

STAR



TRASH, RECYCLING AND COMPOST

# Handbook

Your guide to Star's trash, recycling and compost program.



Sustainability in Action

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## TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- **Residential trash rates in Star are determined by trash cart size.** Three cart sizes are available: 48-gallon (limited), 65-gallon (limited) and 95-gallon (unlimited).
- All trash must be placed in the 48- and 65-gallon carts with limited service.
- Unlimited service customers with 95-gallon trash carts must fill the cart before placing additional waste in 32-gallon trash cans. Extra trash carts are available for a small monthly fee.
- Plastic or bags of trash are not accepted unless placed inside your cart or a trash can.
- Yard waste must go in the trash cart or compost cart (if participating in this program).
- Cart lids must be closed with trash contained inside the cart.
- Do not pack trash in the carts so it becomes stuck and will not fall out.
- Do not place hot ashes into the cart or set cart near sources of heat (furnace, fireplace, grill).
- Needles, lancets and other sharps must be placed inside a sealed, rigid plastic or metal container if disposing in your trash cart.
- Tied bundles of carpet are accepted with unlimited 95-gallon service. Carpet rolls must be 4' or smaller, weighing 30 pounds or less. A maximum of 4 rolls per week will be accepted.

- Tree limbs, shrubs or other wood waste must be tied into bundles up to 4 feet in length, 30 pounds or less, and 18 inches in diameter or smaller.
- Do not put liquids, tires, or household hazardous waste in your cart. (see HHW section on pages 10-11).
- Carts should be left at the home if you move.

## FREE CLEAN-UP WEEKS

Star residents can get rid of bulky items and non-Freon® appliances for free during one of the City's unlimited collection weeks: Spring Clean-Up (the first full week of April each year) and the first full week after Christmas. All residential customers (48- and 65- gallon limited and 95-gallon unlimited) are encouraged to participate in the free clean-up weeks. Collection will occur on your scheduled service day. Call Republic Services® to schedule large items ahead of time at (208) 345-1265 or csidaho@republicservices.com.



## LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Appliance, furniture and other large item collection is available year round for an additional fee. Large items (not fitting in your trash cart) must be scheduled ahead of time. Make sure they are outside and visible to the driver on trash day for removal. These items include:

- **Furniture:** couch, chair, dresser, bed frame, mattress/box spring, etc.
- **Appliances:** refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dishwasher, hot water heater, etc. Appliances must be empty. After the items are collected, Freon is safely removed (if present) and appliances are recycled.
- **Miscellaneous:** bicycle, swing set, carpet/pad, grill, lawnmower, water softener, furnace, swamp cooler, etc.
- **Recycling Option:** Large metal items such as barbecue grills, swing sets, bicycles and metal shelving can be recycled for free at the Meridian Transfer Station (Open Mon - Sat from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; 2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian, ID).

To arrange a pickup, call Republic Services at (208) 345-1265 or email [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com).



## CARRY-OUT SERVICE

Curbside carry-out service is available in Star for a monthly fee. Carts must be visible and accessible to the driver from the street. Common carryout locations include a next-to-yard gate, garage door, or side of the house.

Republic Services will retrieve, empty, and return the carts for carry-out service customers. Carts cannot be inside structures, behind fences or in areas where animals are present. Customers requesting this service must sign a carry-out agreement.

## SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Customers who have qualified temporary or permanent disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act may receive free carry-out service.

## SENIOR AND VETERAN DISCOUNTS

Star offers a discounted monthly fee to seniors (65 and older) and U.S. Military Veterans.



# No sort. No sweat.

Have you heard that blue is the new green? Star's no-sort carts make recycling easier than ever. Make sure recyclables are empty, clean and dry before throwing them loose in the recycling cart.

**RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

Recycling is included in basic residential solid waste service. Every household is provided a blue recycling cart for every other week collection. Residents may choose the recycling cart size that best meets their needs. Carts are available in 48-, 65- and 95-gallon sizes.

