

GUIDE TO SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING





TRASH DISPOSAL

Each household in Mesquite is provided with trash collection service twice weekly. To determine your collection days, please refer to collection map, view online at www.cityofmesquite.com.

COLLECTED:	Twice weekly
COLLECTION DAYS:	Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday depending on area
PICK-UP LOCATION:	Place trash in the alley or at the front curb depending on your area
WEIGHT LIMIT:	Bags or containers should not exceed 50 lbs
WHAT TO PLACE TRASH IN:	Plastic bags designed for garbage (minimum 2mm thickness) or garbage cans no larger than 32 gallons
DO NOT USE:	Oil drums, grocery sacks, boxes or small pails

City Ordinance requires that trash and recyclable materials to be placed out for collection no earlier than 5:30 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup and no later than 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pickup. Containers should be removed from the curb line no later than 8 p.m. of the day in which collection occurs.



Most people don't think twice about the waste they throw away or place at the curb for collection. Many just assume their trash is buried in a landfill and forgotten. The City of Mesquite Solid Waste Division manages an integrated system to dispose of waste in an environmentally beneficial manner to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. The safe and efficient disposal of municipal solid waste includes the following resources and programs:

- City-wide recycling program
- Twice-weekly trash pickup
- Yard waste recycling at Compost Facility
- Bulky item pickup
- Citizens Convenience Center
- Household Hazardous Waste drop-off center



All Mesquite residents and businesses share in the stewardship of our community. By investing a few minutes to separate your recyclables and make conscientious decisions on disposing household hazardous waste and other types of waste, you can help keep Mesquite clean and green.



RECYCLING

Green 18 gallon bins are available to Mesquite residents on a request basis to provide more citizens an opportunity to recycle. To request a green bin, contact Solid Waste at 972-216-6972 or request online at www.cityofmesquite.com.

HOW TO RECYCLE:

- Recycling is collected once weekly. To determine your recycling day, see collection map, website, or map. Please place your bin(s) next to where you normally set your trash.
- There is no need to separate items. All recyclables may be placed together in the same bin
- It is not necessary to remove labels from jars or cans. Please remove all liquid from containers to prevent contamination.
- On rainy days, please protect your bin from getting wet or simply save it for the next collection day.

Please Note: The 18 gallon recycling bins are the property of the City of Mesquite. If you move, please leave your bin for the next resident.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO RECYCLE RIGHT!

RECYCLING TIPS

Recycling is an easy way to keep valuable natural resources out of the landfill, but recycling only works with your help. Here are some helpful tips when preparing these materials for your bin:

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:



CANS: Cans made from aluminum, steel or tin should be emptied to remove residue. No need to remove labels. Do NOT include metal hangers, pots or pans or other scrap metal.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS: Please remove all liquid or residue from bottles or containers. Do NOT include plastic bags, toys, or packaging materials.



NEWSPAPERS/PAPER: Please no paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, or shredded paper in the bin.



GLASS: Glass bottles and jars should be empty. Remove lids and put in trash. No need to remove labels. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, or window glass in the bin.



CARDBOARD & CHIPBOARD: Please flatten all chipboard and cardboard and place cardboard under bin. Please remove all packaging materials. Do NOT include pizza boxes.



CARTONS: Refrigerated or shelf-stable cartons (milk, juice, soup, wine, etc.) should be lightly rinsed to remove residue.

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Styrofoam, food-contaminated containers, pizza boxes, plastic bags, shredded paper, pesticide/chemical containers, batteries, coat hangers, paper towels or tissue.

NOTE ON PLASTIC BAGS: Do NOT put plastic bags in the bin. Please return clean plastic bags to the grocery store.



YARD WASTE

Leaves, yard trimmings, and brush are collected separately from trash and are taken to the City's Compost Facility where they are turned into mulch and compost.

