



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

POLICY #7.10	
Subject	Cart Policy
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Obsolete Versions	N/A

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is based on Resolution #2017-020. The Solid Waste Department will provide one (1) wheeled rollable container (Roll-Out Cart) for the storage and collection of residential solid waste with your residential garbage collection account.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT

1. Each resident shall be provided (1) Roll-out Cart with their Solid Waste Residential Collection Account.
2. Additional Roll-Out Cart may be provided for an additional fee. (As outlined in Policy #7.6)
3. Personal Approved Roll-Out Carts may be allowed for an additional fee. (As outlined in Policy #7.6)

DEFINITIONS AND RULES

1. **Container** - an enclosed container usually constructed of metal with a close-fitting cover or doors with a capacity in excess of one (1) cubic yard, approved by the County Health Department, which is used to store large volumes of Solid Waste for collection. An approved container must be serviced by mechanical equipment.
2. **Garbage Can/Cart** - a closed container for storage of residential waste and rubbish which meets the requirements of the Baldwin County Solid Waste Regulations as stated in its Policy Manual and includes wheeled containers provided to customers for storage and collection of residential solid waste by the county. See ADPH Admin. Code 420-3-5-.10 Solid Waste Storage. Baldwin County Solid Waste is not responsible for damage to personal cans or carts.

GARBAGE CANS AND CONTAINERS

1. All solid waste placed at the curb for collection which is not bundled must be placed in an approved container or garbage can.
 - A. Do not place construction material/debris, metal, concrete, soil, sand, dirt, rocks, plaster, hot ashes, flammable products, liquid paint, toxic materials, automobile parts, batteries, dead animals, or excessive animal feces in your garbage cart. It is unlawful to place hazardous waste in your garbage cart.
 - B. Garbage and/or approved debris should be placed inside the cart in such a way that the lid is completely closed.
2. Containers shall be maintained in a clean condition, and the area around the container shall be kept litter free.
 - A. All garbage must be bagged before placing inside your cart. The driver is not responsible for litter caused by un-bagged-loose garbage.
3. Approved Garbage Can, is defined as a roll-able plastic container with hinged lids of durable construction suitable for mechanized collection approved by the Solid Waste Officer. Approved Garbage cans shall have tight fitting lids and shall be kept closed when placed for collection. Garbage cans shall be maintained in good condition. Any Garbage can that does not conform with the regulations or that may have ragged or sharp edges, or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person working with or around the can, must be promptly repaired or replaced upon receipt of notice to that effect.

COLLECTION SERVICE AND CONTAINER PLACEMENT

1. Residential collection service will be provided along all County maintained roads and along all other roads in the unincorporated area which can be safely traveled by a collection vehicle as determined by the County.
 - A. Garbage cans for Residential Waste Collection Service shall be placed at ground level, on the property of the Customer. Materials left for collection shall be placed upon the portion of the public right-of-way fronting along the Customer's property immediately adjacent to the traveled, graded or paved portion thereof, but off the shoulder of the roadway, where it can be easily accessible for inspection and collection.
 - i. Place carts with lid opening facing the street; and the handle away from the street.
 - ii. Set cart no more than 5 feet from curb and 3 feet apart.
 - iii. Have at least three feet between the carts, and from trees, posts, mailboxes, and vehicles, etc.
 - iv. Do not place carts under trees. 15-foot overhead clearance required for automated collection.
 - B. At no time shall any Garbage cans or materials left for collection, be placed on or within the traveled, graded or paved portion of any right-of-way, or on or within any gutters, ditches or sidewalks.

- C. Garbage cans for Residential Waste Collection Service shall be placed after 5:00 p.m. of the day before scheduled collection, but in no case, shall receptacles remain at the curb later than 8:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of collection.
- D. Any garbage can, left for collection which does not comply with the County's rules shall not be emptied by the collector. The collector will cause such garbage cans to be clearly marked specifying the manner they fail to meet the approved standards.
- E. The Department is authorized to grant exception to these container placement rules to Customers with residences on roads which cannot be safely traveled by collection vehicles and to grant exceptions to the container placement time rule to customers who cannot reasonably comply.

CART STORAGE DURING STORM EVENTS

1. Prior to the arrival of a hurricane or tropical storm, property owners and/or property managers shall secure garbage cans which, due to the action of wind or water, could be blown or washed away from the property. Owners/managers shall fasten down these garbage cans on porches, decks, or other structures above the level of potential flooding, where possible. Property owners whose garbage cans are found by inspection to not be properly secured against wind and wave action immediately prior to the arrival of hurricane or tropical storm force winds shall be subject to fines as having violated the provisions of the section. Owners/property managers shall be required to pay Baldwin County Solid Waste for replacement of garbage cans lost due to storm action or other causes.

PERSONAL COMPATIBLE 2ND CARTS

1. Customers needing additional carts in addition to the County issued cart, have the choice at a charge of \$5.00 per month to request additional carts from BCSW or purchase/use additional personal carts compatible with BCSW lifting equipment. Once cart is approved BCSW will issue the resident a county sticker to be placed on the cart for collection. The sticker identifies the cart to BCSW as a cart eligible for residential collection.
2. Cart requirements for eligibility:
 - A. The Cart is new or refurbished and is compatible with both standard American semi-automated bar-locking lifters as well as automated arm lifters.
 - B. The Cart shall have lift points compatible with the standard American semi-automated bar-locking lifters.
 - C. The cart is provided with adequate wheels and handles so that it can be pushed or pulled with little effort.
 - D. The body of the Cart is composed of linear, medium or high-density polyethylene with no bolt on attachments except the lid.
 - E. The Cart has wheels and galvanized, solid steel axles that are designed to support the weight of the cart and its contents up to 330 pounds (95 gallons) or 230 pounds (64 gallons).

3. BCSW reserves the right to dispose of any additional trash containers that aren't serviceable and pose a safety hazard to crews. These containers include:
 - A. Metal cans with the bottoms weakened or open due to rust.
 - B. Metal cans with missing handles
 - C. Cracked or split plastic cans.

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

1. Personal Compatible 2nd Cart
2. Cart Placement Flyer