

# ***Trash & Recycling Curbside Collection Guidelines***

**Critical- Do NOT put ANY PLASTIC BAGS of ANY kind in the Recycle Cart!!**  
**And Do NOT OVERLOAD either Cart!!!**  
**(In doing so, may result in your Cart NOT being collected.)**

**IF TRASH OR RECYCLING HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP ON YOUR NORMALLY SCHEDULED DAY CALL:**

**IWS - Interstate Waste at 203-929-5488**

**For damaged or replacement carts call the DPW-Highways & Bridges at 203-924-9277**

## **Use and Placement of Carts for Collection**

Automated carts have been distributed to residents. The **BLUE** one is for recycling; the **BROWN** one is for trash. Trash and recycling will only be collected in the approved containers provided. **Do NOT put your name on the carts. The carts have been assigned to your address, NOT to you. You may put your address below the handle.**

## **LOADING YOUR CART**

To place trash or recycling in your cart, always lift the lid from the front. **Be careful to not overload** your cart in excess of your ability to safely maneuver it. **Trash must be in plastic bags.**

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE, DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLE CART!**

Do **not** place the following in your cart:

Paint – Solvents – Gasoline – Soil - Acids – Oil – Hot Ashes – Medical waste – Exposed needles – Sand – Rocks.

**NOTE: Latex Paint is non-hazardous - completely dried may be disposed of in your Trash Cart.**

## **PLACING YOUR CARTS FOR COLLECTION**

Make sure the **lid is closed**. Then grab the handle and use the convenient "tilt and go" design feature (between the wheels at the rear of the cart), and tilt the cart back slightly. Now, safely and easily push or pull the cart. The cart is designed to withstand dragging, however, for easy use, tilt and roll. Don't forget: always close the lid before moving, and on inclines pull the cart uphill and push the cart downhill. **Put your cart out the night before** your specified pick-up day and place it with the arrow facing the street (or pick-up point) and the handle side facing your house (or away from the collection point). Containers may be placed for collection in the evening preceding the day on which collections will be made, however no earlier than 6:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlier. Always keep the lid closed. This will keep animals, rain, snow and ice out, refuse and odors in the cart. Do not place your carts **within three (3) ft. of each other or any other obstructions** such as mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, and parked cars or under trees.

**If Cart is over filled or not accessible by the Collection Truck, your cart will not be collected.**

**AFTER COLLECTION**- Do not leave your cart at the curb or street. To help maintain the appearance of your neighborhood, remove your cart as soon after collection as possible. Carts must be removed no later than 16 hours after collections have been made. Your new cart is designed to be stored in your garage or other convenient location next to your home. Take care to not store your cart close to a furnace, fireplace, grill or other source of excessive heat.