**RECYCLING LIST**

**ITEMS ACCEPTED: (NO SORTING)**

- **Aluminum and Steel/Tin Cans:** labels okay, must be empty, clean and dry
- **Corrugated cardboard:** Flatten or cut boxes so they fit completely inside the recycling cart. Overflow cardboard may be flattened and stacked next to the recycling cart for collection.
- **Mixed Paper:** newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, dry food/dry good boxes, paper bags, packing paper, phone books, etc.
- **Plastics:** household plastic bottles and jugs with a number 1 or 2 on the bottom (i.e. plastic milk, juice, soda and detergent jugs)
- **Orange Hefty® Energy Bags:** This is an optional program where low-quality plastics are used for energy recovery. Residents may purchase Hefty Energy Bags from local stores that sell Reynolds plastic bags. Tightly close the following plastics in the energy bag before placing it in the blue recycle cart: plastic bags (bread, tortilla, chip, salad, meat/cheese packaging, food storage), juice pouches, foam plates/bowls/cups,

plastic flatware, candy wrappers, single serving plastic cups, rigid dairy tubs (sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese), empty toothpaste tubes and bubble wrap.

**RECYCLING ACCEPTED OUTSIDE YOUR CART:**

**Used motor oil**

- Recycle up to two gallons per household per week
- DO NOT mix oil with other fluids like gasoline or antifreeze
- Use a non-returnable, transparent plastic container
- Set containers next to (not inside) your carts
- Label container "Used Motor Oil"

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR RECYCLING CART:**

- No glass
- No polystyrene foam
- No loose plastic bags
- No milk or juice cartons
- No empty hazardous waste or pesticide containers
- No hardbound books
- No paper plates, cups, towels, napkins, tissue, diapers or toilet paper
- No yard waste in trash or compost cart (place in trash cart, or compost cart if participating in this program).

**RECYCLING CENTERS**

Recycling centers vary in the types of materials they take. For more information about what materials are accepted at specific centers, please call in advance.

**REPUBLIC SERVICES MERIDIAN TRANSFER STATION**

(208) 345-1265  
2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian, ID 83642 (enter on Ward Street)

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Free Cardboard and Metal Recycling:** including bicycles, cans, swing sets, non-Freon appliances, etc.

\*The transfer station does not pay for recyclables.

**PACIFIC STEEL AND RECYCLING**

(208) 375-2131  
5120 Emerald Street, Boise

**Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.- noon

**WESTERN RECYCLING**

(208) 375-8580  
1990 South Cole Road, Boise

**Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Note: Location hours and materials accepted for recycling are subject to change. For current information, we recommend calling in advance.*



For more information on recycling, visit [local.republicservices.com/site/idaho](http://local.republicservices.com/site/idaho)



# Composting — An Optional Service

Roughly 40% of household waste can be composted.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:** Composting saves landfill space and creates a useful soil amendment. Finished compost is FREE to participating residents. One cubic yard of compost may be collected (per visit) at the Meridian Transfer Station by showing proof of program participation. The transfer station, open Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., is located at 2130 W. Franklin Road in Meridian (enter on Ward .St.).

## COMPOSTING

Composting is a subscription service available to Star residents for a monthly fee. It is a great way to reduce your trash and create a valuable soil amendment.

### WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

**Yes:** leaves, branches, shrub trimmings, garden debris, grass pine cones and needles, fruit and vegetable trimmings, coffee grounds/filters, tea leaves/bags, eggshells

**No:** compostable bags/plates/bowls/utensils, plastic bags, pet waste, dairy, breads/grains/pasta, fats/oils/grease, meat/fish/bones, rocks or dirt

### SET-OUT PROTOCOL

Compost collection occurs weekly, year-round, on the same day as your trash. Fill the compost cart first. Overflow of up to 10 paper leaf/yard waste bags per week will be accepted. Additional compost

carts are available for a small monthly fee. Place compostable kitchen scraps in a paper bag to contain potential liquids. A layer of clean cardboard (no tape or packaging material) or a paper bag on the bottom of your cart will prevent organic material from sticking and will make cart cleaning easier.

