

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste?

Please dispose of your old latex paint, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, batteries and antifreeze without harming the environment. Fort Bend County's Household Hazardous Waste Center is located at 1200 Blume Road in Rosenberg. A valid driver's license or other proof of residency in Fort Bend County is required. Household hazardous waste is accepted every Monday and on the first Saturday of each month. Call the Recycle Center at 281.342.5226 for hours of operation and information regarding acceptable materials. There is no charge to dispose of less than five gallons of waste. To dispose of five or more gallons, there is a \$5 fee per five-gallon volume of waste.

How can I properly dispose of paint?

Wet paint cannot be collected at the curbside. Dry paint will be collected if the lid is left off the can. To dry your leftover paint, mix cat litter or other absorbent with the wet paint and allow to dry until solid. Never pour paint or anything else down the storm drain. To properly dispose of wet paint, take your leftover paint to Fort Bend County's Household Hazardous Waste Center. Call the County's recycle center at 281.342.5226 for hours of operation and additional information. There is no charge to dispose of less than five gallons of waste. To dispose of five or more gallons, there is a \$5 fee per five-gallon volume of waste.

How do I properly dispose of tree limbs and brush?

Bulky items such as yard trimmings and tree limbs are collected every Wednesday. Tree limbs/trimmings and hedge cuttings shall not exceed four (4) feet in length or four (4) inches in diameter. Tree stumps and large limbs shall be no longer than two feet in length and have a diameter equal to or less than 6 inches.

When is heavy trash/appliance pickup?

Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems will properly collect and dispose of one white item per week per account, such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers and hot water heaters, on the last pickup day of the week. Large items and appliances are picked up at the curbside. Doors must be taped shut or removed from refrigerators and freezers before placing them out for collection. Some large or unusually heavy items are not collected at the curbside. Please call the Public Works Department at 281.342.0559 if you have a question about a particular item.

What items are not accepted in the trash?

Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems will not pick up automobile parts, tree stumps and logs heavier than 50 pounds and greater than 4 feet in length, dirt, construction debris, concrete, bricks, rocks, roofing materials, metal poles, trampoline frames, highly volatile, toxic or hazardous chemicals, lead batteries, motor oil, tires, gasoline, paint or fence pickets with nails.

Helpful Tips About Your Garbage/Recycling Pickup Service

- Be sure to have your garbage out by 7:00 a.m. to ensure service. **Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems** provides pickup service between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. twice a week.
- Garbage cans and trash bags must have a capacity greater than 20 gallons, but less than 35 gallons.
- Garbage cans/trash bags and their contents must weigh 60 pounds or less per container.
- All solid waste and recycling placed out for curbside collection must be placed within 3 feet of the street.
- Solid waste shall be placed out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Any appliance containing refrigerant/freon must be tagged by an appliance technician stating that the freon has been removed before being placed at the curb for collection. BFI will not remove the item without the certificate tag. If the item is a refrigerator/freezer, the doors must be removed or taped completely shut and secured with tape. This is a safety measure to ensure that children do not get trapped inside.
- Please bag your trash to minimize loose litter from dropping onto the ground.

If you have any questions regarding your service, please call:

City of Richmond Public Works Department - 281.342.0559

Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems - 713.937.9955

Thank you for allowing Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems to service your collection needs.

Please Consider Recycling!

Allied Waste/BFI Waste Systems provides once-a-week curbside/street recycling and provides each home with one free 18-gallon blue bin. The collection program is included as part of your solid waste residential collection services. BFI will deliver your blue recycle bin to your address.

Acceptable Items in the Bin

- **Newspapers, mail, magazines and envelopes. Please secure paper in brown grocery bags or bundle and tie.**
- **Aluminum and bi-metal (tin). It is not necessary to remove paper labels. Please rinse.**
- **#1 and #2 plastic jugs and bottles. Look for the recycling symbol. It is not necessary to remove labels. Caps and lids are ok, but please rinse.**
- **Phone books (during the months of March and October ONLY)**

Items Not Acceptable in the Bin

- **Plastic grocery bags, toys, dishes, buckets**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, wet newspapers, pizza boxes**
- **Plastic containers which held oil, antifreeze, pesticides or other household hazardous waste**
- **Medical waste**
- **Aluminum foil**
- **Pie tins**
- **Scrap metal**
- **Glass**

Note: Some of the trucks used to collect recyclables look similar to regular trash trucks. Please be assured that the recyclables are sorted after collection and then delivered to the appropriate recycling site.