

SANITATION DEPARTMENT



REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

The City of Wilmington operates residential and commercial solid waste collection services. The city refuse collection crews put in a lot of effort to provide good, reliable and cost-effective trash removal service to our customers. This is a daily service which covers over 4000 residential and over 400 commercial customers each week.

This service is provided five days a week, 52 weeks a year with a very slight interruption due to holidays and weather.



The Sanitation Department also collects yard waste and tree branches along with large item pick up.

The Refuse Crews assist in many other daily functions of the Sanitation Department such as facilities maintenance, equipment maintenance, landfill operations and customer service requests.

Additionally, many times we are called upon to assist other departments when they are over-extended, such as for snow plowing.

The Collections Department consists of the following equipment:

- Three (3) 25-yard high-compaction refuse trucks
- One (2) 20-yard high compaction recycling trucks
- One (1) tandem axle dump truck (converted refuse truck)
- Two (2) single axle dump trucks
- Three (3) service pickup trucks
- One (1) sport utility vehicle

COMPOSTING

The Sanitation Department operates an OEPA-approved Class 4 compost facility for the area residents. The compost collection service is provided free of charge to City of Wilmington residents. There is a cubic yardage charge for all Clinton County



residents who wish to bring bulk compost to the facility for tipping. We also accept commercial contractors' yard waste.

Each day the route truck collects the yard waste bags, or residents may bring in their yard waste, and it is then placed in the composting area. Accumulated brush, leaves, grass clippings and tree branches are ground into mulch. For 2016 the department hopes to retain the material, triple shred for a finished product, and make available for public resale. Over 5500 cubic yards of mulch was generated this past year.

In the past years, the M&R Department also used this compost facility for disposal of their yearly leaf collection.

DUMPSTER RENTALS

The Sanitation Department continues a very successful dumpster rental program for our commercial customers. The department now rents over 300 commercial dumpsters that provide a high quality and convenient service.

This department also services and maintains these dumpsters in-house. In addition, our welding shop provides



dumpster repair, replacement for private owners, and other special fabricating.

The department has been renting out large dumpsters to individuals for clean-ups. This service has been well-received and provides another source of revenue to the department.



Our welding shop is used by all the city departments and is very well-equipped to handle almost any project.

In 2013, we acquired an abandoned building from the Wastewater Department known as the union hall to move our welding shop into. Currently this building is also utilized for the storage of the curbside

recycling “blue bins” and other equipment.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

In 2005, Wilmington started a voluntary curbside recycle program with the “blue bag” program. This program struggled in the past to maintain a decent participation percentage. We applied for a grant through the Ohio Department of



Natural Resources (ODNR). In April 2010, we received the \$150,000.00 grant, which allowed us to purchase curbside bins and a 2007 G&S recycling truck.

On December 6, 2010, we started using the new truck and bins. To this date, our residential participation has gone from 8% to 46%. We have now delivered almost 1,800 bins to the residents of

Wilmington and our program continues to increase.

In 2014, the City again applied for the ODNR Community Development Grant and was awarded. The funds will help expand the program to allow recycling options for Wilmington’s small businesses and multi-family housing. Additional equipment upgrades, recycling containers and site improvements will also be purchase with grant proceeds.

