

**City of St. Peters
New Yard Waste Program
2014**

Free Yard Waste Cart for Each Single Family Home in Saint Peters

The City of St. Peters is rolling out a new yard waste program to ensure that our service fees continue to be the lowest in St. Charles County. In fact, customers who already use our yard waste carts will no longer be charged a cart rental fee. 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 they opt out of the delivery. The cart will be delivered and left at the end of your driveway. Starting on March 3, 2014, yard waste bags will no longer be collected at the curb. All residents will be required to place their yard waste including grass, leaves and brush inside the free yard waste cart for disposal. With this automated program you must use the provided yard waste cart for your yard waste curbside collection. You can still use the bags to collect your waste as you work in your yard but they must be placed inside the cart for collection. We will only allow yard waste bags filled with leaves in the fall and as part of your quarterly bulky pickup. The paper yard waste bags and bundled branches will no longer be accepted for curbside pickup, with the following exceptions:

- During the months of October, November and December you can set out paper yard waste bags filled with **leaves only** for curbside collection.
- During the months of December and January, residents can place live Christmas trees out for collection if the tree is first cut in half.
- You may set out yard waste during scheduled quarterly bulky trash pickups.

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

Effective February 2014, you will no longer see a charge on your bill for use of the cart—a savings of \$60 per year. You do not need to do anything; keep using the cart you have and we will automatically remove the fee.

Will my fees for trash and yard waste go up due to this new program?

No. There will be no cost increases associated with the free yard waste cart. The point of the program is to keep your costs to their lowest possible and not increase them with the new program.

How is this new program better for me?

- 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 four yard waste bags of material will fit in one cart.
- They are vented to help decomposition and reduce odor.

Can I get a free yard waste cart?

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

Will my yard waste collection day change?

Your yard waste 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 will still have other options for yard waste disposal such as:

- 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 collection schedule and schedule a bulky pickup online at www.stpetersmo.net or give us a call at 636.970.1456, select option 1. Remember, you must schedule the pickup for your designated collection day.
- You also have the option to self-haul your yard waste bags to 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 for St. Peters residents showing a Resident Privilege Card, but it is limited to 30 cubic yards per year—the equivalent of approximately 170 paper yard waste bags.

What if I don't want the yard waste cart after it is delivered?

If you do not want to keep the yard waste cart delivered to you in February, call us at 636-970-1456 and we will come and pick it up from you at no cost.

If I do not want the cart now, can I change my mind later and get a free cart later in the year?

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

Can I have more than one brown 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 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 to 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, but your property must have 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 placement of the trash or yard waste cart for collection. 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 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 City regulations for the storage of your carts but you should check with your Homeowners Association (if applicable) for any further requirements.

To improve appearance, trash and yard waste carts can be stored behind existing solid fencing, a screened structure or contained in the garage. In many situations, residents can install an "L" shaped screen on the side of their home to completely hide the carts from view and provide easy access. This would include framed lattice or other material to screen and soften the view of the carts.