

# KEEPING CARTS CLEAN

## A Resident's Responsibility



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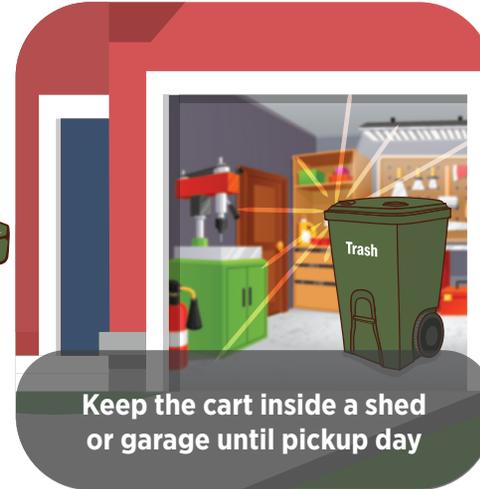
Garbage carts need periodic cleaning to prevent buildup of residue and associated odors. Removing buildup from the bins has an additional benefit of helping thwart habitats for flies and other pests.

After the garbage truck empties your trash cart, use a water hose to clean the inside of the cart. Pressure from the water hose alone may be enough to remove residue from the bottom of the cart.

If further cleaning is needed, pour some vinegar and baking soda in the bottom of the cart to help sterilize and remove odors. Do not use bleach or any other chemical cleaning agent in carts and pour onto our streets and lawns. Otherwise, the toxins make their way into storm sewers and ditches, which connect directly to streams and harm fish.



### Tips for Keeping Carts Clean:



Looking for professional help to clean your trash and recycling carts? Several companies offer that service to Garland residents.