

Borough of West Reading
Bulk Refuse Collection Policy
Resolution 2023-28

Whereas, the Council of the Borough of West Reading has noticed an increase in the number of bulk items placed out for collection which has caused an increased refuse disposal rate for residents' community wide.

Therefore, the following guidelines are being established to provide better convenience as to the date of disposal while implementing a fee to offset the cost of bulk item disposal.

Bulk Item Guidelines

1. Residents may purchase a small, medium, or large bulk tag, per item at Borough Hall for items that are too large to fit in your trash container. A list of examples by size is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Residents must provide contact information, the date and address for collection, and a description of the item(s) to be collected. Payment options include cash, check or charge, a 3.5% processing fee will be assessed on credit and debit card transactions.
3. A limit of two bulk items per household may be collected per week and may be placed out for collection on any regular refuse collection day.
4. Tags must be purchased a minimum of 48 hours prior to collection.
5. Bulk tags must be affixed to the item you want to dispose of. It is the responsibility of the resident to securely affix the tag to the item.
6. Bulk items may weigh no more than 75 pounds nor exceed 5 feet in length. Larger items may be dismantled to fit these parameters while remaining a single tag item.
7. Refunds are not issued in the event that paid-for bulk items are taken by someone other than the Borough Refuse Hauler.
8. Metal pickup is free for Borough residents but must be scheduled in advance. Metal pickups occur on Mondays, the deadline to schedule a pickup is Wednesday afternoon. To schedule a metal pickup please call Borough Hall at 610-374-8273. Appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, water coolers, and freezers must have the freon removed, and have a Certified Freon-Free sticker to be picked up. If purchasing a new appliance, ask the company delivering the new appliance to take the old appliance when they deliver the new appliance. A Freon Hotline can provide information on how to properly remove freon from your appliance at 1-888-GO-FREON (1-888-463-7366). Or you may contract with a local scrap hauler to dispose of your appliance.

Items Not Accepted for Curbside Collection

- Computer equipment (desktop, laptop or tablet, keyboard, monitor, printer) (can be recycled at Staples, free of charge)
- Televisions (can be recycled at most stores that sell them, free of charge)
- Paint Cans (unless empty and dry)
- Tires, Motor Oil
- Propane/Gas Tanks (even if empty)
- Hazardous Materials (including oil-based paint cans)

Contact the Berks County Recycling Office at 610-478-6362 for the disposal of hazardous materials. The Berks County Solid Waste Authority sponsors the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of November 2023.

BOROUGH OF WEST READING

By: 
Ryan Lineaweaver, Council President

Attest: 
Cynthia Madeira, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 21st day of November 2023.

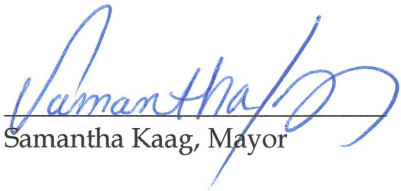

Samantha Kaag, Mayor

Exhibit A
Bulk Item Pricing

Small Items \$5 each:

Nightstand	Kitchen Chair	End Table	Ottoman	Small Desk
Highchair	Glass Shower Door	Twin/Full Size Headboard/Footboard	Crib Mattress (wrapped in plastic)	Garage Door Opener
Glider	Pallet	Plastic Outdoor Chair	Fencing *	Interior Door
Jewelry Cabinet	Baby Stroller	Small Mirror	Card Table	End Table

Medium Items \$10 each:

Awning	Love Seat	Coffee Table	Crib	End Table
Kitchen Sink	Ladder	Cabinet/Bookshelf	Recliner	Medium Dresser
Futon (without mattress)	Medium Size Picnic Table	Queen Size Headboard/Footboard	Twin Mattress (wrapped in plastic)	Hot Tub Cover (cut in ½)
Kitchen Table *	Medium Size Desk	Pool Cover (cut in ½)	Toilet (bagged)	Outdoor Chair

Large Items \$15 each:

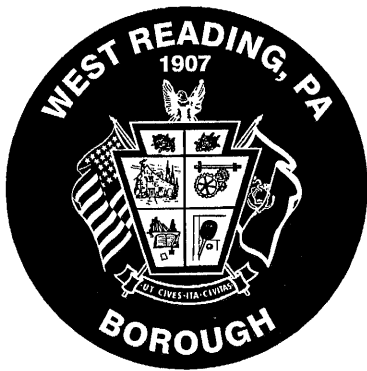
Area/Wall to Wall rug (cut/bundled)	Entertainment Center	King Size Headboard/Footboard	Box Spring (wrapped in plastic)	Mattress F/Q/K (wrapped in plastic)
Sofa	Window	Ping Pong Table	Kitchen Island	Large Mirror
Family Style Table *	Hutch/China Cabinet *	Wooden Garage Door *	Exterior Front/Back Door	Sliding Patio Door *
Fish Tank	Hope Chest	Large Desk/Dresser *	Wooden Swing Set *	Drywall/Paneling *
Hot Tub (cut up)	Hot Tub Cover (cut in ½)	Large Picnic Table *	Shingles (bundled)	Vanity

Metal Items FREE (removed by Public Works Department):

Antenna	Air Conditioner (freon removed)	Beach Umbrella	Bed Frame	Bicycle/Exercise Bike
Radiator	Basketball Backboard/Stand	Metal Screen Door	Washer/Dryer	Metal Swing Set *
Furnace *	Chicken Wire Fence Roll	Freezer (freon & door(s) removed)	Metal Garage Door *	Grill (propane tank removed)
Stove	Hot Water Heater	Kerosene Heater	Metal Railing	Push Mower (fluid free)
Metal Shed *	Gutters/Downspout	Metal Folding Chair	Fence Poles	Refrigerator (freon & doors removed)
Range Hood	Trampoline	Oil Tank (cut in ½)	Wheelbarrow	Metal Shelves

Items may not exceed 75 pounds nor 5' in length.

* Dismantled and bundled.



Bulk Refuse Ticket

Ticket # _____

Collection Date _____

Address _____

Description _____
