

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Trash collection within city parks.

- ✓ ***“If you had a trash can in the park there wouldn’t be litter on the ground.”***
 - Not True: The Department has found from many years of experience that trash containers do not prevent people from littering. It does not matter if there is a trash container in the park; cleaning crews still have to pick litter every day, in every park. Surprisingly, we have found that trash containers will generate more ground litter and create an unsightly mess.

- ✓ ***“What parks do not have trash cans?”***
 - Most of our small neighborhood parks and block parks do not have trash containers. Park patrons are encouraged to follow a “carry in, carry out” policy. By doing this you are helping the City to save money and energy.

- ✓ ***“What parks do have trash cans?”***
 - You will find trash service in some of our larger parks like Franke Park and Foster Park. All ball diamonds and athletic fields that have league play and also rental pavilions; you will find either a large metal dumpster or smaller trash stations.

- ✓ ***“What is a trash station?”***
 - A trash station is a 95 gallon plastic container with a lid and is usually found secured to a wood post. Please remember to close the lid after use.
 - Historically 55 gallons drums were used in parks because they were inexpensive to acquire. Their shortcomings were their appearance, the open top attracted animals and bees, and they were an invitation for illegal dumping.

- ✓ ***“I see a metal dumpster in the park, Can I use it?”***
 - Yes: The metal dumpsters you see can be used by park patrons. They are there for any trash you have while enjoying the parks but please remember they are not for your house hold or yard waste.
 - When you use these dumpsters please close the lid, even if you found it open.

- ✓ ***“My group will be holding a special activity in the parks; can I have the Park Department provide trash containers?”***
 - No: The Park Department does not provide this service. You are responsible to collect and properly dispose of your activity’s trash. For a nominal fee trash service can be hired through Waste Management or National Serv-all.