

Fort Collins Waste Requirements for HOAs and Haulers

Service Requirements

- Pricing for service based on size of trash cart
 - Three sizes of trash carts: small, medium, large*
 - 100% price difference between sizes of trash cart (e.g. \$1x for small, \$2x for medium, \$3x for large)
 - Extra waste (including when a cart lid can't close fully) must be charged proportional to the standard rate for a small capacity container**
- Every other week collection of recycling included for no additional cost
 - Up to two large recycling carts included
 - If recycling collected in 18-gallon tubs, recycling must be collected weekly
- Residents can opt in to weekly yard trimmings collection from Apr 1 – Nov 30 for a separate fee
 - As of 9/30/24, yard trimmings must be included in all residents' service (and must not be a separate line item on bills) unless resident declines service

HOA Requirements

- Arrange for services that comply with service requirements (above)
- Provide written notice*** to residents in the HOA
- Keep copy of the written notice, a list of recipients of the notice, and record of the date and manner of distribution of the notice for 5 years after notice provided
- Allow households to each select from any of the trash cart sizes; HOA may not encourage / discourage selection of any particular size

Hauler Requirements

- Distribute the written notice*** to all customers (including HOA residents)
 - If HOA will distribute to all residents, hauler must clearly notify the HOA representative of this obligation
- Contracts with HOAs must be in writing
 - To be eligible for exemption from the City's contract, contract must be executed by 4/28/23
- May charge a service surcharge of up to 25% the cost of the small trash cart service cost; may not charge any other fees

This is a summary. Full requirements can be found in [Chapter 12](#) and [Chapter 15](#) of the Municipal Code.

* small = 30-39 gallons, medium = 60-69 gallons, large = 90-99 gallons

** for example, a customer who placed out an extra 32-gallon bag of solid waste would be charged $\frac{1}{4}$ the monthly rate for the small capacity container service as the bag would be equivalent to the amount of small capacity container service volume provided per week

*** *Written notice:*

- Must include that recycling service is included in service, the range of recycling containers available, any rules for collection set by the hauler, the trash container sizes available and related prices, that optional yard trimmings collection is available and the related service price
- Must include recycling guidelines / educational material that is provided by the City of Fort Collins
- Can be distributed to HOA residents by the hauler or by the HOA management
- Must be sent at the following times:
 - Once per year on an ongoing basis
 - Within 10 days of a resident joining the HOA
 - Within 30 days of the HOA receiving updated rates for service