

Solid Waste Management in Swansea

As of May 2022



SWANSEA'S MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Your trash day is on: M T W TH F

General Information

Republic Services is the licensed collector for trash, recyclables, and yard waste.

In February of 1991, the Village of Swansea initiated a comprehensive solid waste management program in response to concerns about the affect of municipal solid waste upon our environment, and in response to goals established by the State of Illinois. The program is unique in its approach, and has been very successful in accomplishing what it is intended to do: divert solid waste from landfills, promote recycling, and increase the awareness of all Swansea residents about the problems associated with the disposal of solid waste. It is listed by the State of Illinois as a model for other communities. Here's why...

Since our program began, *over 34%* of our residential solid waste has been kept out of area landfills and either recycled or composted. This may be due, as an early survey indicated, to the fact that *over 90%* of Swansea households regularly recycle. You are not required to recycle if you don't want to, but you'll soon find that it saves you money. The following information should help you better understand the program and how it works.

Swansea's solid waste management program includes three components:

1. The collection and disposal of trash;
2. The collection and processing of yard waste; and
3. The collection and processing of recyclable materials.

The major difference in Swansea's approach is how you pay for the service. Rather than receiving and paying a flat monthly, quarterly or annual bill for trash service, you pay on a "per-unit" basis. Each time you place a bag or can of trash at the curb for collection, you attach a sticker. When the Village's licensed trash hauler sees a sticker attached to your bag or can, they know you already paid for the collection and disposal of the contents. Buying a new sticker every time you want to dispose of trash may sound expensive at first, but the average resident pays about 65% of what they paid for the service before the program began.

This program covers all residential property.

This includes one, two or three dwelling units on a single lot. In addition, some of the manufactured home parks have elected to participate in the program. At this time, the program does not serve other "non-participating" manufactured home parks, apartment buildings of four or more units, or commercial properties.

Stickers for trash are orange and marked with the Swansea logo. They are about 1 1/2 inches wide and 8 inches long. They come with instructions on the reverse side and the name and toll-free telephone number of Republic Services. You may also call 656-6883. Stickers are sold in sheets of five (5).

Currently, stickers are available at the following locations in Swansea:

- **Schnucks Super Center:** 2665 N. Illinois Street, Swansea, Illinois 62226
- **Swansea Government Center:** 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, Illinois 62226

Most of these locations will keep stickers behind a service counter, so you may want to ask rather than look around the store shelves. If one or more of these locations should be out of stickers, check with the Government Center at 234-0044. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and have stickers in stock.

Holiday Schedules:

When a holiday falls on a your scheduled pickup day, your collection will be made on the **next day**. Republic observes New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day as holidays.

Items for collection must be placed at the street by at least 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Trash cans are not to be placed at the street earlier than 7:00 p.m. the night before collection is scheduled, and are to be removed by 7:00 p.m. on the day collection is made.

You are limited by both volume and weight.

One sticker is good for each container no larger than 33 gallons in size and weighing no more than 50 pounds in weight of trash.

Republic Services will not be required to collect any can or bag which exceeds either the weight or volume limit allowed for one sticker.

As of May 1, 2022, trash stickers are \$24.30 for a sheet of five stickers. Annual trash stickers are \$267.22 and may only be purchased at the Government Center.

Collections for Larger Items:

Please call Republic Services at 656-6883 to schedule a pick up. Ensure stickers are clearly visible and attached to each item.

If it doesn't fit in a bag or can, use extra stickers. You will need either 3 stickers or 7 stickers depending upon the item.

Three (3) stickers are required for each large, non-appliance item. This includes sofas, mattresses, other furniture, and rolls of carpet. A large item also includes one box or bundle of construction or remodeling debris, which does not exceed one cubic yard (3'x3'x3') in volume.

Seven (7) stickers are required for appliances. This includes refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, central air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, washers and dryers, stoves, microwave ovens, dishwashers, and hot water heaters.

There is one exception: If you have a four foot fluorescent bulb to dispose of, please call Republic Services at 656-6883 for proper disposal instructions.

Yard Waste Information

Yard waste collection is made throughout the Village on **Thursdays** only between April 1st and December 31st of each year to residents that have signed up with Republic Services for yard waste pick-up.

If you need to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, or tree branches up to 3" in diameter, you can buy a standard paper yard waste bag, or you can place yard waste in a 33-gallon trash can, please mark your yard waste can with a red "X".

