Special Collection Guide

For oversized items that don't fit in your cart

Before discarding an unwanted item, determine if this item can be donated to be reused by someone in need. Refer to our Donation Guide for a list of local resale organizations and thrift shops near you.

If your only option is to discard it, the City of Long Beach provides each City-serviced refuse account up to four (4) Special Collections per year at no additional cost.

If you receive a refuse bill from the City of Long Beach, you are eligible to use this free service! Read below to learn more.

If your building is serviced by one of Long Beach’s private haulers, or if you don’t know who provides your collection service, please consult your property manager to learn about options available to you.

Eligible Special Collection Items

- **Furniture**
- **Appliances** (for safety, refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed or duct-taped shut)
- **Computers and monitors**
- **Television sets**
- **Tires** (with or without rims, maximum of 16" in size and maximum of 5 tires per pickup)
- **Tree branches, yard debris** (4 feet in length, 40-pound tied bundles)
- **Other oddly sized items**
- **Mattresses and box springs**

Please review “Preparing Items for a Special Collection” on the next page before submitting your request.

On your scheduled special collection day, place all items at your normal weekly refuse collection location no later than 6:00 am. Please remember that your items cannot be placed outside until a pickup date has been confirmed by the Refuse Hotline.

Find more tips and resources at longbeach.gov/lbrecycles

Online Request Form

Request a special collection using our online form. Use your phone to scan this QR code or visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles and search for “Special Collections.”

Hotline Request

Request a special collection by calling the Refuse Hotline at (562) 570-2876.
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IMPORTANT: Please read these instructions before submitting a special collection request.

- **Size:** Items cannot exceed 72”x 48”. Please bundle smaller items together. Bundles cannot exceed 48” in any direction. Items or bundles cannot exceed 40 pounds. Bags cannot exceed 25 pounds. To ensure safe handling of items by City crews, please do not place sharp objects such as branches, sticks, broken glass, etc. in plastic bags. All bags and bundles must be securely tied. Branches must be bundled, and yard waste must be contained (bagged).

- **Oversized items:** If you want an oversized item collected (such as a sofa or any item that exceeds the maximum size), please let us know when you schedule the pickup.

- **Special handling:** Appliances, televisions, computer monitors, and tires will be picked up by a special truck and should be kept separate from other items. If you have any of these for collection, let us know when you schedule the pickup. A fee may be charged for items requiring special handling.

- **Maximum items:** A maximum of eight (8) large items or 25 bags/bundles/boxes of trash will be allowed for each scheduled pickup. Customers can opt to use two (2) free special pickups for the same day.

- **Mattress/box spring handling:** For the health and safety of refuse collection staff, all mattresses and box springs must be sealed in plastic before being placed out for collection. Plastic “mattress bags” can be purchased at most large retailers, home improvement stores, moving supply centers or online.

- **Scheduled Special Collection day:** On your scheduled special collection day, place all items at your normal weekly refuse collection location no later than 6:00 am. Please remember that the items cannot be placed outside until a pickup date has been confirmed by the Refuse Hotline.

- **Please be aware** that the refuse employees who are scheduled to pick up your bulky items cannot go onto private property because of insurance liabilities.

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