### FALL LEAF RECYCLING

Place leaves in your cart throughout the year as they fall — no need to wait until November. All Star residents may recycle their fall leaves behind City Hall from October 15th through December 15th, each year.

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Cut your tree in half (4' or shorter segments) and place it next to your compost cart if participating in the compost program. All Star residents may recycle their trees behind City Hall between Christmas and New Year's.

#### Acceptable Items

- Leaves, tree branches, stumps and limbs (up to 4 ft in length and less than 60 pounds)
- Grass
- Fruits and vegetables
- Yard and garden waste
- Coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags and egg shells
- Pine cones and needles



#### Unacceptable Items

- Dairy
- Fats, oils and grease
- Pet waste
- Grains, bread and pasta
- Meat, fish, bones or any other animal byproduct
- Plastics
- Compostable bags, plates, cups or utensils





# Be safe with hazardous waste

Products used for cleaning, home improvements, automobile maintenance, and lawn and garden care contain ingredients that can harm human health and the environment. Properly disposing of these hazardous products will keep our community safe and clean.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program consists of mobile collection sites and a permanent collection facility at the Ada County Landfill.

### ROTATING COLLECTION SITES

There are many convenient neighborhood collection sites serviced by the household hazardous waste vehicles. The mobile sites are open 12 - 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

To locate the site nearest you, call (208) 577-4736 or visit <https://adacounty.id.gov/landfill/waste-types-solutions/hazardous-waste/>

## ADA COUNTY HHW COLLECTION FACILITY

Star residents may also take household hazardous waste to the collection facility located at the Ada County Landfill. Address: 10300 N. Seaman's Gulch Road  
Hours: Fridays & Saturdays: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## IDENTIFYING HAZARDOUS WASTE

Items such as solvents, paint/stain/varnish, yard/garden products (including pesticides and herbicides), batteries, automotive products (including oil), fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, TVs, and computer monitors are considered hazardous waste.

If something is hazardous, the label will contain one of these words: Caution, Danger, Poison, Warning, Corrosive, Flammable, Explosive, Oxidizer, Irritant, Environmental Hazard.

If the label contains one or more of these words, it is hazardous and is accepted at the disposal sites listed. Do not throw hazardous waste in your trash or recycling. For more information, call (208) 577-4736.

### PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Explosives, ammunition, radioactive items, and biomedical waste (including pharmaceuticals) are not accepted at hazardous waste collection sites or the Ada County collection facility. For information on proper disposal of prohibited materials, call Ada County at (208) 577-4736.

## NEEDLES, SHARPS, AND SYRINGES

Follow these simple steps for safe disposal of sharps:

- Purchase a sharps container or use a hard plastic (e.g. laundry detergent) or metal (e.g. coffee can) container.
- Using permanent marker, label container, **"USED HOUSEHOLD SHARPS: DO NOT RECYCLE."**
- Place sharps point-first into container.
- Keep lid on at all times to prevent spills and decrease needle stick hazards.

- Fill container as much as possible with sharps and then fill with sand or kitty litter. You must be able to close container lid.
- When full, cap container with lid and secure with duct tape.
- Place in trash cart.

### DON'T!

- Put loose sharps in the trash.
- Flush used needles or medicines down the toilet.
- Place sharps in recycling bins.

## MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Residents can drop off unwanted medicines and old prescriptions at area law enforcement offices.

### Star Police Department

(inside City Hall) (208) 377-6790 **Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

10769 W. State Street, Star, ID 83669

### Ada County Sheriff's Office

(Center Lobby, Building #1)  
(208) 577-3000

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

7200 Barrister Dr, Boise, ID 83704

- Liquid medicines must be in the original container and sealed in a plastic bag.
- Do not dispose of medicines from a business.
- Sharps, needles, aerosol cans, infectious or bloody wastes, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide are NOT accepted.



