

# Waste and Recycling COVID-19 Recommendations

As information about COVID-19 continues to evolve, the following recommendations are now being encouraged to ensure the safety of our curbside customers and staff.

## ***Are there any changes to curbside service right now due to COVID-19?***

Iowa City curbside collection of trash, recycling, and organics material is continuing as normal with a few recommendations to ensure safety and efficiency:

- Place carts at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.
- Do not overfill carts. Make sure cart lids are closed.
- Bag all trash. For more information on trash, visit [icgov.org/garbage](http://icgov.org/garbage).
- Keep recycling materials loose. No Styrofoam, glass, or plastic bags, please. For more information on recycling, visit [icgov.org/recycle](http://icgov.org/recycle).
- For organics (yard and food waste) collection, use your yellow-top organics cart first (instead of personal containers or bags). By using this cart, you are helping to reduce contact between waste materials and curbside staff. NOTE: Not every household has a City organics cart. If you do not, you are still allowed to use personal 20-35 gallon containers (50 lbs limit) or paper yard waste bags when you do not have a City cart or have more organic material than what can fit in the cart. For more information on organics, visit [icgov.org/organics](http://icgov.org/organics).

## ***What do I do if someone in my household has COVID-19?***

To reduce contact at the curb, securely bag all trash and recycling materials together in plastic trash bags, and place them in the green-top trash cart. Follow this protocol until all members of your household are recovered (not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms).

Please continue to compost as usual. To reduce contact at the curb, please fill your City-issued organics cart prior to using personal containers.

## ***What do I do with my personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks, when I am done with it?***

Face masks, gloves, gowns, facial tissues, disinfectant wipes, and other types of personal protective equipment should go in the trash. Please securely bag all trash. Do not place these items in the recycling bin.

### ***Questions?***

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