

Automated Variable Rate Collection Guide

Weekly Garbage Collection

Each household must use the City-supplied garbage cart. To prevent litter and keep your cart clean, please bag your garbage before placing it in the cart and make sure the lid is completely closed. All garbage outside the cart, including bags and other cans, will **not** be collected with the automated garbage truck. However, a special pick-up can be scheduled for extra items, including large items, by calling the Division of Solid Waste at 241-1449.



No hazardous materials such as chemicals, paint, motor oil or fluorescent bulbs should be placed in your cart. These items can be taken to the City's Household Hazardous Waste facility located at 606 43 ½ Street NW.

Hold the cart handle and tip the cart back on its wheels before attempting to push or pull. Don't roll the cart with the lid open. On slopes, push the cart when going downhill; pull the cart when going uphill.

Place your cart with the handle facing your house (so that it opens towards the street or alley).

Garbage carts **must** be placed at the end of your driveway or in the alley by 8:00 a.m. on your garbage collection day and removed by 6:00 p.m. the same day.

Garbage carts must not be placed on the street. Place the cart on your driveway or in the alley **at least 5 feet** from other items such as recycling bins, parked cars, power lines, low hanging tree branches, extra collection items, hydrants, etc.

Specific residential garbage collection rules can be viewed online at www.cityoffargo.com.



Cart Size Selection

Each household will receive the medium sized cart unless a formal request is made to receive the optional small or large size cart. Households that prefer to receive a small or large cart must fill out the attached order form or complete the form online. Residents need to make sure that the Division of Solid Waste receives the form by March 1, 2009.

There are three available cart sizes as follows:

Small (48 gallon)	\$6.00 per month
Medium (64 gallon)	\$9.00 per month
Large (96 gallon)	\$14.00 per month

(When evaluating the proper size to meet your needs, please be aware that the common kitchen garbage bag is 13 gallons. Thus, on a weekly basis, if you put out 3 bags (39 gallons), 4 bags (52 gallons), 5 bags (65 gallons), etc.).

The garbage carts are the property of the City of Fargo and will be inventoried and tracked by cart serial number and household address. Extra bag fee = \$3.00 per bag for any bags left outside of the cart.

Maintenance and Exchanges

Once the program has begun, if you need to exchange your cart for a different size, you may contact the Division of Solid Waste and request one cart exchange per year. Additional exchanges will be billed at \$10 per exchange. Your monthly garbage fee will be adjusted on your utility bill to reflect the new can size.

If your cart gets damaged, a new or repaired cart will be issued at no additional charge. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to keep their cart clean. To clean the cart, use a garden hose to rinse.