
- Paper board and box board (i.e. cereal, tissue, shoe box) - flattened and stuffed in biggest box or bundled.
- Clean pizza boxes.
- Aseptic paper milk or juice cartons, no wax cartons

## What isn't recyclable?

- Packing materials
- Garbage
- Propane Tanks
- Paint cans
- Medical Waste
- Flammable liquids
- Household cleaners
- Dry or liquid chemicals
- Wood items
- Batteries
- Plastic Bags
- No waxed cardboard

# Enhanced Recycling Program

In an effort to enhance the existing recycling program, GFL has partnered with White Lake Township to make 65-gallon wheeled recycling carts available to interested residents. This is a voluntary program and there is a \$65.00 charge to upgrade to the 65-gallon recycling cart.

Residents that want to participate in the Enhanced Recycling Program can contact GFL directly at **844.464.3587**. Upon request by a resident that they would like a large wheeled recycling cart, the cart will be assembled and delivered within 1 week once payment has been received.

Residents that choose not to receive a large wheeled recycling cart can continue to use their 18-gallon recycling bin. Replacement carts are available for \$65.00 each, recycle bins are also available for \$14.00 each.

Note: Once a resident takes possession of a 65-gallon recycling cart it is their responsibility to keep it clean, safe and in serviceable condition. Residents that misplace, remove carts/bins from their property, other than through the negligence of GFL, will be required to pay to have a second recycling cart delivered.

## You can still use your 18-gallon recycle bin.



## How to Recycle

All items may be mingled together. Material must be clean and uncontaminated. Dirty, improperly prepared or unacceptable materials cannot be collected. The cart/bin must be out for pickup by 7:00 am on your regular collection day. Additional containers are available for purchase from GFL.

## Medical Sharps

Self-administering of doctor prescribed medication at home sometimes leaves the homeowner with a disposal issue if the treatment requires the use of syringes with disposable needles or lancets (commonly referred to as medical sharps). Please check with your doctor, pharmacy, or hospital prior to using any medical sharps for their safe disposal.

If you dispose of medical sharps with your household trash, please place them in a puncture proof container (such as a coffee can or heavy duty detergent container), secure the lid or cap and label "Medical Sharps."

Note: Please keep in mind that Medical Sharps are not recyclable and should not be placed in your recycling cart.



## Bulky Waste—Appliances & Furniture

The collection of large bulky waste, such as appliances and furniture, will continue to be part of your solid waste program. You may set out large bulky items on your regular scheduled service day of collection.

Please place large bulky items out separate from other products for collection by 7:00 am. Large items may include: washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water tanks, stoves, microwaves, couches, chairs, tables, dressers and other large items.

*FYI: Doors and racks must be removed from refrigerators and freezers prior to setting out for collection. GFL will be responsible to make sure freon is extracted according to current environmental standards.*



# Yard Waste

Yard waste collection will continue to be part of your solid waste program. We will be collecting yard waste on your regular scheduled service day. Yard waste will be collected in a separate truck starting **April 1st of each year and running through the first full week of December**. Please have your yard waste set out for collection by 7:00 am and placed separate from your household solid waste, recycling and bulky waste.

Yard waste includes: Garden waste, leaves, lawn

cuttings, shrubs & tree trimmings/pruning waste. Yard waste will be collected in up to 32-35 gallon plastic or metal containers marked "yard waste" and/or Kraft, yard waste, paper bags. Weight restrictions on containers is 35 pounds, this includes container and contents.

FYI: Brush and tree limbs larger than 2 inches in diameter and bundled will be collected with the trash. Bundles should not exceed 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter and 35 pounds in weight. Please tie with heavy twine or rope.