COLLECTED: Each Wednesday

PICKUP LOCATION: Same as trash pickup

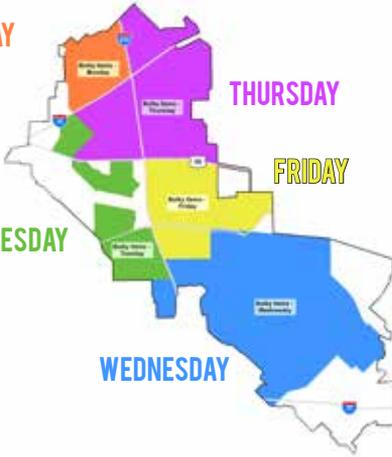
WHAT IS PICKED UP: Bagged grass clippings, bagged leaves. Brush pile should be no larger than 2 feet tall by 2 feet wide by 4 feet long and weighing no more than 50 lbs.

DROP IT OFF: Brush may also be taken to the Compost Facility at 3550 Lawson Rd.

Mesquite residents may pick up free mulch or compost (when available) at the Compost Facility. Mulch is an excellent addition to any landscape. It helps retain moisture, so you can water less often, and deters weed growth.

**ALL YARD WASTE IS RECYCLED INTO COMPOST OR MULCH.
PLEASE, NO TRASH IN YARD WASTE!**

MONDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



LARGE BRUSH/BULKY ITEMS

The Solid Waste Division provides weekly collection of large brush or items too large or bulky for normal trash pickup.

- COLLECTED:** These items are collected weekly, Monday through Friday, depending on your area.
- PICKUP LOCATION:** Place these items out no later than 7:30 a.m. on your collection day at the front curb (will not be collected from the alley). Do not block the sidewalk.
- WHAT IS PICKED UP:** Large brush, bulky items or junk weighing over 50 lbs. or larger than 2 ft. wide by 2 ft. high by 4 ft. long.

APPLIANCE COLLECTION

- COLLECTED:** Wednesday only
- PICKUP LOCATION:** Front curb or alley
- WHAT IS PICKED UP:** Old refrigerations, dishwashers, washers and dryers, water heaters, stoves, lawnmowers and other household appliances.
- TO SCHEDULE:** Please schedule a pickup prior to Wednesday by calling 972-216-6285 or schedule online at www.cityofmesquite.com



CONVENIENCE CENTER

The Citizens Convenience and Recycling Center provides Mesquite residents the ability to dispose of junk and other items at no cost. The facility is open only to Mesquite residents and will only take materials generated at the residence. The Convenience Center is located at 3550 Lawson Road (adjacent to the Compost Facility).

- DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- CLOSED:** Wednesday, Sunday, and all holidays
- ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Trash, yard waste, fencing, furniture, lumber, appliances, automotive batteries, tires (limit 4) and small amounts of concrete and bricks
- RECYCLABLE ITEMS:** Plastic containers, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, chipboard, cardboard, tin, steel, aluminum, glass, and all types of metal, and electronic waste (computers, monitors, televisions, etc)
- UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Hazardous materials (pesticides, chemicals, solvents) paint, commercially generated waste, roofing materials, rocks, dirt, oil and other automotive fluids



COMPOST FACILITY

All yard waste in Mesquite is collected at the Municipal Composting Facility and broken down organically through a method called composting. The finished materials are compost and mulch which can be used for gardening and other landscape purposes.

Finished compost products are available to Mesquite residents at no charge. Once a month residents can pick up a maximum of two cubic yards of compost and mulch. Because compost is seasonal, please contact Solid Waste to verify availability. Non-residents and commercial businesses may purchase compost for \$20.00 per cubic yard and mulch for \$4.00 per cubic yard. Mesquite residents must show a drivers license/ID and utility bill as proof of residency.





ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Electronic equipment contains many toxic materials that are harmful to humans and the environment. If landfilled, those materials can potentially leach into water sources. Just as important as avoiding the hazards of landfilling electronics, is recovering metals, plastics, and glass to make new electronics or other products.

MESQUITE CONVENIENCE CENTER

Mesquite residents may drop off televisions, computers, and other electronics at the city's Convenience Center located at 3550 Lawson Road. This service is provided free to all Mesquite residents to prevent televisions and computers from going to the landfill or illegal dump sites.

