

## Trash, recycling changes ahead

Bye bye bags. Loveland's trash collection service will soon roll out its all-cart collection service. Recycling, too.

### Trash Collection

The first phase of moving to carts as the primary trash container begins this month for about a fourth of Loveland. Households that subscribe to the City's trash collection service will be required to use a cart to contain the waste. To meet the demand and reality of different households with different trash quantities, households can select from four—yes, four—different cart sizes and collection fees.

Trash bags with the \$1.50 collection stamp attached will no longer be accepted as the primary means of disposal. Customers can still purchase stamps and use bags for extra capacity on those occasions when their cart capacity isn't enough—when their trash cart runneth over. But all clients can select the trash cart size of their choice when they subscribe to the City's weekly collection service.



Households can continue to choose cart capacities from extra large, 96-gallon; large, 64-gallon; regular, 32-gallon or the brand new small 17-gallon cart. The new, smallest cart can contain the equivalent of a tall kitchen trash bag (13 gallons) plus a bit more.

Customers can trade in their carts for a larger or smaller cart if they find their current selection isn't quite right. A call to the Solid Waste Division at 962-2529 is all that's needed. Their old cart will be picked up and a new size delivered.

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*More about trash and recycling changes inside*

## Warts, phantoms and vampires – Oh my!

Wall warts – phantom load – vampire appliances? Sounds like something from a Harry Potter movie, but these little energy gremlins are lurking all over houses and they're costing money for the owners.

Many people don't realize that "OFF" doesn't necessarily mean off when it comes to appliances and electronic devices in the home. Even after hitting the off switch, many of these pieces of equipment – including TVs, computer monitors, printers, DVD players, stereo, microwaves and even some coffee pots – still draw power even when turned off.

In terms of energy used and money spent, it can really add up. According to the EPA, a household can spend \$100 or more per year just for wasted, phantom energy. Nationwide that translates to a staggering \$10 billion in energy costs annually.



Even small, innocent looking chargers for gadgets such as cell phones, blackberries, digital cameras and MP3 players are serious energy-sucking culprits. Wall warts—those over-sized, AC adaptor square plugs that come with many electronic devices—are especially inefficient.

But there are a number of steps to reduce the amount of energy these energy vampires are usurping.

- Switch to more efficient appliances: Appliances today are much more efficient than their predecessors. Those that have earned the government's Energy Star rating for example, will use less energy in an off or sleep mode while still maintaining features such as clock displays, channel settings and remote control functions. See [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

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## City of Loveland 2009 Food and Utility Sales Tax Rebate Program

You may be eligible to receive a rebate for food and utility sales taxes paid in 2008. Qualified households must meet HUD income requirements.

**Applications are available at:**

**Food and Utility Sales Tax Rebate Office**, 500 East Third Street  
(adjacent to Utility Billing – Window #4)

**Loveland Public Library**,  
300 North Adams Avenue

**House of Neighborly Service**  
565 North Cleveland Avenue

**City Website**

[www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org)

**August 1st - September 30th**

**For information, call 962-2361**



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And again, after that big party or housecleaning, customers can always set out extra trash in 32-gallon trash bags in addition to filling their cart by purchasing trash stamps.

Customers who already use carts needn't do anything different.

Customers who currently use only bags need to contact Solid Waste to select their cart size. Beginning immediately, they may call 962-2529 and choose their cart size. Carts are delivered within two business days of a request.

The changeover begins in October with clients whose collection day is Tuesday. The changeover continues in November for clients with Wednesday pick-up, December for Thursday customers and January for Monday households. All current bag customers will receive reminders in the mail shortly before the transition takes place.

### Recyclables Collection

Recycling is getting simpler, too. Wheeled carts will replace bins...no lifting. Everything in one cart...no sorting; no separate bins. Two-week collection cycle...half the effort.

Yep, if it's recyclable, it goes in the cart. It doesn't matter if it's a can, plastic bottle, newspaper, cardboard box, old paper, magazine, phone book, whatever. If it was recyclable before, it's recyclable now simply by tossing it into the all-in-one cart.

The move to a recycling cart system has already begun. After a well-

received trial program of 1,800 households, about 8,000 Loveland households are now enjoying the simplified system. The rest of the city will move to the cart-based system in early 2010 after the arrival of more carts and four new trucks.

### What About Glass?

Aha. Perhaps you noticed that recycling glass was not mentioned above. Glass bottles and jars can still be recycled by putting them in bins or the new carts. But there's a better way.

The reality is that glass placed in a bin or cart often gets broken by the time it's unloaded for recycling. It's simply impossible for the sorting process to remove small pieces of glass from all the cans, plastic, paper, etc. The broken glass winds up in the landfill as trash instead of being recycled.

The better method is to collect glass bottles and jars separately and drop them all off at one of three convenient Loveland collection sites. Because everything dumped into a collection site bin is glass, 100 percent of it gets recycled. It's much more efficient and also safer, reducing the sorters' exposure to broken glass.

