

THE WASTE PAPER

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TAG Program for Garbage

A unit based pricing program for garbage has been in effect in Burlington since 1995. Similar "pay-as-you-throw" programs are utilized throughout Iowa and the United States to encourage recycling and maximize space in our nation's landfills.

- The trash fee on your water bill covers collection of one untagged container of trash each week
Exception: If not in a can, TWO white tall kitchenette 13-gallon bags will be treated as one container
- Each additional container requires a trash TAG
- The capacity of a container cannot exceed 33 gallons.
Garbage in larger cans will not be collected.
- Garbage cans must be of a type originally manufactured for garbage collection
- You may place more than one bag inside a 33-gallon can
- You may place loose trash in a can
- The weight of the container may not exceed 50 pounds
- TAGs cost \$1.50 and are available at: Hy-Vee, Fareway, Tom's Market, True Value Hardware, Jet Stop South, Kum & Go, Casey's General Stores, MK Mini Mart, Roosevelt Shell, Infinite Gas 3, Walgreen's, and ShopKo

The Solid Waste Fund

Programs carried out by Burlington's Solid Waste Department are funded *entirely* from the trash fee on your water bill and from the sale of Trash TAGs. The Solid Waste Fund receives no money from the General Fund or property taxes. The monthly trash fee is \$10. Trash TAGs are \$1.50.

The **Solid Waste Fund** covers the cost of weekly garbage collection, bi-annual City-Wide Clean-Up, bagged leaf collection, landfill fees for trash and woodwaste disposal, appliance disposal, wages, benefits, liability insurance, equipment operation, maintenance and replacement costs. Landfill fees are \$38 per Ton. The City takes about 5,500 Tons of trash to the landfill each year.

The **Solid Waste Fund** also pays a \$2.20 per-household fee charged to the City by the Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission for providing curbside collection and processing of recyclables, and operation of the HazChem Center.

Recycling Program

The Des Moines County Area Recyclers provide curbside recycling in Burlington. Recyclables are collected the same day as your garbage *but every other week*. Collection is from the curb even if your garbage collection is in the alley. Holiday schedules for recyclables differ from garbage schedules ~ check your recycling calendar.

To participate you must have a green recycling bin from the **Des Moines County Area Recyclers, 1818 West Burlington Avenue**. Recycling bins cost \$8, and the City subsidizes \$5 toward the purchase of one bin for new residents. Recyclables that will not fit in the bin may be placed alongside in another container, with contents easily identifiable. Recyclables should be clean and separated by category. A drop off site for recyclables is located outside the recycling facility.

Plastics ~ #1 & #2 food and beverage containers, hair care or detergent bottles; rinse; discard the lid
Paper ~ Newspaper, brown paper bags, junk mail, phone books, magazines, catalogs, office paper, paperback books; bundle or place in brown paper bag

Tin/Metal ~ Cans, aluminum foil, TV-dinner trays, pie tins; please rinse

Cardboard ~ Clean corrugated packaging; flatten and bundle

Glass ~ Mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, bottles, jars, vases, ceramics and Pyrex. For safety, take glass items over 24" to the landfill for recycling.

Questions about Recycling? Call (319)753-8126 or visit www.wastewrap.org

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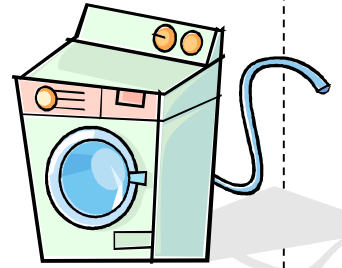
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Appliance Disposal Options

- ❑ When purchasing a new appliance, ask the seller to remove the old one
- ❑ The Solid Waste Department will pick up appliances from Solid Waste customers by appointment; 8 trash TAGs are required. (Second or third appliances from the same household need only 7 TAGs) Call 319-753-8114
- ❑ Drop off appliances at the Des Moines County Area Recyclers, 1818 West Burlington Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m., the 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 to 11:30 a.m., or by appointment. Call 319-753-8126. The charge at the Area Recyclers is \$10 each (cash or check only)
- ❑ Alliant Energy will pay their electric customers \$35 for refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners that still cool. Call 1-800-723-7635 to schedule pick up. You will need your Alliant account number.

