

TRASH TIPS

from the **Gravois Park Neighborhood Association**. Meetings at 6 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, except December, at The Rita Ford Community Center, 3353 California Ave.

Litter:

Please be a good example for our children. Put trash in trash cans. Let other people see you picking up trash. Trashy streets and alleys are embarrassing for all of us. Besides, there are \$500-\$1000 fines and jail time for litterbugs. Property owners and residents are responsible for the condition of the street and alley.

Dumpsters:

- 1) **GREEN / YARD WASTE** dumpsters are for yard waste (clippings, leaves, etc.).
- 2) **BLUE RECYCLING** dumpsters are for recyclable trash. No plastic bags or #6 foam. Check the sticker on the dumpster, or check the recycling information flyer.
- 3) **BROWN / NO YARD WASTE** dumpsters are for regular household trash.
- 4) **Trash needs to go inside of—not on top of or around—the dumpsters.** If your children take out the trash, make sure they are tall enough to open the lid.
- 5) The lid has to be closed. **No trash on or around the dumpster.**
- 6) Big items have to fit inside and can't stick out.
- 7) If the dumpster's overflowing or the trash truck can't get to it because it's blocked by trash, then they just plain don't pick it up.
- 8) Building material (plaster, drywall, tile, carpet, etc.) is not allowed.

Roll-out carts:

- 1) On trash day (see what day it says on your cart), the cart needs to be rolled out to the alley or street for pick-up by 5:30 a.m., so please do it the night before. Put the handle toward the alley or street so the truck can empty the cart.
- 2) **Afterward, roll the cart back into your yard** by 11 p.m. This keeps other people from misusing or even stealing **your** cart.
- 3) All the other dumpster rules above apply to carts also.

Bulk trash (mattresses, refrigerators, etc):

- 1) **In Gravois Park, bulky items are picked up sometime during the week of the second Monday of the month.** The schedule is on a sticker on your dumpster.
- 2) Each house can put out up to three items, but you need to put the items out by Monday morning at 5:30. They have all week to pick up, however.
- 3) **Don't block the dumpster, carts or alley with the big trash.**
- 4) Take the doors off the refrigerator or freezer.
- 5) Also, City residents can take trash to the dump just east of I-55 at Gasconade Street, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The City is getting really tough on illegal dumping. If you see someone dumping trash in violation of the rules, get a full description of the persons/vehicles (including license plate number whenever possible), and call 911. People in our neighborhood have really gotten \$100 rewards for reporting trash violations. You may also report dumping to Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800 or the **Police Trash Task Force at 314-622-4800.**