Automated Garbage Collection Fact Sheet

Carts should be placed at least three feet away from your mailbox, utility poles, trees, gas or water meters, fire hydrants, cars, sprinkler heads or anything collection equipment could damage.

Automated Garbage Collection requires a special truck and cart. The truck has a mechanical/robotic arm to pick up and empty the cart.

In some areas, due to street or overhead clearance limitations, a standard garbage truck will be used with the new carts. These trucks have a “tipper” attachment instead of a mechanical/robotic arm to empty the carts. This is called Semi-Automated service.

• The program covers the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (excluding Baker and Zachary).

• Each resident will receive a 96-gallon cart.

• Cart Rules: close lids completely; do not put anything on top of the lids; place cart so the wheel side is away from the curb; allow three feet of clearance on each side of the cart; do not put hot coals or ashes in carts; bag garbage inside carts.

• The carts are easy to use, quieter, cleaner, and more efficient.

• To keep carts clean and control odor, bag garbage before placing inside the cart and hose cart out periodically.

• Simply roll the cart to the curb the night before your collection day. Garbage collection begins at 5:00 a.m.; recycling collection begins at 5:00 a.m.

• Old garbage containers can be collected for disposal by marking them with a large X and placing at the curb on your garbage collection day.

• One additional cart may be purchased from the City/Parish for $60.00

• Residents should call 311 to report missed garbage, trash, or recycling collection.

• Disabled persons should call 311 to request special service.