Yard waste collection is picked up at a flat rate per month (Call for pricing) with a 3 month minimum commitment. If you would like to sign up please contact Republic Services (618-656-6883).

You can also bundle brush or limbs and tie them, provided the bundle does not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 4 feet in length, then attach a sticker to the twine. All yard waste items need to be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on **Thursday** for collection.

Other options for high-volume waste disposal: There is an option for residents who generate a lot of trash or yard waste. For (Call for Pricing) per month (minimum 3 months) you can rent a 90-gallon "toter" from Republic Services. This is a plastic wheeled cart which is specially designed to be picked up and emptied by an automated truck. That means it can lift more weight than a person would be able to handle manually.

If you generate a lot of trash or yard waste and don't want to be limited by weight, you may find it beneficial to rent one of these containers and use it to put your waste in for collection. In addition, it only takes **two trash stickers per pick up to "pay"** for trash collection with a rented toter, which is less than if you put the same amount into several smaller containers. Toters are not required, but the option may benefit some residents.

Replacement of Recycling Bins:

The recycling bin assigned to your home remains the property of the Village, and your responsibility to protect. Leaving your bin at the curb for a few days increases the likelihood of it being stolen. So

take a few precautions and don't make your bin an easy target.

Should you move, leave your recycling bin at your current home. If you should find a recycling bin, notify the Government Center as each bin is numbered and assigned to a address. If a bin is found, its proper location can be quickly identified.

Recyclables are collected on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday** of each week. Place the recycling bin at the curb on the same day you place your trash out for collection. Recyclables need to be out by 6:00 a.m.

The **Village** of Swansea assigns **one** recycling bin per residence. Should you need more room there are a few options available to you:

1. You may use an old Rubbermaid bin you have, write recycling on the side and place it at the curb along with the green recycling bin.
2. You may put overflow items into paper grocery bags and stack them on top of or next to the green recycling bin. Do not place items in plastic bags. They will not be accepted.
3. **The recycling bin must be used.** The driver looks for the bright green container as an indication to stop at your house.

Questions about the Program:

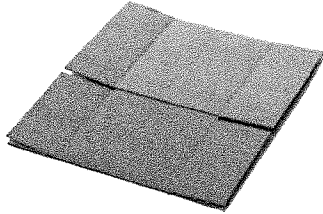
If you have any general questions that were not answered by this brochure, call the Government Center at 234-0044. If you have questions about collections, schedules or service, call Republic Services at 656-6883.

IF YOU WANT TO BE PUT ON REPUBLIC'S CALL LIST, YOU MUST CALL THEM TO REGISTER YOUR ADDRESS ON FILE. SINCE NO BILL IS GENERATED BY REPUBLIC FOR SWANSEA RESIDENTS, REPUBLIC DOES NOT HAVE YOUR INFORMATION STORED IN THEIR DATABASE. REGISTERING WITH THEM WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH ANY ROUTE CHANGES, DELAY'S, ETC...WHEN THEY MAKE CALL BLASTS.

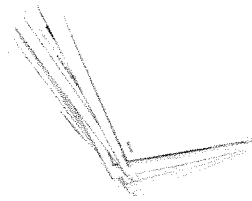
Items Specifically Not Recyclable Curbside

- **Wet waste, like paints, or other liquids:** these tend to break open in the collection truck and leak on Village streets. Use kitty litter to absorb and dry liquids, including latex paint, and then discard in your trash, or paint unused latex paints onto pieces of cardboard and allow it to dry before discarding the cardboard in your trash.
- **Clothing and shoes:** recycle through clothing pick ups or collection boxes.
- **Food wastes:** compost some with your compost pile.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** save up for a drop off event, or take to a licensed vendor and pay for disposal in accordance with state laws.
- **Electronics:** take to an electronics recycler or a drop off event.
- **Wood:** see if organizations like Habitat for Humanity will accept and use.

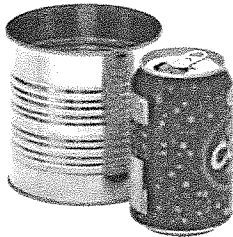
ONLY place these items in the recycling container



**Flattened
Cardboard**



Paper



Metal Cans



**Plastic
Bottles
& Jugs**

How to prepare your recyclables



Empty. Clean. Dry.™
Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid



Keep it loose
Never put recyclables in containers or bags



NEVER place these items in the recycling container

Plastic Bags
& Wrappers

Clothing
& Shoes

Tools
Food

Electronics
& Batteries

Medical
Yard Waste

Soiled Paper
Styrofoam

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