### Yard Waste

With all the rain Loveland has received in recent months, many local properties may be greener than ever. Grass has grown faster and required mowing more often. Bushes and shrubs need more trimming. And

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### Select a Size

Dogs of various sizes are used to demonstrate the four different size curbside trash bins available to Loveland patrons. The newest option is the smallest, a 17-gallon cart.

## Staffer honored for community service

Darcy McClure, director of the City's Community Partnership Office, was recently awarded for her 14 years



of service to the Loveland community. She received the Community Collaborator of the Year award from the United Way of Larimer County at the Annual State of the Community event held at the Ranch.

Her many accomplishments include facilitating more than \$9.5 million in local and federal grant dollars into housing development, the establishment of the Loveland Interfaith Hospitality Network, the coordination of more than 650 units of affordable housing locally, and

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## Library celebrates with ice cream social

The Loveland Public Library will hold an old-fashioned ice cream social at 4 p.m., Sun., Aug. 30 in the Gertrude B. Scott room of the library, 300 North Adams.

The event will celebrate progress made towards raising the initial \$2 million for the library's upcoming expansion and renovation. The party also ushers in the beginning of the new fall schedule.

This event, sponsored by The Friends of the Loveland Library Foundation, will include free ice cream and toppings, live music and tours of the library including a "backstage" tour at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Attendees will also have the opportunity to join the *Enlarge the Library/Enrich the Community* campaign.



## "Money Talks"

### Learn more about Exchange Traded Funds

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) have only existed since 1992, but they are some of the fastest-growing investment vehicles in the financial markets today. The Sept. 8 Money Talks, presented by Laurel Kubin, will look at how ETFs can compliment an investment portfolio.

Like index mutual funds, ETFs are portfolios of stocks or bonds that track a specific market index. Like stocks, ETFs can be bought and sold on an exchange throughout the trading day.

Money Talks is free and presented at noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Gertrude B. Scott room of the Loveland Public Library. Beverages are provided and attendees are welcome to bring a meal. For more information, call 962-2402.

## All-cart-system easier for all

Why the change to all carts? Safety, ease and efficiency for everyone.

As the current collection systems have evolved, containers and procedures have become diverse. Currently, the City collection system utilizes bags, bins and carts.

Each requires a different process, different human effort and different equipment to get material into the collection truck. Moving to an all-cart system for the primary containers offers several benefits.

For the customers, everything goes into carts. Just roll the carts to the street. No more bending over and lifting heavy bins. No more wind blowing paper out of the bins. No

more dragging bags or having them split open.

For the Solid Waste operation, the benefits are standardization, cost savings and employee health. Soon, there will be only one type of collection truck with fewer backup vehicles needed. Pickup will be more efficient.

The automated cart-grabbing devices on the trucks mean the workers will rarely need to exit the truck. The process will be faster and a lot less physically demanding for the workers.

The all-cart standardization will save effort and money for everyone.

## Waste rates

### Weekly trash collection

17-gallon cart . . . \$2.75/month  
 32-gallon cart . . . \$5.50/month  
 64-gallon cart . . \$11.00/month  
 96-gallon cart . . \$16.50/month  
 Extra trash bag stamps. . \$1.50

### Recyclables collection

No additional charge

### Weekly yard waste collection

96-gallon cart . . . \$7.50/month

### Recycling center

Most items: free drop-off

Tires & e-scrap . . . . . 2-\$30

## Your discards—know where they go?

### Recyclables

#### Blue Cart

Aluminum cans  
 Steel cans  
 Empty aerosol cans  
 Empty paint cans  
 Plastic containers #1-#7  
 Newspaper  
 Magazines  
 Catalogs  
 Junk mail  
 Office paper  
 Paperboard  
 Phone books  
 Paperback books  
 Corrugated cardboard

### Trash

#### Gray Cart

Food waste  
 Plastic bags  
 Drink boxes  
 Styrofoam  
 Plastic utensils  
 Plastic food containers  
 Non-recyclable packaging  
 Diapers  
 Pet wastes  
*(in a bag, please!)*

### Yard Waste

#### Green Cart

Grass clippings  
 Leaves  
 Garden trimmings  
 Branches

### Recycling Center

#### 400 N. Wilson

Yard waste  
 Raw wood  
 Scrap metal  
 Appliances-large & small  
 Wire  
 Batteries  
 Tires  
 Motor oil, filters  
 Antifreeze  
 Cooking, fryer oil  
 Milk and juice cartons  
 Large, durable plastics  
 Hardbound books  
 Clothing, shoes  
 E-scrap  
 Toilets & porcelain fixtures  
 Concrete

### Glass bottles and jars

Three Drop-off Sites Available

Recycling Center Wal-Mart Kroh Park  
 400 N. Wilson 1325 N. Denver Ave. 5200 N. Garfield

## Curb address painting illegal



The City has recently received calls from residents who have concerns about solicitors offering to paint address numbers on the curbs in front of their homes. These solicitors are not licensed to conduct business within the city and Loveland residents should not hire anyone for this purpose.

