## Recycling Guidelines

## **Acceptable Recycling Materials**

#### **General Guidelines**

- Recycling pickup occurs on trash day, every other week. Place carts out by 6 a.m. For the collection schedule, visit RepublicServices.com/schedule.
- Residents will receive a 95-gallon comingled recycling cart with a red lid. Please make sure all materials are in the cart with the lid closed.

#### **Glass Recycling Options**

- Subscription-based curbside service: for a monthly fee, customers will receive a 65-gallon cart (blue lid), which is collected every 4 weeks.
- Free drop-off service: residents may drop off glass at the Transfer Station, at 2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian. The site is open to the public 24/7.
- Accepted: only bottles and jars. Please empty, rinse and remove corks and lids.
- Not accepted: mirrors, windows, Pyrex, dishes, tanks, lights, ceramics, cardboard or plastic bags.

#### Yard Debris Composting (year-round cart benefits)

 Subscription-based curbside service: for a monthly fee, customers will receive a 95-gallon cart with a tan lid. Service is weekly and collected on your regular trash day. Accepted materials include grass, leaves and small branches. All debris must be loose in the cart. Please, NO pet waste or trash. For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/yard-debris.

#### **Recycle the Fall: Residential Leaf Collection**

- Starting in November, residents can take advantage of city-wide leaf collection.
- There are two options to dispose of leaves: curbside collection and drop-off site collection. All leaves collected during this event are composted and diverted from landfills.
- For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/fall-leaf-recycling.

#### **Christmas Tree Composting**

 Trees are collected the first full week in January. Cut trees and branches into 4-ft. pieces, and place at the curb on your trash collection day. Trees must be stripped of all lights, ornaments, tinsel and stands. Flocked trees are not allowed. Trees may also be dropped off at the Meridian Transfer Station through mid-January for free. For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/tree-composting.



Plastics - #1. #2 and #5 Bottles, food tubs, jugs (e.g., water, milk, yogurt, and shampoo containers). Empty, rinse and replace lids)



Envelopes (cellophane window OK), junk mail, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and paper bags



**Metal Containers** Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and trays, metal lids larger than 3 inches (empty, rinse, do not crush)



Cardboard Empty and flatten cardboard boxes. paperboard food boxes, shoe and gift boxes, and pizza boxes (food removed and not *saturated with grease*)

#### Hefty ReNew Orange Bag Program

Residents who participate in this program should place non-recyclable plastics marked #4, #6 and #7 in the Hefty Orange Bag. When full, tie it closed tightly and put in in your recycling cart. For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/orange-bag.



All recyclable materials must be loose in the cart

Plastic bags are not accepted in the recycling cart

## Not Accepted in Cart-











Food/Liquid



# Meridian Residential **Recycling and Trash Guide**





## Trash

#### **General Guidelines**

- Carts must be out by 6 a.m. with the lids closed. Remove carts from curb within 24 hours.
- Residents will receive a 95-gallon trash cart with a green lid for automated pickup (48- and 65-gallon carts are available upon request).
- All material must be inside the cart. Items outside of the car,t except during events or pre-scheduled collection, will not be collected. Bag loose trash to prevent it from blowing away.
- Place carts 3 feet from other carts and objects like mailboxes, fire hydrants, cars and utility poles, with the handle towards the house and wheels at the street curb. Never block sidewalk or bike lane access.
- Place used motor oil in clear 1-gallon jugs. Make them visible to the driver on trash day (up to 2 gallons per week).



#### **Prohibited Materials**

- Explosives or ammunition, tires, liquids, radioactive items, non-alkaline batteries, biomedical or hazardous waste.
- Rocks, bricks, concrete or other construction materials in residential carts.
- Do not place loose sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) in carts.

### Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs

 The City of Meridian has permanent drop-off bins located in the police department lobby. For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/rxtakeback.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Program

- Accepted Materials: E-cigarettes (vape pens), fluorescent tubes, CFL bulbs, paint, stains, varnish, electronics, monitors and televisions, vehicle batteries, rechargeable and lithium batteries, oil, pesticides and herbicides.
- Drop-Off Locations:
  - Republic Services parking lot: 2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian, every Monday, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. (closed holidays). For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/hhw.
  - Ada County Landfill: 10300 N. Seaman's Gulch Road, Boise. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - For additional mobile sites and information, visit Adacounty.id.gov/landfill or call 208.577.4736.

#### **Bulky Item Collection Service**

- Free curbside collection of up to 10 bulky items per calendar year.
- Items include couches, mattresses, patio furniture and appliances. A fee applies for Freon<sup>®</sup> appliances.
- To schedule a pickup, call **208.345.1265** or visit **Meridiancity.org/bulky-items**.

#### **Sharps Containers**

- Improper disposal of sharps, such as needles, is a health and safety threat to solid waste workers.
- To get your free sharps container from Republic Services, bring a current utility bill with your name and address, to verify Meridian residency, to the Meridian Transfer Station (MTS) at 2130 W. Franklin Road, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Once the container is full, bring it back to the MTS to exchange it for an empty one.

## Additional Information

#### **Contact Republic Services:**

To report missed collection, start or stop service, order additional carts, change cart size, and repair or replace damaged carts, call **208.345.1265**.

### **Carry-Out Service**

Customers who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may receive free carry-out service. Other customers may sign up for carry-out service for an extra monthly charge. To order carryout service, call Republic Services at **208.345.1265**.

### **Billing Questions**

For billing questions or mailing address changes, please contact Meridian Utility Billing Services at **208.888.4439** or **Utilitybilling@meridiancity.org.** 

### City of Meridian Solid Waste Program

For questions about the City's solid waste program, events and item disposal, visit **Meridiancity.org/** solidwaste.

#### Holiday Collection Schedule

Waste collection services may be delayed by one service day when the following holidays fall on a weekday:

• New Year's Day

• Fourth of July

- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving DayChristmas Day

Visit **RepublicServices.com/schedule** to find your service days.

### **Transfer Station Recycling Center**

2130 W. Franklin Road, Meridian (enter off Benchmark Ave.)

Public can drop off the following items free of charge:

- Glass bottles
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles, jugs and food tubs
- Aluminum cans
- Scrap metals
- Holiday lights and electrical cords

## **Trash or Treasure Event**

- This annual springtime event provides residents with the opportunity to set out clean, gently used, no longer wanted household items at the curb. Fellow residents (treasure hunters) can use an online treasure map to collect these items, giving them a new life and diverting items from the local landfill.
- For more information, visit Meridiancity.org/tort.

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