



Tips For Figuring Out How Much Junk You Have

If you've spent any time shopping around for junk removal, you'll quickly find that most junk removal companies charge by volume. Cubic yards are the standard measure of volume that the waste industry uses. This can all be confusing if you're like most people, who generally don't think in terms of cubic yards, let alone volume!

Here are 4 hacks to help you better understand how to gauge the amount of junk you have.

Eyeball it. One cubic yard is roughly the size of a washing machine (3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet). You can compare square or rectangular items—like appliances and dressers—to a washing machine for a general idea of the volume. For example, a refrigerator is approximately 2 times bigger than a washing machine, so it would be safe to say it measures about 2 cubic yards.

Measure it. Take the dimensions (LxWxH) of large items like couches and chairs to calculate volume. Don't forget to divide by 27 if you're measuring in feet to convert to cubic yards. For example, a couch measuring 7 feet long by 3 feet wide by 3 feet high is 63 cubic feet, which converts to about 2.5 cubic yards.

Make piles. For smaller items, try to gather them together in 1 cubic yard piles. You could try stacking the junk in 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet piles (washing machine size), but an easier way may be to put them in a wide, short pile measuring around 4 feet by 3 feet by 2 feet.

Look it up. For items that are just too hard to eyeball or measure, use our [Junk Volume Lookup Tool](#) to search over 70 common items for their estimated volume.

Once you have a better grasp on how much junk you have, you will have a clearer understanding of the pricing structure that junk removal companies use.

Most junk removal companies have trailers or trucks that hold 10 to 15 cubic yards of waste. Be sure to ask them how big their particular equipment is, so that you can get an idea of how much room your junk will take up.

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