# Des Moines, IA Sanitation Schedule

**Hauler: City of Des Moines Public Works Department Solid Waste Division | Support Phone: 515-283-4950**

## REGULAR TRASH

**Days: Mon - Fri (by zone)**

Frequency: weekly

**Cart Out: By 7 AM**

**Container Placement:**

- City-issued wheeled garbage cart...
- Weekly collection of residential...
- Set cart at curb by 7 a.m. on yo...

## RECYCLING GUIDE

**Days: Same day as trash**

Stream: single stream

**Accepted in Bins (Clean & Dry):**

[OK] Corrugated cardboard and paper...
[OK] Newspapers, magazines, catalog...
[OK] Aluminum and tin beverage and ...

**Never in Bins (No Bags/Batteries):**

[X] Plastic bags of any kind (neve...
[X] Styrofoam and polystyrene cups...

## BULK & YARD WASTE

**Bulk: Yes (5 items max)**

Rule: Large items that do not fit in...

**Notice: call 515-283-4950**

**Curbside Yard Waste:**

Days: Same day as trash

- Yard waste is collected curbsid...

## 2026 OBSERVED HOLIDAY DELAY SCHEDULE

Delay Strategy: one day slide

| HOLIDAY | 2026 DATE | WEEKDAY | COLLECTION IMPACT & SERVICE SHIFT |
|---|---|---|---|
| **New Year's Day** | 2026-01-01 | Thursday | **Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day** |
| **Memorial Day** | 2026-05-25 | Monday | **Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat** |
| **Independence Day** | 2026-07-04 | Saturday | **Weekend holiday; routes unchanged** |
| **Labor Day** | 2026-09-07 | Monday | **Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat** |
| **Thanksgiving Day** | 2026-11-26 | Thursday | **Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day** |
| **Christmas Day** | 2026-12-25 | Friday | **Friday routes delayed to Saturday** |

### CURBSIDE PLACEMENT & BEST PRACTICES:

- Space carts at least 3 to 5 feet apart from mailboxes, parked vehicles, and utility poles.
- Point cart handles toward your house and wheels against the curb or street pavement edge.
- Bag household trash to prevent windblown litter during automated side-loader truck collection.