

Welcome to the Town of Berlin's automated curbside refuse collection program, the most economically efficient form of refuse collection available. As part of the automated service, each residential property will be provided with an easy-to-manuever automated collection cart.

The refuse collection cart provided is a quality container with enough capacity to contain refuse normally generated by an average family on a weekly basis. The standard 95 gallon cart is equivalent to 3 standard size 32 gallon trash containers. That means on trash day only one container needs to be rolled to the curb as opposed to 3 smaller containers. The container's attached lid has an odor seal that prevents offensive odors from being omitted into surrounding areas. The container is essentially animal-proof eliminating the unsightly mess that can occur on refuse collection day.

In an effort to accommodate Berlin's residents who generate lesser amounts of refuse, an optional 65 or 35 gallon automated collection cart will be made available to you. Collection carts are currently on display at Town Hall, Peck Memorial Library, Community Center, Senior Center and the Recycling Center.

Return the attached form **ONLY** if you wish to receive the smaller 35 or 65 gallon collection cart at no charge, or if you wish to purchase a second 95 gallon cart. Residents will be allowed to purchase a second 95 gallon collection cart for a one time fee of \$75.00. Under the new automated collection system, collection day will not change. The new service will begin the week of **July 6, 2009**. Please continue to use your old containers until that time. If you wish to dispose of your old containers, please put a large note on them to be disposed of with your refuse collection the week of **June 29, 2009**. Otherwise, you may wish to use them around your home and yard.

**ONLY REFUSE THAT IS IN YOUR AUTOMATED COLLECTION CART, WITH THE TOWN SEAL, WILL BE ACCEPTED AND EMPLOYED.** To help reduce litter, all trash should be placed in tied bags before placing it in your refuse collection cart.

Thank you for your cooperation as the Town of Berlin undertakes this program in an effort to provide a safer more economically efficient service to its residents. If you should have any further questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department at 860-828-7022.

## AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION

**Automated Cart** – You will be provided with a heavy duty cart on wheels that is easily rolled to the street. It is virtually wind and animal proof provided the lid is properly closed. Only refuse contained in your cart will be collected. *Extra rubbish placed outside of your cart will not be collected.*

**Routes Start Early** – To ensure collection, place your cart at the curb the night before your collection day. Your pick up times may vary due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

**Cart Placement** – Please place your cart curbside at least 3 feet away from all obstacles, including recycling bins, mailbox, trees, poles and signs. Where possible, place your cart in the corner of your driveway.

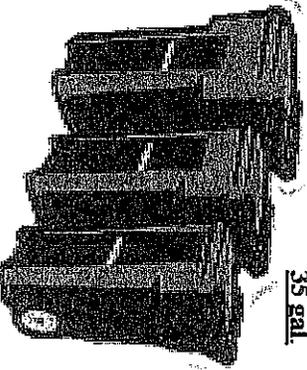
**Avoid Spills and Wind Blown Litter** – Place all of your trash, especially light weight items such as Styrofoam pellets, sawdust, ashes (COLD!) or loose tissues, in a sealed bag inside your cart to prevent littering of your neighborhood.

**Care of Your Cart** – Protecting your cart is your responsibility. Please record your cart serial number for future reference. These carts are owned by the Town's rubbish collection contractor which reserves the right to charge for carts that are damaged through neglect, vandalism, abuse, or theft. If a replacement is required, the current cost will be \$75.00. Carts should be cleaned inside and out on a routine basis. **Do not spray paint your house number on the cart.** The carts are to be left at your present home if you move to another location or town.

95 gal

65 gal

35 gal



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Trash will be collected one day later than normal after the following holidays:

New Year's Day  
 Memorial Day  
 July 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Labor Day  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Christmas Day

*"When in doubt, put it out!"*

## MUNICIPAL RECYCLING CENTER

19 Town Farm Lane

Waste motor oil  
 Metal items, appliances  
 Propane Tanks (empty 20 lbs.)  
 Leaves, grass clippings  
 Tires (off rims)  
 Batteries

Hours of Operation:  
 Monday – Friday 7:15 AM – 3:15 PM

## OVERSIZE WASTE COLLECTION

**Metal Items and Appliances** – Large metal items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, metal cabinets, cooking grills, sleeper sofa frames, exercise equipment and lawn mowers. These items will be picked up by appointment on Thursday of each week. To schedule a large metal item pickup, please call Trash-Away at 225-1206 at least 24 hours in advance.

Residents are responsible for bringing small metal items such as microwave ovens, mops, tools, and ironing boards to the Municipal Recycling Center on Town Farm Road.

**Burnable Items** – Burnable items such as wood furniture, mattresses, upholstered box springs, sofas, chairs, carpet (rolled into 4' lengths, less than 60 lbs and securely bundled), brush (cut into 4' lengths and bundled.) These items will be picked up by appointment only on Wednesday of each week. To schedule a burnable item pickup, please call Trash-Away at 225-1206, at least 24 hours in advance of the weekly collection.