## Not considered yard waste:

- Dirt
- Sod
- Large Stumps
- Sand
- Gravel
- Animal Feces
- Dead Animals

# Unacceptable Hazardous Items & Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day

We cannot accept any hazardous chemicals that the USEPA considers dangerous and that can catch fire, react or explode when mixed with other substances or if it is corrosive or toxic during the normal weekly collection schedule. This may include: Ammunition, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, gasoline, lacquers, oils, or any other product labeled dangerous, flammable, combustible, poisonous or corrosive.

Disposal of hazardous chemicals with your regular household trash is strictly prohibited. Liquid, powder and/or granular substances, when placed in a plastic bag or carts, could catch fire, cause an explosion, burn or spray when it is compacted into our vehicles or mix with other products and cause serious injury and even fatalities. Please read all directions and precautions prior to use.

Whenever you need to discard containers and/or products

leftover, please read all warnings and dispose of according to the manufactures recommendations.

## The Next Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

An essential component of your solid waste program is the Household Hazardous Waste Day Event that is provided by White Lake Township and GFL Environmental USA Inc. The next Household Hazardous Waste Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9 am until 1 pm in the White Lake Kohl's parking lot. These hazardous materials will be accepted at this event.

# Safety

**Porcelain Products:** Porcelain products can cause serious injury when broken and placed out for collection. If you do have a porcelain product, such as a toilet, sink or tub, and it is broken, please beware and take adequate precautions. Whenever possible, please tape cardboard over the sharp edges and mark accordingly.

**Broken Glass:** If you need to dispose of broken glass, please wrap in several layers of newspaper and mark "Broken Glass Enclosed." \*Please never place broken glass or other sharp objects in plastic bags.

**Travel Tips:** We all share the roadways we travel. Please be extremely careful when approaching one of our trucks, slow down and expect the unexpected. The safety of our employees, customers and the general public is of the utmost importance. We have a zero tolerance for unsafe acts by our employees. If you experience any difficulties, please contact our Customer Care Center at **844.464.3587**.

**Latex paint:** Latex paint can be disposed of with your regular household trash if dried or solidified as follows: If you only have a small amount of paint left, you can allow it to dry out. Find an area protected from children, pets and the weather but with adequate ventilation. Remove the lid and allow the paint to dry. This works well for small quantities, such as an inch or two. When the paint is thoroughly dry, the remaining hardened material can be placed in your solid waste container. Please leave the lid off so we can see the paint has hardened. For large quantities or partially full cans, mix in equal amounts of absorbent material such as sand, oil dry, or cat litter to solidify the paint prior to collection and disposal.

Please remember: Do not dump paint or any other type of hazardous chemicals on the ground, down a storm drain, or sanitary sewer where it can travel directly to surface and/or ground water or any waterway.

## In this issue:

- Charter Township of White Lake extends solid waste contract with GFL starting January 1, 2021. Including the option for residents to purchase and use larger wheeled trash and recycling carts.
- Current Program Continues: The new carts are entirely voluntary; garbage and recycling will still continue to be picked up in smaller cans and containers as they have been in the past.
- Household Hazardous Waste Event Continues.
- Yard Waste Collection Expanded
- GFL Holiday Schedule.

All of us at GFL are looking forward to continuing our valued relationship with the White Lake Township, and are excited to provide the option for residents to have larger trash and recycling carts. We hope that you find this information to be helpful in continuing a safe and efficient solid waste and recycling program. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Customer Care Center at **(844) 464-3587** Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. You can also visit our website at **GFLUSA.com**.

Thank you,  
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## Holiday Schedule

GFL observes the following holidays:

<b><u>NEW YEARS DAY</u></b> January 1st	<b><u>MEMORIAL DAY</u></b> Last Monday in May	<b><u>INDEPENDENCE DAY</u></b> July 4th
<b><u>LABOR DAY</u></b> First Monday of September	<b><u>THANKSGIVING DAY</u></b> Fourth Thursday of November	<b><u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u></b> December 25th

Please remember that if a holiday falls on a weekday, your scheduled service day will be delayed by one day. Regular collection will resume the following week.