

**Morgan County Environmental Services  
(Morgan County Sanitation)  
(256)773-3887 or 1-800-847-3750**

**Why is Automated Collection better than the traditional manual method?**

- The curbside, 96-gallon container is maneuverable and easy to roll. Each one is extremely durable, features a close-fitting lid, will hold as much household garbage as three (3) regular garbage cans and one (1) container is supplied to each house, free of charge, by Morgan County.
- Automated Collection eliminates the need to manually handle the garbage cans, thereby reducing the opportunity for job related injuries.



**(3)32 GALLON CANS = (1)96 GALLON CONTAINER**

**May I continue to use my old container?**

- No. The roll-out containers provided by the county are specifically designed to withstand the force of the mechanical gripper and lifting arm on the collection vehicles. For this reason, your old trash cans cannot be used.

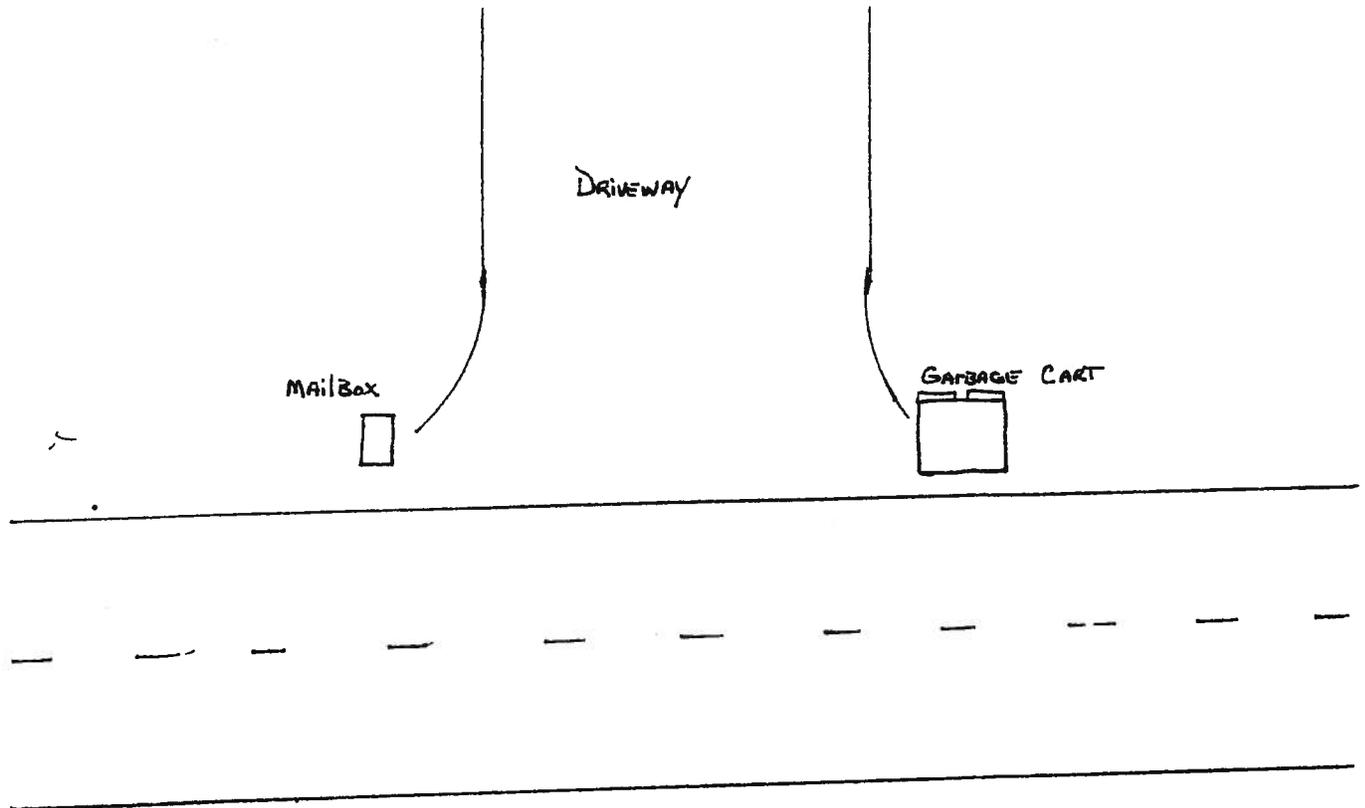
**When do I place my container at curbside?**

- The containers should be placed at the curb no later than **6:00 A.M.** on your scheduled collection day to ensure that it is picked up.
- Do not count on a time during the day for pickup. Trucks break down and others may have to fill in at a different time of day.
- Holidays-Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
  - If your regular pickup day is on or after those days, we will be one day late.
  - All other days and holidays set your garbage out on your regular scheduled day.

