

GARBAGE COLLECTION ROUTES CHANGING

Starting the week of **Monday, Jan. 6, 2014**, garbage and recycling collection days will be changing for about 65% of Fargo residents. The Fargo Division of Solid Waste is revising route schedules because of current and projected growth south of 52nd Avenue South. Currently, southside routes are much larger than northside routes, making it difficult to collect garbage and recycling efficiently. The new collection plan will allow Solid Waste to evenly distribute the workload and maximize the use of equipment and manpower.

To find out if your garbage or recycling collection day has changed, please review the route changes listed below and the map on page 2 of this newsletter. A detailed street level map and recycling week calendar are available online at www.FargoGarbage.com.

Monday

Garbage: 47th Avenue North to 7th Avenue North.

A week recycling: 47th Avenue North to 19th Avenue North and Red River to University Drive (beginning Jan. 13, 2014).

B week recycling: 19th Avenue North to 7th Avenue North and Red River to 35th Street North (beginning Jan. 6, 2014).

Tuesday

Garbage: 7th Avenue North to I-94.

A week recycling: 7th Avenue North to 13th Avenue South and Red River to 52nd Street (beginning Jan. 13, 2014).

B week recycling: 13th Avenue South to I-94 and Red River to 52nd Street (beginning Jan. 6, 2014).

Wednesday

Garbage: I-94 to 40th Avenue South.

A week recycling: I-94 to 32nd Avenue South and Red River to Veterans Boulevard (beginning Jan. 13, 2014).

B week recycling: 32nd Avenue South to 40th Avenue South and Red River to Veterans Boulevard (beginning Jan. 6, 2014).

Thursday

Garbage: 76th Avenue South to 40th Avenue South and Red River to I-29.

A week recycling: 40th Avenue South to 76th Avenue South & 25th Street to Red River (beginning Jan. 13, 2014).

B week recycling: 40th Avenue South to 76th Avenue South & I-29 to 25th Street (beginning Jan. 6, 2014).

Friday

Garbage: 40th Avenue South to 64th Avenue South and 68th Street to I-29.

A week recycling: 40th Avenue South to 52nd Avenue South and 50th Street/Coulee to I-29 (beginning Jan. 13, 2014).

B week recycling: 64th Avenue South to 40th Avenue South and 68th Street to 51st Street/Coulee (beginning Jan. 6, 2014).

Follow us for reminders

You can stay up to date on new route information and receive reminders during the first week of implementation by following @cityoffargo on Twitter.

-See the new collection route map on page 2.



Scan this code with your smart phone to visit the City of Fargo website!

CITY OF FARGO Residential Garbage Collection Days and Recycling Weeks 2014



Denotes Recycling Site.
Verify items that can be
recycled at each site.