MESQUITE RECYCLES DAY

The City of Mesquite and Keep Mesquite Beautiful hosts two recycling events per year (May and November) where residents may drop off electronic waste. For more information regarding those events, call 972-216-6285 or visit the Keep Mesquite Beautiful website.





SPECIAL WASTE

MEDICAL WASTE

All sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) must be placed in a disposal container or hard plastic/metal container with a secured lid (such as a detergent bottle or coffee can). When possible, break off syringe needles to prevent reuse. For sharps pickup, please contact the Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285.



COOKING OIL

Large amounts of cooking oil may NOT be placed in the trash. You may recycle cooking oil at the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 11234 Plano Road, or call the City of Mesquite Solid Waste Division for pick-up at 972-216-6285.



FATS & GREASE

Pouring fats, oils, and grease down the drain can clog pipes and backup sewer lines. Dispose of fats, oil, and grease by pouring in a container and throwing it in the trash. Before washing, wipe cooled grease or fat from pots and pans with a paper towel and throw in the trash.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Mesquite is part of a group of cities that make up the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste Network. Residents may drop off home chemicals for reuse and/or disposal on a year round basis. The permanent facility features evening and weekend hours and is available to Mesquite residents at no charge. A valid driver's license and a current utility bill are required as proof of residency. The facility does not accept commercially generated chemicals, radioactive materials or medical waste.

LOCATION: 11234 Plano Road, Dallas, TX 75243

PHONE: 214-553-1765

HOURS: Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Second & Fourth Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

CLOSED ON SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND FRIDAY



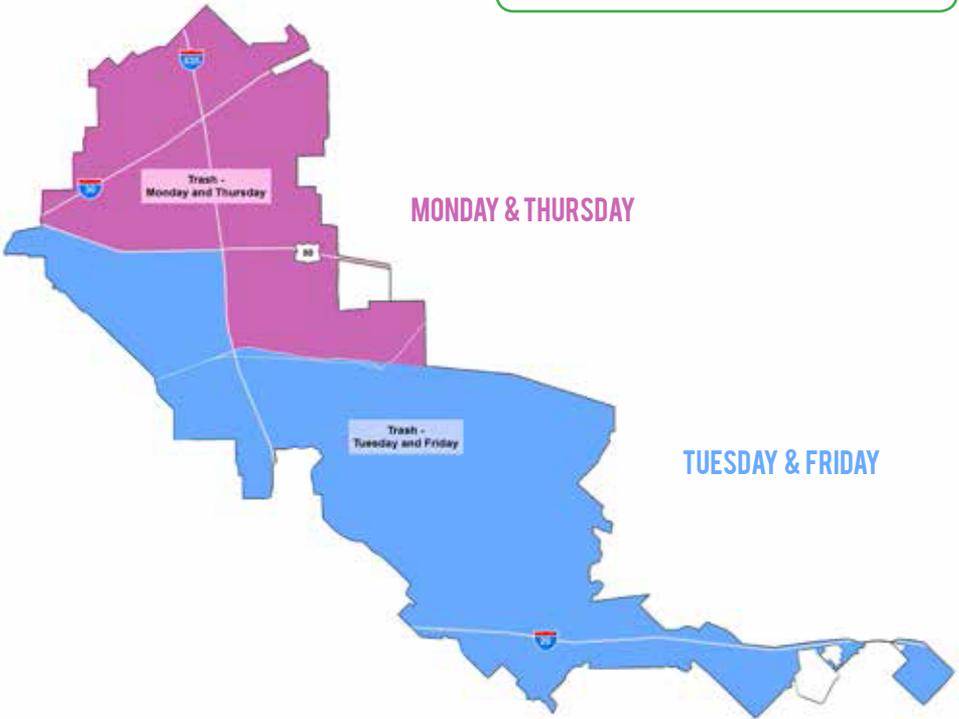
BRING FOR DISPOSAL

- Aerosol sprays
- Automotive fluids and oil filters
- Batteries of all kinds
- Chemical products for home use
- Cleansers and polishes
- Computer, cell phones and small electronics
- Craft and hobby supplies
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Paint and home repair products
- Pool chemicals
- Cooking oil

