

Residential Garbage Cart Policy

- Carts must be placed on or against the curb **by 6:30 AM** on the designated collection day.
- Cart accessibility is the responsibility of the resident. This includes snow removal to allow pickup during the winter months.
- A 4-foot clearance must be maintained around your cart. Do not place recycling next to cart. Stay away from the mailbox and trees.
- Cart lids must be completely closed. All garbage must be inside cart-not protruding. A \$4 fee will be assessed for overfilled carts.
- Do not use bungee cords, chains, etc. to tie the carts/covers down.
- Cart handles are to face your residence. Wheels on or against the curb.
- Carts containing hazardous waste will not be picked up.
- Carts containing brush or yard waste will not be picked up.
- Garbage carts are picked up with an automated truck. Truck operators do not leave the vehicle to empty or move carts. **You MUST use your cart!** DO NOT put out bags of garbage.
- Please call West Central Sanitation within 24 hours if your garbage is not picked up or if your cart needs repair.
- Carts damaged due to normal wear and tear will be repaired or replaced at no charge. Damages caused by hot ashes, hazardous materials, or other non-garbage related homeowner usage will result in a \$75 cart replacement fee.
- Garbage carts remain the property of the City of Benson. Please leave the cart at your residence when you move out for the new resident to use.
- New residents should report the condition of their cart to the City and if they wish to change sizes.
- Existing residents can change cart sizes by calling the City Office or visiting our website and making a request. Please use your average weekly garbage amount generated when determining the needed size. No changeouts will be allowed for holidays or special occasions. Residents will be allowed one change within the first two months of service and then annually thereafter.

Direct Questions to:

City of Benson 1410 Kansas Ave	West Central Sanitation 4089 Abbott Dr, Willmar, MN	Swift County Environmental Services 1000 Industry Drive
320-843-4775	800-246-7630	320-843-2356
Billing questions Cart Changeouts	Garbage pickup questions Cart Repairs	Recycling questions Garbage sorting questions

Rates:

35 Gallons	64 Gallons	96 Gallons
\$13.00	\$17.00	\$23.00
Holds about 2-3 kitchen bags	Holds about 4-5 kitchen bags	Holds about 6-7 kitchen bags
37" H x 19" W x 24" D	44" H x 24" W x 27" D	46" H x 26" W x 36" D

\$4.00 penalty for overfilled cart if lid on cart will not close.

Monthly charge is for the weekly pickup of one garbage cart. Garbage charge is included in your monthly utility bill from the City of Benson.

If you have extra garbage, you will either need to save the garbage for the next weekly pickup or haul to Swift County Environmental Services and pay to dispose of the extra garbage. No garbage tags for extra garbage are offered.

Contractors:

Garbage: West Central Sanitation - (800) 246-7630
Recycling: Swift County Environmental Services - (320) 843-2356

Pickup Days and Areas:

South side of railroad tracks: Tuesday pickup, set out by 6:30 AM
North side of railroad tracks: Wednesday pickup, set out by 6:30 AM

Garbage & Recycling: Placed on or against the curb for pickup year-round. Please allow adequate separation between your garbage and recycling containers.

Sorting:

All garbage must be sorted into 3 categories:
RECYCLABLES | COMPOSTABLES | NON-PROCESSIBLES.

Recyclables are to be placed in the blue or green container provided by the County. If a container is not available you may use a box or adequate container clearly marked RECYCLABLES. You may have an unlimited amount of recyclables each week.

Compostables are to be placed in clear plastic bags before placing in the cart. The bag should be left open and untied to allow the contents to be easily removed for composting.

Non-Processibles are to be placed in clear bags. The bags are to be securely tied or closed to prevent the contents from mixing with compostables upon collection.