Curb painting violates City code because it can interfere with emergency services and mail delivery. These solicitors also endanger themselves and other pedestrians and motorists when painting curbs due to lack of proper traffic control and other safety measures.

If you have questions about illegal address curb painting, call 962-2535.

## Business Appreciation Expo Sept. 30

The City of Loveland's Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Expo will be held 7:30-10:30 a.m., Wed., Sept. 30 in the Embassy Suites Ballroom in Loveland.



The year's event, entitled "Loveland: Where Art & Science Meet," will include a presentation by keynote speaker former Senator Hank Brown.

This yearly event provides area businesses the opportunity to enjoy a free buffet breakfast, network and share information on doing business in the Loveland area. The expo will also feature not-for-profit business service organizations.

To make a reservation, e-mail garshn@ci.loveland.co.us or call 962-2346 before Sept. 15. Seating is limited. This year's major sponsor is Home State Bank. Additional sponsors are Embassy Suites Loveland and Kennedy and Coe.

## Attend police Academy

Citizens can increase their interaction and education about local criminal justice issues by enrolling in the Loveland Police Department Citizens Police Academy. The academy is held 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Sept. 10 for ten weeks at the Loveland Police and Courts Building, 810 E. 10th St. There is no cost to participate.

The program helps get the community involved to better understand the policing and problem solving efforts of the police department. Employees from the police department and other criminal justice agencies will speak on various topics such as traffic enforcement and DUI, criminal investigation and use of force.

Police academy participants must be eighteen years of age or older; live, work or volunteer in the City of Loveland; have no felony convictions, no significant or recent misdemeanor convictions; and sign a Waiver of

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# Harvest Bazaar

**Friday, September 18th**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**at the Chilson Senior center**  
700 East 4th St, Loveland 970-962-2783

## Crafters Wanted!

Please stop by the Chilson Senior Center front desk to reserve your craft table beginning Thursday, 8/6  
Garden Produce Donations accepted beginning 9/14



## Loveland Police

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Liability. Application deadline is Aug. 28. For an application, visit the police department section of [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org) or call Lt. John Manago, 962-2225.

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establishment of the Food Sales Tax Rebate Program.

McClure cites her work with volunteers and area human service agencies as the most inspiring and rewarding aspect of her work. "I have a special place in my heart for the staff in Loveland's non-profits," McClure said. "I feel honored to work with this great group of people so dedicated to the community."

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- Turn on power-saving features on the computer: Computers and monitors have built-in energy-saving features that can be enabled to reduce energy use. Turning off the computer's screen saver is a great place to start. Screen savers actually keep computers running at full power. The computer can be set to go into standby mode after ten minutes—that saves energy too. Energy-saving software to download is also available for greater power savings. Finally, if the computer isn't needed for a significant block of time, just power it down.
- Use power strips: The on/off switch on a power strip or surge protector provides an off that is truly OFF. Turning off the power strip eliminates phantom power consumption.
- Just unplug it: Simply removing a device's plug from the outlet eliminates its ability to draw phantom power. This is especially important for the wall wart/AC adaptors.

Getting rid of energy-sucking gremlins in a home has numerous and broad-reaching benefits. By incorporating these energy-saving strategies, money is saved while lessening reliance on the coal-power plants that generate most of the nation's power.

For more information on phantom power and saving energy in your home, call Loveland Water & Power, 962-3000, or go to the Water & Power webpages at [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org).

# Get the Point!

## Be Fit • Live Well

**Chilson Recreation Center**

### Over \$10,000 in Rewards

Brought to You by Local Sponsors!

## Work Out

### Earn Points • Free Rewards

September 8-November 30

Convenient daily, 10 visit, & 6 or 12 month passes available.

### Fitness • Aquatics • Sports

700 E. 4th Street • Loveland • 962-2FUN

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before long, all those lush, healthy tree leaves will blanket the ground.

Instead of filling trash carts and then the county landfill with grass, garden trimmings and leaves, homeowners can subscribe to the April-December yard waste collection service. Simply put the yard debris into a cart, wheel it out to the street, and it will be picked up for composting.

## A Whole Lot More

Got more stuff—oil, tires, lumber, batteries, a toilet, the kitchen sink? How about out-of-date electronics such as a computer, TV, phone or stereo? These items and many more—plus yard waste that you haul—can be brought to the Loveland Recycling Center, 400 N. Wilson, for recycling or composting.

# Drink Up!



**Car Wash Soap**

**Yard Waste**

**Litter**

**Sediment**

## Stormwater pollution affects what you drink

Dangerous contaminants such as pesticides, motor oil, pet waste, cleaners and other harmful pollutants get into storm drains, contaminating our waterways and polluting the environment.

It all adds up and it all comes back to you and your family.

But you can be part of the solution by keeping contaminants out of the storm drains. Learn how at [www.cityofloveland.org/PublicWorks/Stormwater/StormwaterQuality.htm](http://www.cityofloveland.org/PublicWorks/Stormwater/StormwaterQuality.htm) or call 962-2772.

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