

New waste and recycling service provider

Starting with the December 2, 2014 pickup, V.F. Waste Services will provide household waste pickup and curbside recycling service in Winchester Trails. Waste pickup will continue to occur on Tuesdays and Fridays, including recycle pickup on Tuesdays and heavy trash pickup on Fridays.

Waste pickup includes a maximum of ten items per pickup day. For example, if you have two trash cans, four bags of grass clippings, and four bundles of branches, all of those items total to ten items. Up to four items can be placed at the "back door", and up to six items can be placed on the curb. "Back door" refers to the area immediately outside of your garage or side gate. Please place your household waste in the "back door" area as much as possible to keep the curbs free from trash.

Each home in Winchester Trails will receive one 21-gallon recycle bin the week of November 24, along with additional information. If you need additional space, you can request additional bins, or you can use one of your own bins. If you currently have a recycle bin from Waste Management, keep that bin, as it has already been paid for.

You can obtain more information about V.F. Waste Services by visiting their website at vfwasteservices.com, calling them at 713-787-9790, or by emailing them at vfwasteservices@vfwasteservices.com.

Items accepted for recycling include:

- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Plastic containers (with recycling seal #1 through #5, and #7), rinsed and with lid removed
- Paper (white and colored)
- Aluminum cans
- Tin/steel cans
- Aluminum foil
- Glass jars and bottles, most colors

Items NOT accepted include:

- Glass plates, table glass
- Batteries
- Biohazards
- Ceramic or porcelain
- Computer parts
- Medical waste
- Styrofoam

Items accepted for heavy trash pickup include:

- Home appliances (stoves, washers, drained water heaters, refrigerators with the coolant properly removed, etc.)
- Mattresses, box springs, small sofas and chairs
- Very small amount of construction material, properly bundled
- Lumber, fence boards, carpeting, etc., cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled
- Small televisions
- Lightweight bathtubs

Large amounts of items or items not on this list may be picked up for a fee. For additional items and information, see the website or contact the office at 713-787-9790. The lists above are just partial lists of items. For a more complete list of items, visit their website at vfwasteservices.com.

If you have hazardous household waste (gasoline, motor oil, household cleaners, paint, household cleaners, etc.), you can safely dispose of that waste at the Hazardous Household Waste collection facility

at 6900 Hahl Road. Learn more at http://www.eng.hctx.net/WATERSHED/hhw_home.html or by calling 281.560.6200.