

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

Stop treating us like garbage.

Recycling is good for the environment and our local economy.



Learn what you can do at home.

All of the following can be co-mingled in your Republic recycling cart:

Clean Aluminum Foil • Aluminum • Tin & Steel Cans • Glass Jars
Plastic Bottles Marked 1-7 • Bottles • Cardboard • Boxboard •
Brown Paper Bags • Office Paper • Manila Folders (staples are okay)

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Did you know that disposable plastic shopping bags can be taken back to the store where they were purchased? Most stores return the bags to recycling facilities with specialized equipment that is most efficient in recycling plastic bags.

But better than recycling....use a reusable shopping bag!



Recycling Old Clothes

Ever wonder what to do with old clothes? You know, the clothes that are too ratty to donate but you hesitate throwing them in the trash, only to end up in a landfill?

The answer is Goodwill! Goodwill Industries has a very streamlined process where they sort clothes between several different end-uses. Not only do they sell clothes in their Goodwill stores, but they also ship usable but not

sellable clothes overseas to third world countries. And what isn't usable, they have buyers who purchase the clothes for different reasons of reuse or recycling. Most people don't know that all unusable clothes are recycled or reused.

So you can just take all old clothes to Goodwill. You will know they will find the best end use and stay out of the landfills!

Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling, Bulk Item Drop-Off and Medication Disposal Day

Carmel Utilities in conjunction with the Carmel Police Department, Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana, Technology Recyclers, Republic Services and the Drug Enforcement Administration are sponsoring a major recycling/shredding/bulk item/drug drop off event for the benefit of Carmel residents and businesses.

**Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at Creekside Middle School**

(Corner of W. 126th St. & Shelborne Road)

Collection items:

- Free Electronics & Appliance Recycling (\$10 charge for TV's & Monitors)
- Document Shredding (\$5 a bankers box size or equivalent)
- Free Prescription Drug Disposal
- Bulk item drop-off for Carmel Utilities trash customers
- All proceeds of the shredding and TV disposal fees benefit Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana

New this year: Free Bulk Item Drop off
(Carmel Trash Customers Only)

As part of the City contract with Republic Services, free bulk item drop off will be available for Carmel Utilities trash customers. Because the shredding/recycling event is open to everyone, and the space for bulk items is limited, a copy of your Carmel Utility bill or ID will be required to dispose of a bulk item. This is to ensure as much space as possible for Carmel trash customers. We thank you for your cooperation.

For more information call 317-571-2673.

By the Numbers

26,992 Households Serviced	145,996 Tons of Trash	29,927 Tons of Recycling
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Total materials collected since the start of the program in January 2012.

Residential Trash & Recycling Helpful Tips

Yard Waste

- Please place as much yard waste as possible into the cart. It is permissible for a small amount of yard waste to stick out of the cart.
- Consider adding a second trash cart for free or a third cart for \$5 per month for ongoing waste disposal needs.
- During the months of April and May as well as October 15 through December 15 each home is allowed up to 20 bags/bundles of yard waste per week free of charge.
- Large branches such as shown in the picture must be cut into shorter sections and tied into bundles.
- Bulky landscape waste pick-up is available upon request. \$10 for up to 8 cubic yards. Debris needs to be at the curb and cut in lengths less than 8 feet. Call 317-917-7300 to schedule pick-up.



What if I have a bag that won't fit inside with the lid down?

- Fill your trash cart completely before leaving bagged waste outside of the cart.
- Close the lid then place the bag on top of the tote.
- Do not place the bag beside the tote on the ground.

Does the lid have to close all the way?

- As long as the top covers the bags inside and nothing is falling out, it is acceptable.
- Items of any type longer than four feet in length must be cut down in order to fit in the top of the CNG trucks.

