

GAINES TOWNSHIP

WASTE SERVICE GUIDELINES

Waste Management (WM) is a national provider of solid waste collection, recycling and disposal services. They are committed to providing comprehensive waste services in the most professional manner, at the lowest cost to our residents. These guidelines have been prepared to clarify your role in helping them provide our community the best service possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLECTION TIMES – Collection begins early to minimize traffic congestion and ensure that drivers reach the landfill prior to closing. Please ***have your trash, yard waste, and/or recycling at the curb by 6:00am*** on collection day. If trash is not out on time it will not be picked up until the following week. ***Your collection day is Thursday unless affected by a holiday or weather related delay.*** Questions may be directed to ***WM Customer Service @ 1-800-796-9696 Monday through Friday 8:00am until 5:00pm.***

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – Unless you are notified otherwise by WM, there will be ***no collection on the following six holidays:***

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| 1) New Year's Day | 2) Christmas Day | 3) Memorial Day |
| 4) July 4 th | 5) Labor Day | 6) Thanksgiving Day |

When the holiday falls on a weekday there will be no collection on that day. Instead collection will be delayed one day for Friday pick-up. If the holiday falls on a weekend, your collection will not change.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

GENERAL REFUSE – Place bagged general refuse (trash) in either 30-gallon plastic or metal containers with handles, or in plastic bags only. Containers may not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. The following are prohibited items for collection: any hazardous or liquid wastes, any type of batteries, tires, large auto parts, yard waste, construction material, roofing or demolition material, concrete, stumps, dirt, rocks, or railroad ties.

LARGE/BULKY ITEMS – Bulky items like appliances, carpet, or furniture are collected on an as needed basis and are limited to one item per week per residential unit without any special charge. Call WM Customer Service @ 1-800-796-9696 to schedule pick-up. Items such as carpet must be cut in lengths no longer than 4ft., be securely tied, and each bundle weighing no more than 50lbs. Appliances containing Freon must first have the Freon removed before scheduling pick-up.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS – A separate collection vehicle collects recyclable materials on the same day as trash (Thursday) ***on an every other week basis***. All residents who live on Reid Rd. and northward are collected the opposite week from residents living south of Reid Rd. Recycling items **MUST** be set at curbside in the approved 18-gallon green bins. ***Schedules/Acceptable Materials Guide and recycling bins can be obtained at the township hall.*** At the curb please separate the recycling bin/s from the trash and yard waste by at least 3ft. to make it easier for the collection driver to see.

YARD WASTE – Items such as grass, leaves, and brush are ***collected on an every other week basis*** on the same day as trash (Thursday) ***from approximately April 15th through approximately November 30th*** of each year. A separate collection vehicle collects yard waste. Materials **MUST** be contained in yard waste paper bags, clearly marked 30-gallon yard waste containers, or be securely bundled. Containers or bundles should weigh no more than 50lbs. each. Bundles should not be greater than 3ft. in length and 24 inches in diameter. Branches larger than 3 inches in diameter, dirt, rocks, or landscape timbers are **NOT** acceptable. Please have yard waste separated at the curb from trash and recyclables by at least 3ft. for easier identification by collection drivers. ***Yard Waste stickers to mark containers are available at the township hall.***

DUMP PASSES – As a part of your trash service with WM, each household is entitled to 3 passes annually. Each pass is good for one truck load or one trailer load (of equivalent size) of household trash or compost, into the Venice Park Landfill. It is at WM's discretion as to whether there will be a charge for building or demolition material. ***Questions on what is acceptable can be directed to WM @ Venice Park Landfill: 810-621-9080.*** Passes can be obtained at the township hall, but do expire at the end of each calendar year.