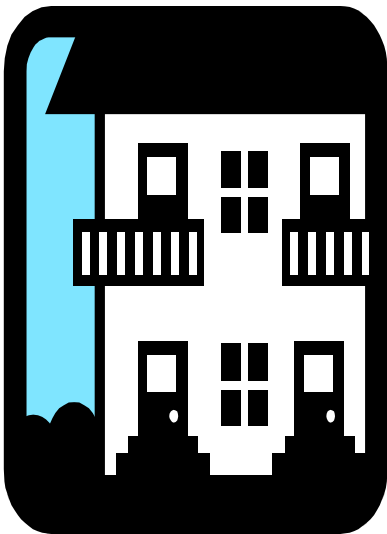
Appliances are freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, furnaces, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, and certain types of space heaters.

Appliances must be empty with NO garbage inside!



Electronics like TVs, computers, monitors, printers, faxes, or stereos will be collected with regular garbage: 1 Tag if smaller than 27" or 2 Tags if larger.

Beginning August 1st the **HazChem Center** will accept electronics for recycling for a fee. Call 1-877-429-2436 for details or visit www.wastewrap.org.



Rental Properties

According to City Code, landlords must supply a garbage can for each rental property. When the dwelling is a duplex, tri-plex or four-plex, the street address and unit number must be painted on each garbage can in characters at least 3" high. This requirement has been in effect since 1995.

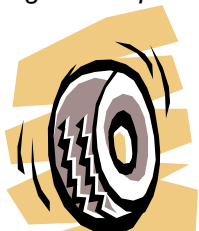
Collection crews will empty one, untagged, labeled can, per unit, per week. When each apartment is assigned its own garbage can, and the can is labeled as described above, crews will know how many untagged containers to empty. Any additional container must be tagged with a Trash Tag for pick up. The person responsible for purchasing the Trash Tag is the person who generates the extra trash.

Special Material

Tires

The Solid Waste Department will pick up tires from Solid Waste customers by appointment. Call 319-753-8114. Two Trash Tags are required. You may prefer to take tires to the DMCR Landfill or a tire dealer and dispose of them for a nominal fee. Tires are recycled.

Call 319-753-8114 to schedule pick up of tires or lead-acid batteries. 2 Trash Tags are required.



Batteries

Lead-acid batteries are picked up by appointment. 2 Trash TAGs are required. Lead-acid batteries are accepted at the DMCR Landfill for \$2.

Nickel-Cadmium batteries for cordless phones or power tools can be recycled at the HazChem Center, Lowes, Radio Shack or Staples.

Button batteries used in hearing aids and watches are considered hazardous waste and should be taken to the HazChem Center. Call first, toll free. 1-877-429-2436

Alkaline and carbon zinc batteries used in radios, flashlights and toys may be disposed of in the trash.

Paint

Absorb Latex Paint with material like saw dust, cat litter or oil dry, then garbage collection crews will pick up the can. The lid must be left off so the driver can see that it is empty or solidified.

Oil or Lead-Based Paint should be taken to the HazChem Center. Call for appointment.

Spray Paint may be sprayed onto a piece of cardboard until the can is empty. The can and cardboard may be placed into the trash, although the HazChem Center encourages residents to bring aerosol cans of all types, full or empty, for free disposal.

Construction or Demolition

Collection crews will not pick up lumber from remodeling projects, bricks, stones, rubble, concrete, asphalt, shingles, siding, dry wall, landscape timbers, railroad ties or pallets. Dispose of these items at the DMCR Landfill (\$32/ton with a \$10 minimum).

Styrofoam Packaging

Large pieces of Styrofoam used for packaging should be taped together and set out with the trash. It will be collected at no charge.

Sharps

Options are available for safe Needle disposal. Call (319)753-8114 for an informational brochure.



HAZCHEM CENTER is a collection center for free disposal of lawn or garden products, automotive fluids, cooking oil, cleaners and other chemicals classified as Household Hazardous Waste. There is a Swap Shop for products that are still usable. Because of the hazardous nature of certain material, call for an appointment! 1-877-HAZ-CHEM (1-877-429-2436)



YARDWASTE

Curbside Leaf Collection

Burlington Solid Waste crews collect leaves, lawn and garden residue and twigs no larger than 1" in diameter for 7 weeks in the fall and 3 weeks in the spring, as noted on the schedule.

- COLLECTION IS THE DAY AFTER TRASH COLLECTION, beginning with Friday's trash route on Monday, then Monday's route on Tuesday, and so forth
- Material must be in paper yardwaste bags OR clean 33-gallon garbage cans with handles
- Bags with tape or staples will not be collected
- The weight limit per container is 50 pounds
- COLLECTION IS AT THE CURB even if your garbage is picked up in the alley.

