

Winter Garbage Pick Up Tips

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Winter weather makes everything a little bit trickier. Even small things, like picking up your garbage, can become complicated when there are several inches of snow on the ground. To ensure that you receive consistent service, please make sure to follow these guidelines.

How should you prepare your trash for collection?

Use trash bags and keep the lid closed. Drivers will not reach into containers to remove items frozen to the bottom.

Where should you put your container when there is snow on the ground?

Dig out a spot for your container where you usually place it (typically the end of your driveway). Place the container on a level area no more than 3 feet from the street with wheels away from street and lid opening to the

street. Please be sure to have enough room for the truck's arm to be able to grab the container, dump it and set it back down.

Do not put garbage containers on the street, as this creates a hazard to vehicles and snow plows.

Do not place your container on top of snow piles. Melting or shifting snow could cause the container to fall over and spill. It also makes it difficult for garbage trucks to set them back down.

What should you do if there is a big storm overnight?

Our collection routes start very early in the morning. As always, **set your container out by 7:00 a.m.** on your scheduled collection day. However, containers may be set out up to 24 hours in advance.

What should you do if your trash has not been picked up?

Many different variables affect our routes and drivers during a shift. There are no set times for any house to be picked up. There may be uncontrollable circumstances delaying the servicing of a route. If your trash has not been picked up by the next morning after your service day, please call Perry City Hall at 515-465-2481.

What should you do after your garbage has been collected?

Retrieve your container as soon as possible to prevent them from blowing away or getting in the way of snow removal operations.