

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Prevent Litter and Avoid Overfilling Your Trash Cart

Neighbors are reminded to use their residential city-issued trash carts to full capacity when needed; however, carts should never be overfilled. **Your cart lid should be completely closed when setting it out for collection.** Trash volumes should not exceed the height of the Maximum Fill Line (top rim) of the cart. Please do not pile bags of garbage on top of or around the cart, as it might prevent service vehicles from safely emptying your cart. All excess garbage must be placed in Official Yellow Bags and set at least 2 feet from your trash cart.

Overfilled or overflowing trash carts can create several problems, including:

- Garbage spillage and increased litter on your neighborhood streets;
- Attracting unwanted insects and wildlife to your yard or home; and
- Seepage of rainwater into your trash cart because of open lids.



Neighbors can purchase Official Yellow Bags at all local Publix and Gainesville Ace Hardware stores. Look for the yellow bags along the trash bag aisle or ask for them at the customer service counter. Each Official Bag holds approximately 30 gallons of trash and has a weight limit of 40 pounds per bag. Official Yellow Bags sell for \$11.25 per pack, and each pack includes 5 bags. Excess waste set out in personal containers, boxes, or non-official yellow bags will not be collected.

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