

Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services FAQ

Do I have a choice for a service provider?

In 2015 Ross Township Board of Trustees voted to approve Rumpke as the exclusive waste and recycling service provider for Township residents. No other trash company can offer residential service in the area.

Do I have to sign-up for trash service?

The Township has passed a resolution that requires all occupied single family households as well as multi-family structures with four or less units in Ross Township to have service with Rumpke. Only working farms and individuals who have agreements with their employer for trash disposal can opt out of service. A notarized letter on company letterhead or for working farms a CAUV tax form must be provided to Rumpke to be exempted. Also excluded will be any mixed-use properties or any apartments that have more than 5 units per building.

What if I live in a trailer or mobile home park?

If the residents in the trailer park have curbside service, all of the residents will be part of this contract. If the park is currently contracted as a group for curbside service, all of the residents will be part of the township contract once that agreement expires. Any trailer parks having dumpster service for its residents will be exempt.

What does service include?

There are two service levels that residents can choose from. Please contact Rumpke at (800) 828-8171 for current contracted rates.

Full service includes the weekly collection of trash and recycling as well as one large item per month, picked up on the first collection day of each month. All households at this service level will be provided with a 65-gallon recycling cart. Rumpke trash carts can be leased for an additional cost per month.

Limited service includes the weekly collection of one 95-gallon trash cart and one 65-gallon recycling cart as well as one large item per month, picked up on the first collection day of each month. At this service level, only material placed at the curb completely contained inside the carts will be collected.

The 5-year contract will renew in 2021 and monthly rates will increase annually by an average of \$0.30- \$0.38.

If I sign-up for limited service and I have more trash than what my cart can hold, how do I dispose of it?

Rumpke can arrange for a special pick-up for your household and you must call in advance to arrange. There is an additional fee for this service. If you sign up for limited service and you feel you need to change to full service, you can change your service one time per year for a fee.

Is there a cost to recycle?

Curbside recycling is available to all township residents at no additional cost. The cost of service includes recycling collection and there is no discount on service if you choose not to participate.

Do I have to recycle?

As part of the contract Rumpke will provide all Ross township households with weekly, curbside recycling service at no additional cost. Rumpke will supply all households with a 65-gallon recycling cart. Like with trash service, it is the residents' responsibility to place the material at the curb for collection.

What can be recycled?

Rumpke accepts a wide variety of common household items as part of its recycling program, including:

- Plastic bottles and jugs (lids attached)
- Glass bottles and jars (lids accepted if separated)
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans and lids
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Cardboard
- Office paper
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Newspapers, magazines and inserts
- Telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons

All materials should be placed loose inside recycling carts. Materials should not be in plastic bags.

Can I mix all the recyclables together?

Yes. All recyclables can be mixed together in your recycling cart. Please place items in your cart loose. Don't bag your recyclables before placing them in the cart.

Can I get a larger/smaller recycling cart?

Rumpke offers smaller 18-gallon recycling bins. A larger recycling cart is not available; however, residents can lease a second recycling cart for an additional fee per month.

Who owns the recycling cart?

The Township owns the recycling cart. The cart should stay at the household where it was delivered.

What happens to my recyclables once they leave the curb?

Recycling is transported to Rumpke's state-of-the-art recycling facility in St. Bernard Ohio, where it is skillfully separated by type before the material is shipped to end-users to be turned into new products.

Can I order a Rumpke trash cart?

Households that sign-up for full service can lease a Rumpke 95-gallon trash cart for \$2.50 per month. Households that opt for limited service will be provided with one 95-gallon trash cart. Additional trash carts aren't offered at the limited service level. Trash carts are the property of Rumpke.

How much trash can I put out each week?

Households signed up for full service are not limited in the number of trash bags and cans placed at the curb each week. Households signed-up for limited service are restricted to the contents of one 95-gallon trash cart each week.

What is considered a large item?

A large item is any item too large to fit inside of a standard trash cart or trash bag. This would include items like furniture, appliances, etc.

When are large items collected?

Large items are collected on your first service day of each month. **Do**

I need to call ahead to schedule large item collection?

Please contact Rumpke 24-hours in advance to schedule large item collection and review with the Rumpke team on how to prepare items for collection. If you are scheduling a large item collection for a day other than the designated large item collection day each month, additional fees may apply.

How do I prepare my large items for collection?

Mattresses, box springs and upholstered furniture must be sealed in plastic for removal. Freon must be properly removed from appliances. A Freon removal form must be properly completed and attached to the appliance. Visit www.rumpke.com for more details. Carpet should be cut and rolled in lengths no larger than 4 feet long and two feet wide.

Are there items I can't include in my garbage?

According to federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.

Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pickup.

What holidays does Rumpke observe?

Rumpke observes Christmas and New Year's Day. If your collection day falls on or following either holiday, collection will be delayed one day that week.

How do I pay my bill?

Rumpke offers several convenient payment options, including:

- Pay Online

Rumpke partners with Vuebill to help customers easily and efficiently pay bills online. Vuebill is a more user-friendly online bill payment option. Vuebill allows customers a secure and convenient platform to make payments 24-7 and access billing and payment history. Unlike with other online payment systems, Vuebill won't ask you for your Social Security number. You can access Vuebill by visiting www.rumpke.com and clicking on the "Pay Your Bill" link.

- **Auto Debit**
The auto debit option electronically deducts your Rumpke payment from a designated bank account. Rumpke will mail you a monthly statement for your records. Visit the "Pay Your Bill" link on Rumpke.com to learn more.
- **Cash or Check**
Want to deliver your payment in person? You can drop your payment off in person at one of our sites, or drop it in the mail to the following address:

Residential Service:
Rumpke
P.O. BOX 538709
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8709

Rumpke also partners with Walmart to allow customers to pay bills at any Walmart Money Center or Customer Service desk. Be sure to bring cash, your Walmart MoneyCard or a PIN-based debit card and your current billing statement. A convenience fee will apply. Walmart cannot accept payments if bill is past due.

- **Pay byPhone**
Call your local Rumpke call center and select the "pay by phone" option to pay using your credit card 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Rumpke accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A processing fee will be applied to all phone payments.

Are there any fuel surcharges with the contract with the Townships?

There will be an annual fuel surcharge calculation that may increase/decrease your rate depending on average fuel prices.

I live on a private drive. Do I have to bring my trash to the curb?

Our operations team can visit your site to determine if our trucks can safely travel down your drive to collect your garbage. If they can, you will be asked to sign a waiver removing Rumpke from any liability for any damage that may occur to your private drive from our trucks.

I have rental property and may have vacancies on occasion, do I have to pay for service on a vacant property?

The contract does allow for service and billing only to occupied properties and you may stop service temporarily until it is occupied. The contract does allow for Rumpke to bill the property owner for all occupied units if necessary (NOT the tenants).

My trash cart is missing. How can I get it replaced?

Rumpke currently allows for a one time replacement, at no charge if you are renting a trash cart and it is stolen. If the trash cart is stolen again the resident must pay to get a replacement trash cart and

the resident will continue to pay the monthly rental charge.

My recycling cart is missing. How can I get it replaced?

Unfortunately, there is a fee of to replace the cart. We can provide you with an 18-gallon bin, at no additional charge.

Can I stop service if I am on vacation or I am a snow bird in the winter months?

The new contract allows for one time per year of suspended service if it is a minimum of 2 months and a maximum of 4 months.

Are there different service rates for 2,3 or 4-family buildings?

Yes. Please contact Rumpke at (800) 828-8171 for current contracted charges.