

STINKY GARBAGE CART?

Here's what you can do...

Empty and Wash:

Many people forget that their garbage cans (and yard carts) need a good cleaning every now and then. Washing carts regularly prevents buildup of unwanted residues. If you don't clean your garbage carts slime can build up and cause bad odor and garbage to stick to the sides. A stinky cart is also more likely to attract unwelcome animals and flies.

Tips for Cleaning:

After the garbage truck empties your garbage cart, give it a good hose-down.

Put a little soap in the cart, put the cart on its side, turn on the hose, and spray out the dirt.

Adding ammonia, baking soda, or vinegar to a soapy solution will greatly cut down on smells.

*If a hose is too heavy or too hard for you to handle, you can put a few buckets of soapy water into the cart and swish the inside with a floor mop.



Keep it Clean:

- Bag and tie your garbage.
- Tightly close the lid. Don't overfill carts so that they don't shut.
- If possible, keep it inside a shed or garage until your collection day.
- Consider waiting to put discarded food in the cart until collection day.



Deodorize it:

Here are some ordinary household ingredients that you can use to deodorize your garbage cart after its cleaned:

- Baking soda
- Pulverized charcoal
- Vanilla extract