

Q) What Day will my recycling be collected in the new program?

Beginning on July 1, 2019 the recycling collection will occur on the same day as your trash but only during the third full collection week of each month.

Q) What are the acceptable items to place in the recycling cart?

The City of Ludington has the complete recycling guide online at www.ludington.mi.us/refuse or you can pick up a copy at the City Hall.

Q) Is Glass still not acceptable in recycling cart?

Glass is still not allowed at this point in time. The City & Republic Services is still exploring other options for glass and it may or may not change in the future. *Please don't not place glass in your recycle cart.*

Q) If I have questions, how do I get an answer?

Please email mbiolette@republicservices.com or call 877-698-7274 for general recycling questions.

Q) What is changing in the City of Ludington's recycling program?

There are changes happening in the City of Ludington's recycling program:

1. All 18-gallon bin containers will be removed on the last collection of June 24th – 28th.
2. Resident who wish to participate in the recycling program will need to subscribe.
3. The collection will modify from weekly cycle to once per month cycle and the cart holds equivalent volume of five (5) recycle bins. You are also permitted to place flattened cardboard alongside the container for collection.

Q) Why is this change happening?

Republic Services petitioned the City of Ludington for this change in response to local, regional and national changes in recycling and pressures resulting from those changes. There are many factors and a quick google search of "recycling in the United States" will result in a wealth of information.

The goal in these changes is to deliver a durable and sustainable program for the residents.

Q) When will this change happen?

Republic Services will send a letter to all residential homes during the month of May which will include a form to complete if you wish to participate in the new 96-gallon recycling cart program.

Any home that completes the form and submits the form will receive the new recycling cart during the last week of June (June 24th – 28th) which will be collected on the third week of each month on your regular pick-up day.

All homes currently using the 18-gallon bins will have them collected during this same week.

Beginning July 1, 2019 Republic Services will no longer collect recycling placed in the 18-gallon bins and any bins supplied by Republic Services which are placed out for collection will be removed and all other personally owned bins will be tagged as non-compliant.

(Q) I see carts were delivered in my area, but I didn't get one – why not?

(A1) If you didn't complete the subscription form a 96-gallon cart was not scheduled to be delivered to your home.

(A2) If you completed a form and did not receive a cart, please email Matt Biolette mbiolette@republicservices.com and he can check the reason why your delivery was not completed. Please **do not resubmit** a second subscription form.

(Q) When will the next round of 96-gallon carts be delivered?

(A) The next round of deliveries will occur during the 2nd week of July.

(Q) What do I need to do to get a recycle 96-gallon cart?

(A) The City Council voted to waive the \$15.00 per year fee for any homeowner who wants a cart. All you need to do is to subscribe by completing the form located on the City's website @ <http://www.ludington.mi.us/refuse>

(Q) I sent a check in with my order, now that the City is covering the cost for the cart rental, what happens to my check?

(A) Republic Services will be mailing you back your check marked "VOID". You should receive it by in the mail by July 8th.

Q) What exactly is "broken" within the recycling system?

There are four main components of the recycling systems that are causing these changes in the local program to occur, including:

- 1) The global recycling markets have historically been dependent on the export of recyclables to China. Over the last three years (2016, 2017, 2018) China has imposed new sanctions and bans of recycling from entering China.
- 2) The new rules have caused the United States recycling markets to collapse because of an abundance of recycling materials and no place to send it. While the domestic processors have tried, the resulting increase of collected recyclable materials have saturated those processors devaluing the materials.

- 3) With recycling that is collected at the curb having a reduced or negative economic value there was a breakdown within the entire recycling collection system that depended on those rebates to offset the collection costs at the curb.
- 4) Many participants in the United States do not follow recycling guidelines and place non-recyclable items in their collection carts & bins resulting in increased costs to separate and dispose of these unacceptable and/or contaminated materials.

Q) If there is no economic value why even separate recycling out from the trash?

Recycling helps protect the environment. Recycling reduces the need for extracting, refining and processing raw materials all of which create air and water pollution. As recycling saves energy it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which helps to tackle climate change.