

# City of Socorro

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Just a reminder of the guidelines for making trash pick up efficient and safe:

1. Have your garbage can out by the curb by 7 am on your assigned day. Even if your garbage is not usually picked up till later in the day, it is best to have it ready to go at 7am in case there is a substitute driver who does the route differently.

2. Proper placement: the garbage can goes in the street with the wheels against the curb in a space free from obstructions such as parked cars, trees, power poles, mail boxes, fences and sign posts. This allows the truck to pick it up and dump it. (see photo!)

3. As soon as possible after the garbage has been collected, return your can to the place you store it. Please do not leave it on the sidewalk. Garbage cans on the sidewalk can obstruct the way of walkers, who might have to detour into the street. Also, during windy weather, the empty cans may blow on to the sidewalk or out into the street causing a safety hazard.

4. Separate construction debris from your trash. It won't be picked up if it's in your garbage can because it makes the can too heavy. If you take it to the landfill yourself, be sure to separate it from other trash, such as weeds and branches. Disposal of yard waste is free. If it's mixed in



with construction debris, you'll be charged the construction debris fee of \$35/ton for all of the waste.

5. No liquids. If you have paint to dispose of, open the can and let it sit until the paint solidifies.

6. Tarp your loads. If you have a load of branches that is difficult to tarp, tie it down. If the branches have leaves, find some way to cover the load so you don't "leave" a trail on your way to the landfill.

7. No car batteries or hazardous waste.

8. Bag your garbage before you put it in your garbage can. If you don't, when the truck picks up the can to dump it, your trash could be scattered across your yard.

9. Disposal fees: \$1/per passenger car tire; \$3/per semi truck tire; \$1 per used appliance. If it is a refrigerator or freezer, have the freon properly disposed of before you bring it to the landfill (ask a plumber or HVAC/refrigeration repair person to do it for you).

10. No hot ashes—they could melt your garbage can!

If your trash doesn't get picked up on the appropriate day, call City Hall and they'll arrange to have it picked up.

**575-835-0240**

## Employee Anniversaries

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| James Peralta     | 15 years |
| George Van Winkle | 5 years  |

## City Council

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez | Nick Fleming        |
| Gordy Hicks           | Toby Jaramillo      |
| Donald Monette        | Michael Olguin, Jr. |
| Ernest Pargas, Jr.    | Peter D. Romero     |
| Ravi Bhasker, Mayor   | Pat Salome, Clerk   |