**Where do I place the container on collection day?**

- Under normal circumstances, the container should be placed at or near the driveway approximately 4 feet from additional carts, mailbox, poles, fire hydrant, or any other obstacles, and at least 10 feet away from any parked cars. **It would be best to place container on the opposite side of the driveway from the mailbox. (SEE DIAGRAM ON BACK)**
- Carts cannot be placed on the other side of the ditch. The automated arm will not reach that far.
- Always place the container at the street side as close to the pavement as possible with wheels and handles facing your residence.
- It is not the responsibility of the Sanitation workers to move containers that are improperly placed in order to complete a collection.

- Proper position is imperative when placing your container out for collection.



### What kind of refuse can I put in each container?

- Household garbage Only.
- We ask that you please bag all garbage for litter control and sanitation reasons.
- Do not put anything outside next to container, on the lid of the container, or leaning against container. Everything must be inside the container. Do not overfill the container to the extent the lid will not close. If the lid is not closed, garbage may spill to the road as it is emptied. Please cut up cardboard and place inside can.
- In the event that your household garbage consistently exceeds your container capacity, you should request an additional container. Additional containers will be available under conditions and at prices determined by the County Commission. Please call our office at (256)773-3887 for more information.
- Pet waste should be bagged to avoid odor.
- Freezer goes out? DO NOT put items in garbage container and let sit out in the summer heat. You may bring items to our dumpster at our office. Please call (256)773-3887.
- Diabetic! Please put syringes hypodermic needles in a two liter coffee can with lid. DO NOT PUT IN GARBAGE LOOSE!
- DO NOT put yard debris, rocks, dirt, building and construction debris, hot or flammable items, hazardous material, or chemicals in your container.
  - Decatur City offers Chemi-collection once a month at the public works building. Hazardous chemicals, wet paint, motor oil, batteries, etc. may be dropped off here. Call (256)341-4740 for more information.

## What are my options for large items that will not fit in the container?

- County Commissioners offer clean-up during spring and fall (usually April and September) for large items that are not picked up by the regular route trucks. Call office for specific times or watch paper.
- Large items may also be disposed of year round for a fee at the Decatur/Morgan County Landfill located on Hwy 20W in Decatur at the County Line. Hours are Monday-Friday 6:00-4:00 Saturday 7:00-11:30. Additional information about the landfill may be obtained by calling (256)341-4993.

## What if my container is stolen or destroyed?

- The container belongs to Morgan County, and we expect our residents to take reasonable care of this property. Please do not paint, mutilate, alter or modify your container in any way. Please do not put hot ashes or hot coals into the container. If the County damages your container, or if it is stolen while out on a collection day, your container will be replaced at no cost.

## What happens when a household moves?

- The containers are issued to an address and **must not be removed from the premises**. If moving, please call our office to have the container picked up. (256)773-3887.

## RECYCLING

- Recycling is available at 13 different sites located throughout the county. Call (256)773-3887 or visit our website at [www.co.morgan.al.us](http://www.co.morgan.al.us) and under Departments & Services click on Environmental Services.
- Electronics recycling is available at 901 Groover Rd. Hartselle. We accept computers, monitors, cell phones, printers, etc. Gates are open Monday-Friday 6:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

**ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT SANITATION SERVICES:** Call Morgan County Environmental Services (256)773-3887. Office hours are Monday-Friday 6:00 A.M to 2:30 P.M.

Dumpster service is available for businesses. Call for pricing.

We serve approximately 17,000 customers weekly, 4200 customers daily.

**We humbly ask that you have consideration and respect for your sanitation worker. Please be patient with our Drivers while they are learning to operate the new automated arms efficiently, cans may get knocked over from time to time.**