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Safety First



Spring trash collection can be back-breaking work not only for you, but also our drivers and helpers; as lawn maintenance, garden preparation, and construction projects will soon be in full swing.

Determining the weight of a trash container is not easy. Ask yourself;

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THINGS TO EXCLUDE:

- Dirt
- Concrete
- Rock
- Brick
- Sod
- Tile
- Wood
- Sheet Rock

Drivers and helpers average 700 stops a day. They are taught correct lifting techniques and

stretches to perform to reduce the chance of injury. Please be aware of the physical stress and limitations put on our employees. Even automated trucks have weight restrictions on what they are capable of lifting. Remember, being able to roll or drag a container to the street does not mean it is light enough to be safely lifted. Your consideration for our drivers and helpers is greatly appreciated.

Spring is in the Air



Ah yes, spring time is upon us once again and of course those two

dreaded words...Spring Cleaning. On top of the hassle of what seems to be endless cleaning, rearranging, and sorting you have to decide what to do with the left over trash. If your going to set it out next to your garbage can you need to be aware of the charges that will be assessed to your account.

Since most residential customers get a statement every three months it is easy to forget about that old chair that was discarded and hauled away two months prior. The extra charges can sometimes be a shock to people

whom may have forgotten about the extra trash that was thrown away.

Please note, there is a \$2.00* charge for every extra (33-gallon size) bag that is put next to the can and larger charges for additional, bulky items such as tables, chairs, mattresses, and etc. We want to make sure the charges are accurate so be aware of everything extra you've thrown away. Here at GSI we can dispose of almost everything, except those items banned by the county such as hazardous waste and e-waste. The best way to handle large objects is to call at least 24 business hours in advance of your next regular trash pickup date and

schedule a special pick up with one of our dispatchers. This way we can make sure you know what the estimated charge(s) will be.

SPRING CLEANING?

FREE cleaning products, paints, stains and lots of other useful items! Pick up or drop off your household hazardous waste at the Larimer County Landfill. Just follow the red signs with the skull and crossbones to the 'Drop and Swap' building. Bring your used motor oil and old lawn mower gas for FREE disposal.

Save your money! Save your planet!

*Charges may vary by location.

The U.S. Postal Service



According to new USPS regulations, the post office will no longer forward any mail from a business to an individual without charging a fee.

In order to control our costs, we ask that you keep us updated on your current mailing address. So, if you are moving, or have a change of address it is no longer enough to just leave your for-

warding address with the Post Office. You need to give your new address to any business you deal with because the Post Office no longer forwards your mail from a business without added fees.

Please call or email GSI to report any changes to your address to keep your trash removal costs to a minimum and ensure you receive any important information.

Gone With The Wind

Here along the Front Range it can sometimes be a challenge to keep your trash or recycling container from blowing away. On particularly windy days, it is advisable to use a heavy object such as a brick or rock to keep your recycling bin from being carried astray. Another option is to remove your containers from the curb side as soon as possible after your pickup.

If you've done your best and still come home to find your container is missing, check around the neighborhood. We can identify it with the number printed on the front of your cart. Record your cart

number and check it each week to be sure you have your assigned container. If you are using your own container, or a recycling bin, write your name, phone number, or address on your equipment.

During extreme weather conditions we will make every attempt to service you until conditions dictate that we suspend service. It is the upmost importance that we consider our employees' safety and the citizens of Fort Collins.

As a reminder, GSI does not charge a rental fee for the use of our carts so it is your responsibil-

ity to keep the cart safe from any loss or damage. We do offer a Cart Damage Waiver for a one-time fee of \$40 per cart. GSI also offers heavy duty, durable recycle bins for purchase. Please give us a call to learn more about our cart insurance and our recycle tubs!



When in doubt, put it out!

YARDWASTE

The 2009 Yardwaste recycling season is rapidly approaching. The program runs from May 4th through October 30th for 2009. If you have not participated in the past, contact our office to check availability in your area and to set up service today! Recycling helps our beautiful community!



Area Landfills are closed every year on the following holidays:

New Years Day- Memorial Day- Independence Day-Labor Day- Thanksgiving Day-Christmas Day

For **2009**, if your pickup day falls ON or AFTER the following holiday during the regular work week, your normal pickup will be **delayed by one day**:

Memorial Day:

Monday, May 25th

Labor Day:

Monday, September 7th

Thanksgiving Day:

Thursday, November 25th

Christmas Day:

Friday, December 25th

New Year's Day:

Friday, January 1st, 2010

Visit our website for more information about holiday scheduling