

WHAT DO I DO IF MY TRASH PICKUP IS LATE?

Fact Sheet for Residents and Local Governments in the Event of a Delay in Refuse Collection

1.	Limit the amount of waste produced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid the use of disposable products such as paper or plastic plates, cups or disposable diapers.• Reuse products such as plastic containers, jars and aluminum foil.• Compost vegetative and yard wastes if space permits.• Delay any major household cleanups such as backyard cleanup, tree pruning or disposal of old furniture.
2.	Separate and store food wastes and other wet garbage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drain excess garbage moisture. Pour fats, drippings and grease into glass jars and seal with a screw on lid.• Put food waste, disposable diapers and other wet waste into double plastic bags.• Add a capful of ammonia to reduce odor which will attract animals and other vermin.• Secure trash bag tightly and store in a cool place.
3.	Separate and store recyclable materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rinse bottles and plastic containers.• Rinse and crush aluminum and tin cans, trays and containers.• Bundle cardboard, paper, and magazines.• Store recyclable materials indoors, out of reach of children, and away from combustible materials.
4.	Separate dry, non-recyclable waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store non-recyclable paper, containers, packaging and other dry waste indoors and away from combustible materials.
5.	Separate hazardous household waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate fluorescent lights, paints and thinners, insecticides and herbicides and store out of reach of children. Hold until county household hazardous waste collection day.
6.	Appliances and electronic waste (televisions, computers, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep televisions, computers and other electronic waste as well as appliances stored indoors. These cannot be disposed of with your regular garbage. Computers, monitors, laptops, portable computers and televisions are required by law to be recycled.