

ANNUAL FREE DUMPSTER TO REPLACE CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

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The City of Jefferson will be offering a year-round service to its residents in place of a semiannual clean up week. In the past, the city has offered a free clean up week in the spring and fall where residents were able to place items curbside for collection. Residents were given two free 1 ½ yard hoppers, or 3 yards of free garbage collection. Appliances and other electronics were collected for a fee. Metals and related items were collected for no charge.

In place of the City-wide clean-up weeks the City will be offering a year-round service. The City will have dumpsters for residents to utilize free of charge for a period of one week. Residents will be allowed 4 yards of garbage/junk to be collected at no charge which is 1 yard more than previously allotted. Any additional dumps of the dumpster will be billed at standard collection rates. The dumpsters will range in size from 1 ½ yard to 4 yard.

Appliances and other electronics cannot be placed in the dumpsters but can be placed curbside year-round on the resident's regular garbage collection day. Normal collection fees will apply to those items. Metals can be set out all year round and will be collected at no charge.

The City is switching to this new collection method to minimize the risk of injury and potential exposure to hazardous materials by the public and City employees while at the same time offering a service that provides a year-round opportunity to dispose of garbage/junk.

Residents wishing to participate in the free dumpster system are asked to call City Hall. They will be placed on a list to have a dumpster delivered to them. As dumpsters become available, they will be delivered to residents in the order that they were requested. If a resident does not need a dumpster for a full week, they can let City Hall know and the dumpster will be delivered to the next person on the list. Dumpsters will not be left at a residence any longer than one week.

Residents are reminded that with the switch to the automated curbside collection of garbage, the new containers hold 95 gallons of trash weekly compared to 70 gallons prior to the automated trash collections system. If there are extra items to be disposed of weekly, we urge residents to fill their trash containers full each week instead of saving it. Four dumps of the 95-gallon containers are approximately equivalent to filling a 2 yard dumpster.