

Headlines



New Automated Refuse System to begin in February

January 6, 2006

The City of Rock Island's new Automated Refuse Collection Program will start Monday, February 6, 2006. The [Public Works Department](#) will deliver all special refuse carts during the month of January. All refuse must be placed in these carts! Other containers will not be acceptable.

All residents already should have received postcards telling them that carts will be delivered and the day of week of their garbage collection. Each cart will be delivered with a new refuse brochure that explains the rules for the new system. **Look for this [brochure](#) attached to the inside of each cart.** The City is also currently working on a two-minute video that will run on the public access channel (Cable Channel 9) in February to explain proper placement of carts to citizens.



Additional refuse carts may be rented from the City for \$40 per year. The Public Works Department will replace stolen carts and repair or replace carts damaged through normal activities. The customer will be charged for the repair or replacement of refuse carts damaged due to customer negligence or abuse.

Refuse carts must be placed at the designated collection point no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. Refuse carts must not be placed at the designated collection point earlier than 8 p.m. the evening prior. Carts must be returned to the storage area no later than noon the day after collection.

The total weight of the refuse cart and refuse must not exceed the maximum weight shown on the refuse cart lid. If you are using more than one cart, leave a gap of at least three feet between them. Carts must be placed one foot from the curb or alley and at least three feet from an obstacle such as a parked vehicle, utility pole or mailbox. Place refuse carts with the wheels and handle towards your home. Lids on containers must be closed.

Examples of materials that should NOT be placed in refuse carts include: rocks, concrete, asphalt, hazardous waste, paint, cleaning supplies, pesticides, flammable liquids, hot ashes or coals and yard waste.

Please call the Public Works Department at 732-2200 if you have any questions.