Legend

- Recycling Site
- Airport
- Railroad
- Interstate
- Fargo City Limits

Garbage Collection Day

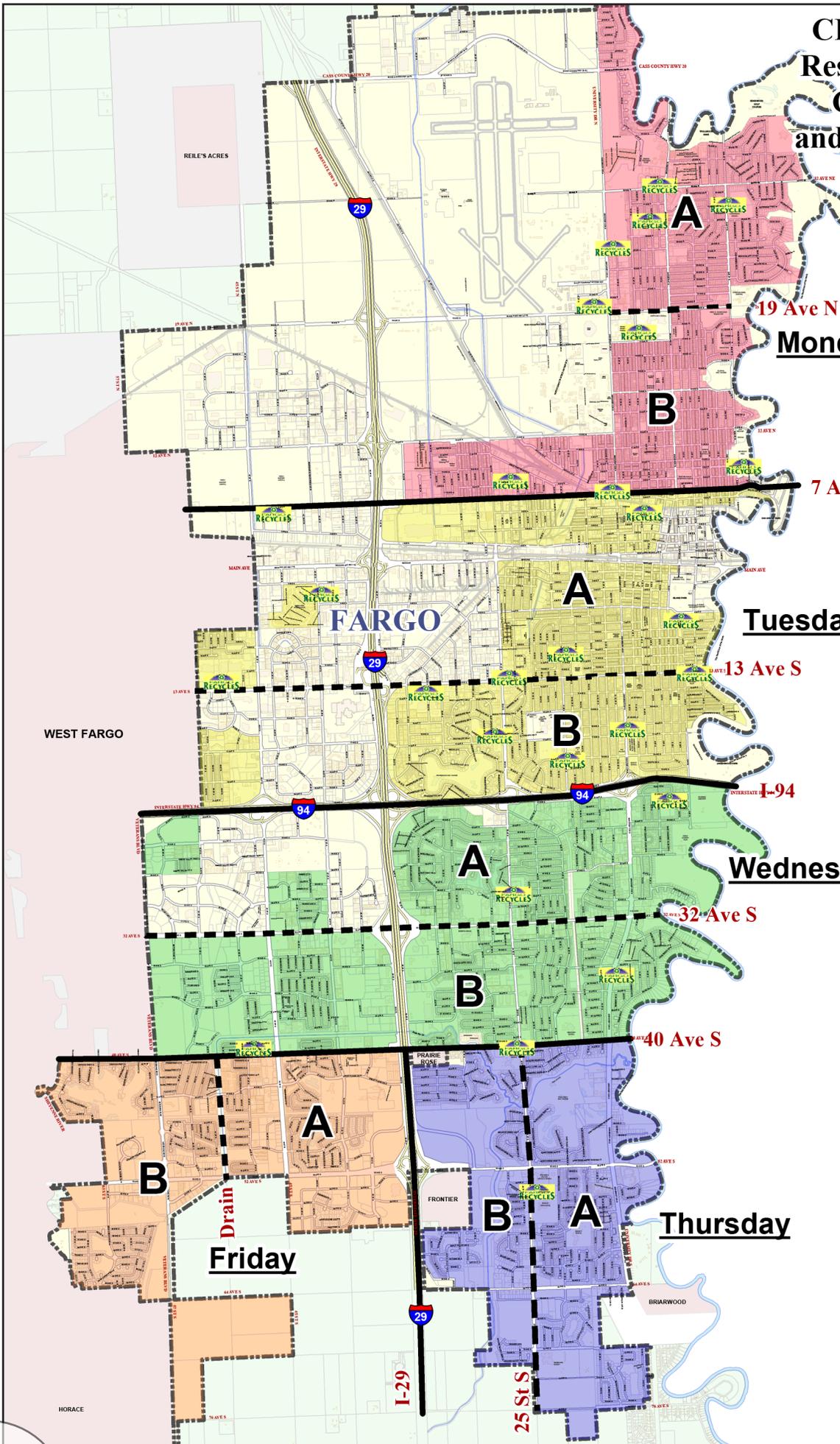
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Non-shaded areas are not included
in the City of Fargo garbage
collection route.

Recycling Week

- A** Recycling Week
- B** Recycling Week

* Please refer to the 2014 recycling
calendar for details on collection
weeks at www.FargoRecycles.com





FROM THE FIREHOUSE

Just the facts about smoke detectors

Most fatal fires happen at night when people are asleep. We lose our sense of smell when we are sleeping. Smoke detectors are designed to give the occupants in the home the few minutes they need to escape. Smoke detectors can cut your risk of dying in a fire by 50%.

Photoelectric Detectors

The photoelectric detector contains a sensor that is triggered by lack of light when smoke enters the chamber. This type of smoke detector is best for sensing thick smoldering smoke.

Ionization Detectors

These detectors use ionizing radiation to detect smoke. When smoke enters the sensor area the electrical current changes and this sets off the alarm. This type of smoke detector is inexpensive and best for sensing fires that have less smoke and more flame.

Smoke detectors can be battery or household current or both. Detectors should be placed in each bedroom



and also in the hallway outside of the bedroom area. Life expectancy of a smoke detector is 8-10 years. Replace your detector if it gets this old. Replace detector batteries at least once a year. Test your detectors on a monthly basis.

About 93% of all homes have smoke detectors. Up to a third may not be working because of lack of maintenance.

Fire Marshal Norm Scott
www.FargoFire.com

Native American Commission adopts new logo

The Fargo Native American Commission (NAC) has adopted a new logo which represents the Native American tradition and symbolism of the Spirit, Elements, and Mother Earth.



Each color and symbol of the logo has significance:

- Yellow: Purity of the Sun
- Blue: Water
- Green: Nature
- Red: Spirit lifeblood of people
- Eagle Feathers are the symbol of strength, courage & knowledge
- The peace pipe is the symbol of understanding life and family
- Brown: Mother Earth
- Flowers represent a new beginning

The mission of the Fargo Native American Commission is to work together to strengthen the Native American community, to promote understanding, recognition, and respect for Native American cultures and to enrich the whole community.

Fargo Fact:

Each day, the City of Fargo Division of Solid Waste picks up about 100 tons of garbage from single family homes & takes it to the City landfill.

“POINT OF VIEW” SERIES

In January, the library, in partnership with NDSU’s College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, invites the public to join humanities scholar Dr. Miriam Mara to a five-part series of community book discussions to introduce area residents to the library’s Muslim Journeys Collection. To launch this series, residents are invited to join us Sunday, Jan. 12, starting at 2 p.m. at the downtown Main Library for a screening of the French animated film *Persepolis*. This film is an adaptation of Marjane Satrapi’s graphic autobiography of the same name. Please join humanities scholar Dr. Miriam Mara for a discussion of five literary texts from the Muslim Journeys Collection. Events are free and open to the public.

