

**JASPER COUNTY ILLINOIS****Solid Waste Program****NOTICE (6/15/23) - Changes to go into effect July 1st, 2023**

Citizens of Jasper County: Due to Safety/Liability Concerns, Increased Waste Cost, and Cleanliness/Environmental Impacts some changes are being made to the Jasper County Solid Waste program and are as follows:

- In order to improve safety, the setup for Saturday dumping at the Jasper County Highway Department will be changing to one row of dumpsters with a maximum of 14 dumpsters. The front-end loader will be required to stay on the east side of this row of dumpsters and county residents unloading waste will be required to stay on the west side of the dumpsters. The loader will be strictly used for compacting waste in the dumpsters and will no longer be used to assist with unloading waste. Residents with larger loads of waste will be responsible for bringing enough additional people needed to safely unload any waste into the dumpsters. If any dumpster becomes full the residents should proceed to filling the next dumpster in line so as not to overflow the dumpsters. In the event in which all dumpsters become filled, the gate to the Highway Department will be closed and Solid Waste Services will no longer be provided until dumpsters are placed at the scheduled township location (April 1st – October 31st) during the weekdays or at 7:00am the next Saturday at the Highway Department.
- Due to the cost of the increased amount of waste being disposed, no commercial/contractor waste is to be disposed of in the county dumpsters provided at the County Highway Department on Saturday or at the township locations during the week. The Jasper County Solid Waste Service is intended for residential solid waste and not for commercial/business purposes. “No Charge” Dumpster service for residential solid waste disposal will be specifically for County/Township/Municipal locations. Contractors, Organizations, Churches, Charities, etc. may rent dumpsters for use at the current rate of \$650 per dumpster (price may change with landfill fees/fuel/etc.)
- With the increase in waste disposed of at the County Highway Department on Saturday, there is also an increased amount of waste being blown out of the dumpsters and ending up on the Highway Department property or adjacent landowners’ property. In order to improve environmental cleanliness and decrease cleanup, the Solid Waste Program has purchased tarps to cover the dumpsters and help contain the waste. Dumpsters will be covered on Saturdays in order to prevent waste from being blown away. Once a dumpster is full and has been covered, that dumpster should no longer be used, and residents should proceed to filling the next available dumpster. For the employee working on Saturday to have time to clean up all waste and finish covering dumpsters before leaving, hours of access to the solid waste service will now be provided from 7am until 1:30pm. At 1:30 pm the gate to the Highway Department will be closed and access shall no longer be provided until 7:00am next Saturday.
- The revised 2023 Solid Waste Schedule is included with this notice. In addition to the change in Saturday hours the dumpster service at township locations will now only be provided from April 1st until October 31st. From November 1st until March 31st dumpster access will only be held on Saturdays at the Highway Department. Villages/Cities wanting to have a cleanup day will be able to schedule two “No Charge” dumpsters per year by contacting the Highway Department (618)-783-2915.