

Venice,

MEET YOUR NEW RECYCLING CART!

No more sorting, bending or lifting — easier recycling begins in the new year with your new cart.

Distribution of the blue, 65-gallon recycle carts will take place the weeks of Jan. 6th and Jan. 13th. Once you receive your cart, please begin using it on your next recycling collection day.

What do I do with my old bins?

Residents may keep them for storage or drop them off at the City Public Works office located at 221 S. Seaboard Ave. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

What goes in the cart?

The City of Venice will continue to collect the same recyclable items — paper and cardboard, plastics, aluminum and steel cans, and glass bottles and jars. Rinse these items and simply toss them in the cart without bagging. For a list of things you can and can't recycle, please see the label on the recycling cart lid or visit venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling.

How do I keep my recyclables clean?

It is very important that only the proper items get placed in your new recycling cart. Do not place plastic bags, food items, diapers, clothes or hazardous materials in the cart. Also, recyclable items must be clean and dry. Please be sure to close the lid of your cart if kept outside. If recyclables get wet they will be contaminated and taken to the landfill as garbage.

Where do I place the cart for collection?

Position the cart so the opening of the lid is facing the street. The collection trucks use a robotic arm to lift and empty the carts, safely and efficiently. Keep at least 3 feet of clearance on all sides of the cart for service access. Make sure your cart is placed curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

What if my cart is damaged?

If you received a damaged cart during delivery, please contact the City of Venice Public Works Department at 941-486-2422.

Can I take the cart with me if I move?

Recycling carts are the property of the City of Venice and are assigned to the property, not the homeowner. If you move, leave the recycling cart at the residence. When you move, please store the cart inside for safekeeping.

What happens if I use my old red recycling bins after I receive my new cart?

Going forward, recycling materials will not be collected in the old red recycling bins. If the red bins are placed at the curb they will no longer be collected.

A recycling cart was delivered to my home, but I do not want it. Will you take it back?

No. Residents must use the carts delivered for recycling and garbage moving forward. Our trucks are set up to collect using these specific carts, so it is important that these carts are used by all customers.

Can I get a smaller recycling cart?

No, the 65-gallon cart provided is the smallest cart being offered for a few important reasons. Since all your recycling must fit into this cart, it is important that there is plenty of room. It is totally fine if the cart is not completely full when placed for collection. Also, the City was awarded a very generous grant to support the purchase of these carts and 65-gallon is the smallest size which will be funded. Please keep in mind that the footprint for the 65-gallon cart is smaller than the two red bins currently being used.

Can I get a larger recycling cart?

Yes, we will have a limited supply of 95-gallon carts available. Please call 941-486-2422 to make that request.

Will the City collect recycling outside of the cart?

No. All recycling, including cardboard must be inside the cart. This will make the collection process much more efficient and save the City money. If you need a larger cart for recycling, we will have a limited supply of 95-gallon recycle carts. Please call 941-486-2422 to make that request.

What should I do with a large cardboard box?

Cardboard must be broken down to a size that fits inside your cart. Please make sure the items in your cart free-flow when emptied.

TO LEARN MORE:

Visit venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling

or email publicworksapp@venicegov.com

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