Discussion dates and featured titles are:

- February 6: *In the Country of Men*
- February 20: *Persepolis*
- March 6: *House of Stone*
- March 20: *Dreams of Trespass*
- April 3: *Broken Verses*

For details, visit the library’s website, www.FargoLibrary.org or call (701) 241-1492.

LEGO design contest



Show off your creativity at the Fargo Public Library’s 4th annual LEGO Mania Design Contest. Area kids, ages 12 and under, are invited to build an original LEGO masterpiece at home, and then bring it to the Main Library on Monday, Dec. 30 between 2 and 3 p.m. Judging will begin at 3 p.m. and winners will be announced at 4 p.m. This year we’ll have LEGO games and activities available while we wait for the judges’ decisions! Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling the Children’s Librarian at (701) 241-1495. Please check the rules and guidelines before beginning to build your design. Contest rules are available on the library’s website at www.FargoLibrary.org, or by calling the library’s Children’s Department.



Little squirt science series

“Why is the sky blue?” “How do boats float?” “Why do leaves turn colors?” As any parent of a young child knows, kids have an endless supply of questions about the world around them. What better place to have questions answered than at the library? Starting in January, preschoolers ages 3-5 can learn about their world at the Fargo Public Library’s new science program, “Little Squirt Science.” Each month through May, science activities and stories will provide a little knowledge and a lot of fun! Shadows and light, weather and seasons, colors, gravity and magnetism are just a few of the topics that will be investigated. Sessions take place on the second Thursday and Friday of the month beginning Thursday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Dr. James Carlson Branch and 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. A third session will be held Friday, Jan. 10, starting at 11 a.m. at the Main Library. Space is limited; pre-registration is required and may be completed online at www.FargoLibrary.org or by calling Children’s Services at (701) 241-1495.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Need a little break from your day, or a refreshing holiday escape? Stop by the downtown Main Library for savory stories. December’s event features selections from *Holidays on Ice* by author David Sedaris. Hot cocoa, coffee and holiday treats will be served, too. Join us at the Main Library Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. So bring a bag lunch, sit back, and let us melt your holiday stress with some laughs.

If you have questions about the Blue Plate Special series, call the Main Library Information Desk at (701) 241-1492 or visit the library’s website. No registration is necessary for this event.

New City Hall project moves into design phase



When I began working for the City of Fargo in 1974, City Hall was only around 20 years old. I have since retired and served nearly two full terms as Mayor of Fargo. City Hall has served our community well during this time, but I am pleased to see plans to build a new City Hall moving forward. This new building will not only serve as a workplace for employees but as a downtown focal point and community gathering place.

A City Commission appointed Site Selection Committee, comprised of 13 citizens, overwhelmingly chose to keep City Hall downtown and build in the area

where the existing City Hall, Library and Civic Center are situated.

A City Hall Building Committee has now been appointed, made up of residents and city employees, to select an architect to design a space the entire community can appreciate and enjoy. The current City Hall, built in the 1950's, was designed for city staff to support 60,000 citizens. Fargo now has a population of over 110,000. Expansion of the current building is not feasible due to the aging heating/cooling system; an inadequate roof, sidewall insulation and integrated window system, plus it would require staff to move to temporary locations for two years if rehabilitation of the existing structure was undertaken.

As we move forward in the design phase, our goal is to develop a building that will house the functions of city government now and into the future.

I invite you to be involved in this process. Please follow our Fargo City Hall Project Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/FargoCityHallProject and share your ideas and suggestions.

Sincerely,
Mayor Dennis Walaker

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE CHANGES ON WAY

In the last edition of the iFargo, we talked about the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which calls on FEMA and other agencies to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Some of these changes have already occurred, and others will be implemented in the coming months. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some—but not all—policyholders.

In this edition, we want to share details about some of these changes. Below is a brief overview.

Policies that will be at full-risk rates:

- Property purchased on or after July 6, 2012
- New policies effective on or after July 6, 2012
- Lapsed policies reinstated on or after Oct. 4, 2012

Beginning Oct. 1, 2013, pre-FIRM subsidized rates change as outlined below.

Premiums are increasing 25 percent each year until reaching full-risk rates for:

- Severe Repetitive Loss properties (multiple flood insurance claims)
- Properties with cumulative paid flood losses exceeding fair market value
- Non-primary residences (increase began Jan. 1, 2013)
- Businesses/non-residential properties

Owners of primary residences that do not fit any of the categories above can keep their subsidized rates as long as they own the property, but full-risk rates will apply for the next owner.

Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to learn about their flood risk and talk to their insurance agents.

Visit www.FargoFloodInsurance.com.



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Bedbugs can be off-white in color to a light tan, deep brown or burnt orange.

THE FACTS ABOUT BEDBUGS

Bedbugs are small, parasitic insects that feed on the blood of humans and animals while they are asleep. They are about ¼ inch long, oval in shape and the host's dark blood may be apparent in the body of the bug. Bedbugs cannot fly.

Bedbugs generally bite during the night while hosts are asleep. Bites are painless and may take as long as 14 days to develop. The sore caused by a bite looks similar to a mosquito bite and may be treated with antihistamines and corticosteroids. Bedbugs are not known to transmit any infectious diseases, but scratching the sores may lead to a secondary infection.

Bedbugs hide in small crevices, may invade luggage, furniture, clothing, pillows, boxes and other objects and are spread when these are moved between apartments, homes and hotels.

Cleaning and Managing Bedbugs

Managing bedbugs requires cleaning, room modifications and possibly insecticidal treatments to the residence.

Infested rooms should be thoroughly cleaned and surfaces should be scrubbed with a stiff brush to dislodge eggs. A pest control operator should be consulted.

The City of Fargo does not have a specific ordinance associated with bedbugs, however, the Environmental Health Department can provide consultation and literature to address the situation. Legal issues about bedbug treatments are a civil matter between the renter and landlord.

For more information visit www.NDHealth.gov/disease.

Fargo Fact:

The City of Fargo has a contract with Cable ONE to provide cable service to the entire city. Other cable providers have the right to provide citywide coverage with a franchise agreement but none to date have chosen to do so.

ACCESS 99 HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Don't miss your favorite holiday movie classics on cable access TV channel Access 99 (Cable One in Fargo)! Movies will be broadcast on Access 99 on the following dates and times:

- Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
- Thursdays at 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sundays at 8 p.m.
- Christmas Day 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

You can view the Access 99 programming schedule online at www.Access99.com. The programming schedule for TV Fargo 12 is available at www.TVFargo.com.

Half-fare Holiday Rides



The holidays can be a hectic time with shopping and tons of traffic, but MATBUS is here to help! MATBUS passengers can ride for half-fare prices every Saturday in December (75 cents for adults and 40 cents for senior citizens, youth and people with disabilities). You won't need to worry about parking, traffic or starting a cold car; our buses are always warm!

MATBUS wants you to enjoy the holiday season without any unnecessary stress. Give one of our dispatch team members a call at 701-232-7500, or check us out online at www.MATBUS.com, and we'll help plan your trip. Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from MATBUS administration, operators and technicians!

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Christmas Day Dec. 25 - Week of Dec. 23: Tuesday and Wednesday collected one day early, the remainder of the week on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25.

New Year's Day Jan. 1 – Week of Dec. 30: Tuesday and Wednesday collected one day early; the remainder of the week will be on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Week of Jan. 6: New collection routes begin. View the new collection route map on page 2 of this newsletter or online at www.FargoGarbage.com.

Christmas Tree Pickup: Week of Jan. 6, 2014

- Trees are collected on your garbage day.
- Please do not deposit on snow banks.
- Remove lights, plastic bags, wood and metal stands.
- Tree should be 5' away from garbage cart.

President's Day Feb. 17 – Week of Feb. 17: Garbage and recycling collections on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be open on Monday, Feb. 17.

***Please place garbage carts and recycling bins on a ground surface not on a snow bank.**

PLAN FOR THE WEATHER

During winter weather conditions, passengers are reminded to dress for the cold temperatures and high winds. Also, be aware that MATBUS vehicles may operate behind schedule due to deteriorating road conditions. In the event of adverse weather and impassable road conditions, MATBUS may elect to implement its snow detours. Snow detours for each route can be found on www.MATBUS.com.

During the winter, stay tuned to KFGO (790 AM), call 701-232-7500 or visit www.MATBUS.com for information on potential MATBUS service disruptions.

City of Fargo Employment
Find job openings at:

www.cityoffargo.com/employment
or on Twitter @CityofFargoHR

Sewer utility charges drop

The City of Fargo is pleased to announce that, beginning in 2014, the charges for sewer utility will decrease by \$3 from the current rate of \$19 to the approved rate of \$16. You'll also see changes in the look of your utility bill. Meter reading and usage information will be presented on the back of the statement and the statements will use some color highlighting. The changes are being made to reduce costs and improve efficiency. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at 701-241-1324.

The City of Fargo offers quick and easy utility bill payment options. To learn more, visit us online at www.cityoffargo.com/payonline.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

The Saturday hours of operation at the City of Fargo Sanitary Landfill are 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. from November 30 to March 1.

Monday through Friday hours are 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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