



City of St. Peters New Yard Waste Program 2014



Free Yard Waste Cart for Each Single Family Home in St. Peters

The City is rolling out a new yard waste program to reduce costs for our residents and ensure that our services fees continue to be the lowest in St. Charles County. To help explain the program we brought together our most frequently asked questions. If you still have questions or concerns, please call us at 636.970.1456 and select option#1. We will be glad to help.

What is going to happen with the program in 2014?

In February, every single-family residence will receive a free yard waste cart unless the homeowner opts out of the delivery. The cart will be delivered and left at the end of the driveway. Starting on March 3, 2014, all residents will be required to place their yard waste including grass, leaves and brush inside the free yard waste cart. The only exception is that each year during the months of October, November and December, residents can set out yard waste bags filled with leaves only for curbside collection.

I already have a yard waste cart that I rent from the City for \$5 a month. What will happen with my account?

Congratulations! Effective February 2014, you will no longer see a charge on your bill for use of the cart. Continue to enjoy the yard waste cart and a savings of \$5 per month (\$60 per year). You do not need to do anything. We will automatically remove the fee.

How do residents that use yard waste bags benefit from the new program?

- You will save money by not having to purchase yard waste bags.
- The cart will not break. Yard waste bags tend to break open resulting in a mess and aggravation.
- It will make it much easier to collect your yard waste and roll it out to the curb.
- Three to five yard waste bags of material will fit in one cart.
- They are vented to help decomposition and reduce smell.

Do I get a free yard waste cart?

Any single-family residence in St. Peters can get a no-fee yard waste cart to use. This program does not apply to residents that live in multi-family complexes and dispose of their trash in a dumpster.

Will my yard waste collection day change?

No, your collection day will remain the same. You will just roll out your yard waste cart and leave it at the curb for collection.

What are my options if I do not want to use a yard waste cart?

The new program is built around the use of the yard waste cart. While you will lose the convenience of weekly curbside collection you still have other options for yard waste disposal. Here is a list of options:

- You can still set out yard waste bags of leaves only in the months of October, November and December.
- You can take advantage of your quarterly bulky trash/yard waste pickup. Each subdivision is on a quarterly schedule for bulky trash/yard waste. Since we use a special truck equipped with a grabber arm, you can set out up to 20 bags of yard waste along with bundled brush, cut up tree sections. You can find your bulky pickup schedule online at www.stpetersmo.net or give us a call at 636.970.1456 and select option#1. You are required to schedule the pick up for your designated collection day.
- You can also self-haul your yard waste bags to the Earth Centre located at 115 Ecology Drive in St. Peters. For hours of operation, please visit us at www.stpetersmo.net. There is no charge for this disposal, but it is limited to 30 cubic yards per year. That is the equivalent of approximately 170 yard waste bags.

How do I opt out of the yard waste cart delivery?

You can call us at 636.970.1456 or send us an email at nocart@stpetersmo.net. Please provide your name, address and telephone number.

If I opt out of the program now, can I change my mind later and get a free cart?

Yes. At anytime we will provide you with a free yard waste cart. For the months of February, March, April and May we will not charge any delivery, pickup or sanitation fee for yard waste carts. We want to provide an opportunity for all of our residents to try the program without additional cost. After May 2014, our normal delivery, pickup and sanitation fees apply (\$12 for delivery or pick up and \$9 for cart sanitation).

Can I have more than one yard waste cart?

Yes, you can have multiple yard waste carts. The first cart is free and each additional cart will have a \$15 annual fee. This is a 70% annual savings compared to our previous fee. Residents will be billed for additional yard waste carts every March. To arrange for additional yard waste carts, please call us at 636.970.1456 and select option 1.

If I bring back my additional yard waste cart(s) before March can I get a refund?

Due to the low rental fee, we are not able offer a prorated refund of the fee.

If I get an extra cart(s) in December, January or February will I have to pay a \$15 fee then and again in March?

No. We will not bill you for the cart until March.

How many additional carts can I get?

You can get up to three additional carts as long as your property has enough curbside access for the proper placement of the carts for collection.

Are there any City Ordinances that restrict the storage or placement of my yard waste cart(s)?

The City only regulates the collection of the cart. For collection, residents need to place the cart in an easy accessible location at the edge of the roadway and at least four feet away from any obstruction. The cart may be left at the curb for collection from 6 p.m. of the day preceding collection until 8 p.m. the day of collection. There are no further regulations for the storage of yard waste or trash carts.