



# CITY OF FORT DODGE PUBLIC WORKS – SANITATION

Central Maintenance Facility

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND** is back! Set up your junk day on your schedule. Need more than one? No problem! Use **JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND** as many times as you'd like. Just make sure that what you put out complies with the rules of the program.

Beginning **TODAY**, you can schedule a bulk pick-up request on your garbage pick-up day. It's simple. Just text the word "JUNK" to (515) 408-9888 and follow the prompts. Once you get confirmation your request has been submitted, have your items out no later than 5:00 am on your garbage day. We'll start collecting on **Monday, May 23, 2022**. Here are the full details:

**JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND** is a City program designed to help Fort Dodge sanitation customers get rid of larger items that do not fit into the garbage carts. Collection happens on the same day we pick up your garbage. If we're super busy with pick-ups, it may get moved back a day, but we'll let you know.

### Examples of Items Accepted through **JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND** at No Cost

- Furniture (couch, sectional, chair, recliner, table)
- Mattresses (limit 2 per pick up)
- Carpet (no longer than four (4) feet, rolled and secured)
- Dismantled swing sets
- Minimal building material/construction material (must be bundled and weigh under 50 pounds per bundle)
- Bicycles, scooters, large toys

*Any items placed at the curb must be able to be lifted safely by a two-person crew. Small, loose items and those that fit in your garbage cart will not be collected. Please separate scrap metal (bikes, fences, swing sets, grills, etc.) from the rest of the items.*

### Items Accepted for a Fee

- \$5.00 - Passenger Car Tires
- \$15.00 - TVs and Electronics
- \$15.00 - Appliances (Refrigerator (doors removed), washer, dryer, microwave, stove or dishwasher)

*Items accepted for a fee must be paid for before collection. Stickers are available for purchase in City Hall at the billing windows. **The City is not responsible for lost or stolen stickers.***

**Items that will NOT be Accepted through JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND**

- Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)
  - Vehicle batteries
  - Sharps
  - Liquid waste (paint, varnish, motor oil, etc.)

*If you have any household hazardous materials to dispose of, please call (515) 576-5866 to make an appointment to drop them off at the North Central Iowa Regional Solid Waste Agency Household Hazardous Materials site.*

- Sheds, garages and excessive building materials
- Concrete or brick
- Recyclable materials (cardboard, etc.)

Don't forget – when it's time to schedule your **JUNK DAYS ON DEMAND** just text the word "JUNK" to (515) 408-9888 and follow the prompts. If you submitted a request prior to today, please resubmit it because it was deleted from the system. If you can wait a week or two to use the service, please do. Staffing will ramp up over the next couple of weeks and the program will be fully staffed by the beginning of June.