## Your wheeled carts

Wheeled trash and recycling carts make getting your materials to the curb easy. They are also an important part of automated collection. In order for trucks to grab and dump your carts, you need to follow a few basic rules when placing your carts against the curb or along the alley.

### CART PLACEMENT

- Set carts out by 7 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts from street within 24 hours.
- Place wheeled carts in the street with the wheels against the curb and handle facing the house.
- Do not block the sidewalk with carts.

### 3-FOOT RULE

Keep carts at least three feet away from other carts, mailboxes, fire hydrants, low hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, and utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.

### WEIGHT LIMITS

Your carts cannot be picked up if they exceed the following weight limits:

**48-gallon cart:** 168 lbs.

**65-gallon cart:** 200 lbs.

**95-gallon cart:** 335 lbs.

**NOTE:** Loading carts with sod, rocks, or bricks can overload the cart and cause damage.

### ADDITIONAL CARTS

Residents can order up to three 95-gallon trash carts. If you need more than three 95-gallon carts, call (208) 345-1265 to discuss a waiver for additional cart services.

### CART EXCHANGE POLICY

To exchange your cart, order additional carts or request a different size, call (208) 345-1265. Exchange fees may apply.

### DAMAGED OR BROKEN CARTS

Damaged or broken carts are repaired or replaced for free.

### CART CLEANING

Customers are responsible for keeping carts clean. Rinse carts by placing them on the side on a lawn and spraying the inside with a strong spray of water. Let dry with the lid open.





## Contact Us

### MORE INFORMATION

For additional questions contact Republic Services at: 208-345-1265, [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com) or visit [local.republicservices.com/site/idaho](http://local.republicservices.com/site/idaho).

### TRASH, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING SERVICE QUESTIONS

To start or stop residential trash, recycling or composting services, contact Republic Services at (208) 345-1265 or [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com).

### ORDERING OR REPLACING CARTS

To request a new wheeled trash cart, new recycling cart, have a cart repaired or replaced, or to have an existing cart removed, contact Republic Services at (208) 345-1265 or [csidaho@republicservices.com](mailto:csidaho@republicservices.com).

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

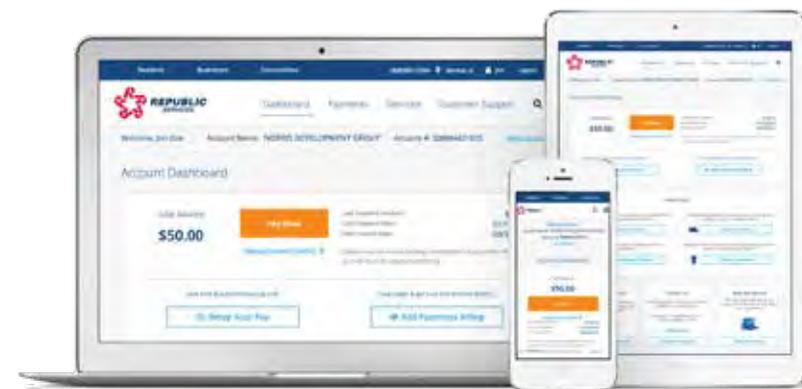
For more information regarding safer household hazardous waste disposal, call Ada County at 208-577-4725 or visit the Ada County Landfill's HHW page.

### GET THE REPUBLIC SERVICES APP

Republic Services gives you a simple tool to manage your trash, recycling, composting and account needs - anytime, anywhere. You can:

- » Pay your bill,
- » Schedule a pickup,
- » Report a missed pickup,
- » Request a cart repair or exchange, and
- » Find new products and services.

Download the app from the Google Play (Androids and PCs) or the App Store (iPhones, iPads and Mac Products). Call 208-345-1265 if you need assistance getting started.





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Meridian, ID 83642