DON'T BRING

- Business or commercial waste
- Common trash or recyclables
- Construction debris
- Containers larger than five gallons
- Explosives or ammunition
- Medical Waste
- Shock sensitive materials
- Smoke detectors or other radioactive materials
- Tires
- TVs, microwaves and other appliances

TRASH COLLECTION DAYS



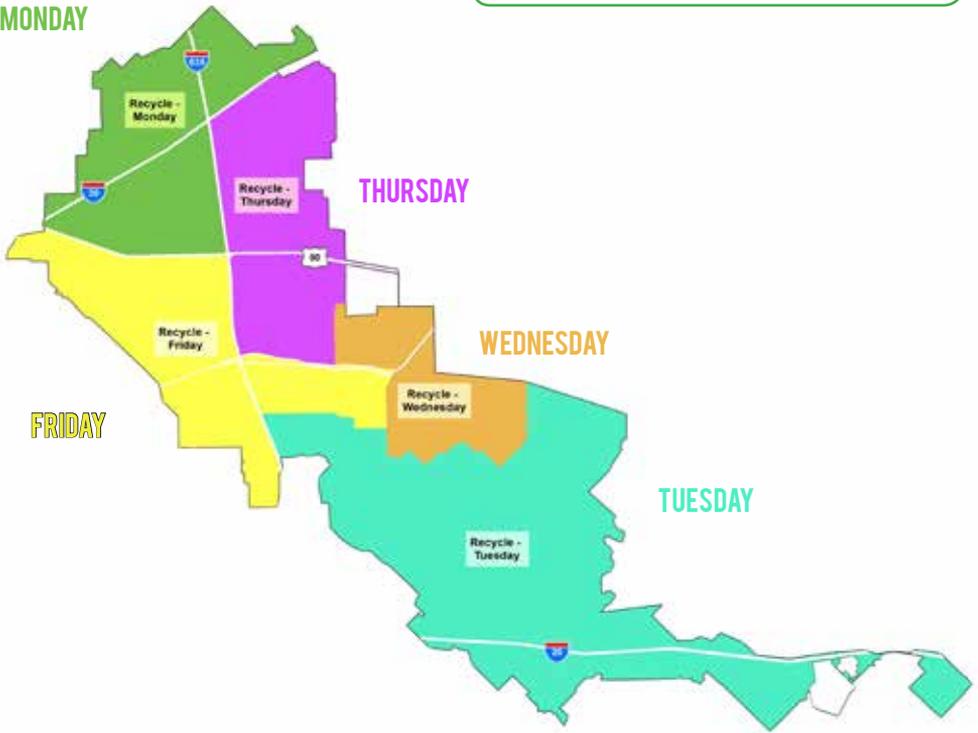
HOLIDAYS/SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

All Solid Waste services will be closed on major holidays including Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day.



RECYCLE COLLECTION DAYS

MONDAY



SERVICE ISSUES

There are a number of reasons your trash or recycling might have been missed:

HOLIDAY WEEKS: Please check the Holiday Schedule at www.cityofmesquite.com or call 972-216-6285

BLOCKED OR IMPROPER SET OUT: Sometimes trash, recycling, yard waste, or bulky items are blocked or set out incorrectly. Refer to the guidelines to make sure your items were properly set out on the correct day.

REPORTING A MISSED COLLECTION: If your trash or recycling was missed (and not for one of the above reasons) please call the Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285 or report online at www.cityofmesquite.com or through the MyMesquite app.



To submit a service request, residents can use the new customer service platform called myMesquite. Use the desktop version on your computer by visiting mesquitetx.citysourced.com or download the mobile app to your IOS or Android device through the App Store or Google Play.

CONTACT US

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137

PHONE /24-HOUR MESSAGE AND INFORMATION LINE

Ph: 972-216-6285
Ph: 972-216-6284
Fx: 972-216-8189

HOURS

Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CITY OF MESQUITE:

972-288-7711

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE:

972-216-6276

COMMERCIAL WASTE SERVICE:

Republic Services 972-225-4207

WEBSITE:

www.cityofmesquite.com