

2026 Junk Pickup Days | Columbia City

The 2026 Columbia City **residential** city-wide Junk Pickup Days will be during the following week **only**:

Week of April 27

All junk will be picked up where your normal trash is put out for pickup. This service is only for residents who pay trash service through the City of Columbia City. Items should not be put out prior to 2 weeks before scheduled junk pickup. Nothing will be picked up in the alley unless the alley is your usual weekly trash-pickup location. No exceptions will be allowed. If trash is smaller than a trash bag, please put trash in a bag or box. Please ensure that all junk is placed out by 6:00 AM on Monday, April 27. Junk Pickup Days are only once per year, and one pass only. There will be no return trips. Anyone tearing down buildings such as sheds, garages, or remodeling large areas should privately contract with a hauler for a "roll-off" dumpster. Additionally, do not allow anyone to dump junk on your property (*Ordinance 53.26*).

What you can set out by April 27:

For the safety of the drivers, items must be under 50 lbs. or taken apart into sections under 50 lbs.

- Mattresses - Must be wrapped in plastic. We suggest mattress bags (available at moving stores) or plastic painting drop cloths sealed (available at department stores) with duct tape.
- Box Springs - Must be wrapped in plastic. We suggest mattress bags or plastic painting drop cloths sealed with duct tape.
- Bed Frames - If upholstered, must be wrapped in plastic. We suggest mattress bags or plastic painting drop cloths sealed with duct tape.
- Indoor Furniture - If upholstered, must be wrapped in plastic. We suggest mattress bags or plastic painting drop cloths sealed with duct tape.
- Carpet/Padding - Must be rolled & tied with tape or strung into bundles no longer than 4 feet & no heavier than 50 lbs.
- Cardboard Boxes - Must be flattened & tied into bundles no longer than 4 feet & no heavier than 50 lbs.
- Grills - Gas grills must have fuel tank removed prior to disposal.
- Lawn Mowers - Must be drained of all oil & gas. Riding Mowers are **not** accepted.
- Storm Doors - Must have glass removed & placed in a hard container or small box, taped well, & marked "broken glass".
- Interior Doors
- Windows - Must have glass removed & placed in a hard container or small box, taped well, & marked "broken glass". Must be less than 50 lbs. of glass per window/box.
- Swing Set - Must be cut into 4-foot sections.
- Exercise Equipment - Must be cut into 4-foot sections.
- Outdoor Furniture
- Sinks
- Toilets - Must be empty & the tank must be detached from the bowl.
- Bathtubs - No larger than 4-foot sections.
- Shower Enclosures - No heavier than 50-lb. sections.
- Pool Filters
- Pool Liners or Panels - Bundled in sections no longer than 4 feet & no heavier than 50 lbs.
- Artificial Christmas Trees - Must be cut in half if taller than 4 feet.
- Open and **dried** paint cans

Special Items - Call ahead to have these items picked up by the City on May 6:

Tires (maximum of 15 total), stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, batteries & other appliances. However, you **must call Utilities at 260-248-5100 by May 1, 2026, at noon** to have these items picked up. These items must be out at 6:00 AM on May 6th and will be picked up throughout that week. If you fail to follow this procedure, these items will not be picked up and you will be responsible for disposal.

What is never acceptable to set out for Junk Pickup:

- Propane Tanks – the gas station at Kroger may take these
- Electronic items – Televisions, computers (including desktops, laptops, tablets), computer monitors, digital media players, DVD players, gaming systems, DVR/TiVo devices (including cable boxes), fax machines, etc.
- Hazardous waste
- Pesticides/Insecticides and similar substances
- Hot Tubs
- Pianos
- Manure
- Oil and Gas
- Antifreeze
- Concrete & cement or any item attached to concrete or cement
- Gravel, dirt, sod, rock, bricks, or stones
- Tree stumps
- Automotive parts
- Riding lawn mowers
- Roofing shingles
- Wet/unsolidified paint

You can take many of the unacceptable items above to Whitley County Solid Waste at 701 S. Line Street. Fees apply for some items, but many items are free to drop off. Their number is 260-248-3132.

Please help us by following these guidelines. Your cooperation will make this year's Junk Pickup Days a success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the mayor's office at 260-248-5111.