

KEEP IT CLEAN. KEEP IT GREEN

With the new automated trash collection system coming your way, we can't lose sight of a regular practice that will continue to keep our city clean...and keep it green through active recycling.

Consider how recycling affects you, your city, and future generations.

- **Recycling helps Lake Station control cost and conserve energy and natural resources.**
- **In 2008, Lake Station recycled 210.01 tons of post consumer paper (the equivalent of 5,040 trees). Lets save even more trees in 2009**

Recycling is easy. Simply place your existing recycling container curbside by 7 a.m. on your regular recycling pickup day. You don't even have to sort your recycled items. If you have any questions regarding Lake Station's recycling program, visit our web site at www.lakestation-in.gov

PLANT FLOWERS & WATCH IT GROW

Enjoy your flowers and the start to a cleaner, greener Lake Station



YOUR NEW SERVICE WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER

If you have any questions about the new automated trash collection system, simply visit our web site at www.lakestation-in.gov
Or contact the Solid Waste Dept.
at 962-8087

YOUR NEW CAN HAS ARRIVED!

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SEPTEMBER 2009



A NEW TRASH COLLECTION SYSTEM

THAT'S BETTER FOR YOU...AND BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lake Station's Automated Trash Collection System is one of many efforts to enhance our city services. Quite simply, an automated trash collection system uses a single, one-person vehicle with a mechanized "arm" that lifts the can, empties the waste, and returns the can to its original, curbside position. The new system, with its new, 96- and 48- gallon cans, offer a number of advantages that are better for you...and better for our community. The new system is:

- **Cleaner** – The container features an attached, tight-fitting lid, eliminating the possibility of animals getting into the garbage. No loose lids or debris lying around keeps yards looking clean and keeps neighborhood streetscapes looking neater.
- **Faster** – The new system will result in 25% faster trash pickup.
- **Easier for You** – Simply roll the can to the curb. No dragging or lifting large or awkward containers to the curb. Take all your trash out in one, quick trip.
- **Safer for City Employees** – The mechanized "arms" on the new trucks reduce the possibility of job-related injuries.

SERVICE BEGINS SEPTEMBER

USING YOUR NEW CAN

The new automated trash collection system is easy! Beginning on September, follow these 4 steps:

1. **Place your bagged trash in your new can. Trash left outside of the can will not be picked up.**
2. **On your regular trash pickup day, roll the cart to the curb by 7 a.m. Your new can has wheels and a handle for easy mobility.**
3. **The can must be placed with the arrow on the lid pointing toward the street. Please avoid placing the can under low-hanging tree branches or within 3 feet of obstructions (mailboxes, utility post, etc.) Avoid parking in front of the can on collection days.**
4. **After trash pickup, roll your can back to your residence.**

LAKE STATION ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Here are a couple of frequently asked questions and answers to help you better understand the service. If you have additional questions, please visit www.lakestation-in.gov

Q: What do I do with my old garbage cans?

A: Should you decide to get rid of your old cans, simply place them curbside next to your new can with a label: "Trash, Please Take." You have two weeks from the start of your new service to dispose of your old cans in this manner.

Q: What do I do if all my trash does not fit in the can?

A: First, try to recycle as much as you can. You may be able to save some trash until the next week when your can has more room. Or, contact Solid Waste at 962-8087



A Cleaner Lake Station
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RECYCLE!**
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