



## CITY PROGRAM FOR 95-GALLON REFUSE AND RECYCLING CARTS

The City of Marshall initiated a 95-gallon rolling cart test program a few years ago. The overwhelming popularity of the test carts led to the implementation of this program beginning January 2, 2016, which allows residents to lease 95-gallon refuse and/or recycling carts from the City of Marshall for \$2.00 per cart per month. The monthly rates for a Marshall residence are shown below:

Current Residential Refuse Rate (01/01/2016): \$10.61  
 Current Rate w/1 Cart: \$12.61  
 Current Rate w/2 Carts: \$14.61

We also researched other cities offering refuse and recycling carts to see how our costs would compare. The following results are for a residence with one (1) refuse cart and one (1) recycle cart:

Lufkin - \$14.48  
 Kilgore - \$14.94  
 Longview - \$14.95  
 Tyler - \$16.57

As a result of the implementation of this program, all residents in the test neighborhoods that currently have a 95-gallon refuse and/or recycling cart may continue to use those carts for the \$2.00 per cart per month fee. Current users of the carts will have 45 days from the beginning of the program in which to sign up for the continuing use of the carts. If we do not receive a cart lease agreement within that period, we will remove the carts from the residence.

Please note the cart fee(s) will be added to your monthly water bill and we have enclosed a cart lease agreement for your convenience. Please return the completed form to the City of Marshall Public Works – Sanitation Division, P.O. Box 698, Marshall, TX. 75671.

### **Benefits of 95-gallon carts include:**

Cleaner neighborhoods - plastic bags of household trash are targets for rodents, squirrels, dogs, cats, skunks, and raccoons as they tear through the bags looking for table scraps or discarded food. Additionally, animals digging through plastic garbage bags leave all types of household trash, including empty food cartons, needles, and medicine bottles lying around in yards and in the street. This is one reason new

housing developments across the nation have 95-gallon cart service --- the carts look much better and provide a healthier environment than a mixture of different plastic containers or bags by the street.

Heavier carts hold up better in wind – many customers have invested in plastic trash containers because they have experienced animals getting into their trash. However, many of these smaller carts are easily blown over by winds while the heavier carts are less likely to blow over. Additionally, 95-gallon carts also prevent recyclable materials from being affected by wind or rain.

Covered recycling carts are healthier – all recycling guidelines require you to wash out plastic food containers, but many times the odor may linger. Animals pick up that odor with their keen sense of smell and are attracted to the open top of the recycling bin; the closed top the 95-gallon carts provide are a good deterrent to pets, animals, and rodents.

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