Approved paper yardwaste bags are available at various retail outlets. Recipients of Energy Assistance are eligible for two free packages from the Neighborhood Center at 700 Jefferson Street (319-753-2893).

REMEMBER: The material is composted at the DMCR Landfill, so no garbage or trash may be mixed in with the yardwaste. The finished compost is available to the public at no charge.

Leaves in the Street

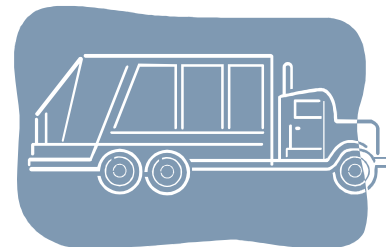
Please note: It is illegal to rake, blow or deposit leaves or other yardwaste onto the street, sidewalk or alley. The Public Works Department sweeps up fallen leaves that naturally gather in the street. For questions regarding the street-sweeper schedule, call 319-753-8119.

Fall 2009 Leaf Collection Schedule	
If your Trash Route is:	Set out Before 7 a.m. for Collection on:
Friday	Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7
Monday	Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8
Tuesday	Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 12*, Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9
Wednesday	Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 13*, Nov 19, Nov 27*, Dec 3, Dec 10
Thursday	Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20, Nov 30*, Dec 4, Dec 11
* Veterans Day (Nov 11) & Thanksgiving (Nov 26) alter the routine	

Spring 2010 Leaf Collection	
Trash Route	Set out Before 7 a.m. on:
Friday	Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12
Monday	Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 13
Tuesday	Mar 31, Apr 7, Apr 14
Wednesday	Apr 1, Apr 8, Apr 15
Thursday	Apr 2, Apr 9, Apr 16

Commercial Haulers

Check the Yellow Pages under "Garbage and Rubbish Collection" for companies that provide collection of yardwaste. In some cases the customer leases a 90-gallon wheeled container for about \$2 per month. The charge to empty the container is \$3-\$4.



Yardwaste cont.

Drop off Site

There is **no charge** for disposal of grass, leaves and non-woody plant matter at the Des Moines County Regional Landfill. The material must be loose or in paper yardwaste bags; plastic bags must be emptied.

Burlington residents may also take **WOOD WASTE** (twigs, brush, limbs and branches up to 8" in diameter) to the DMCR Landfill **free of charge**. Show proof of residency and a current water bill stub indicating trash fees are paid to the City, and the City will pay the disposal fee (\$24 per ton).

Finished compost and woodchip mulch is available to the public free of charge.

DMCR Landfill has a paved drop-off site designed for passenger vehicles. The public drop-off area keeps passenger vehicles out of active landfill areas, resulting in improved safety to both small vehicles and heavy equipment.

Loads brought to the DMCR Landfill must be secured to avoid a \$10 surcharge -- this usually requires a tarp. The Landfill has a paved drop-off site designed for passenger vehicles.

Leaf Burning

Permitted Wednesdays and Saturdays

April 1-April 21 & Nov 1-Nov 30

10 a.m. -5 p.m.

It is illegal to burn on public streets, sidewalks or alleyways, which include being at least 50 feet from any structure or other combustible material (clearance may be reduced to not less than 25 feet when the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height), wind velocity must be less than 15 mph, appropriate fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available and the fire must be constantly attended by a person familiar with open burning regulations. The Fire Chief or designee is authorized to require that open fires be extinguished if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the burning constitutes a hazardous condition.

Brush fires require at least $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distance between neighbors and require a permit.

Where to Call?

Solid Waste 24-hr Information Line

(up-to-date recorded messages) 319-753-8114

DMC Area Recyclers ... 319-753-8126

DMC Regional Landfill ... 319-753-8722

HazChem Center ... 1-877-429-2436

Burlington Fire Department ... 319-753-8390

Burlington City Forester ... 319-753-8140

City Council Members ... 319-753-8161

William Ell, Mayor

Matthew Murray, Mayor Pro Tem

Garry Thomas, Tim Scott, Jim Davidson

On the Web

Contact Your Council Members via e-mail:

citycouncil@burlingtoniowa.org

Solid Waste Dept:

wasteRus@burlingtoniowa.org

Area Recyclers Website: www.wastewrap.org

City Website: www.burlingtoniowa.org

TRASH COLLECTION ROUTES

The City's five zones for trash collection are described below, North to South.

If you have questions call 319-753-8157.

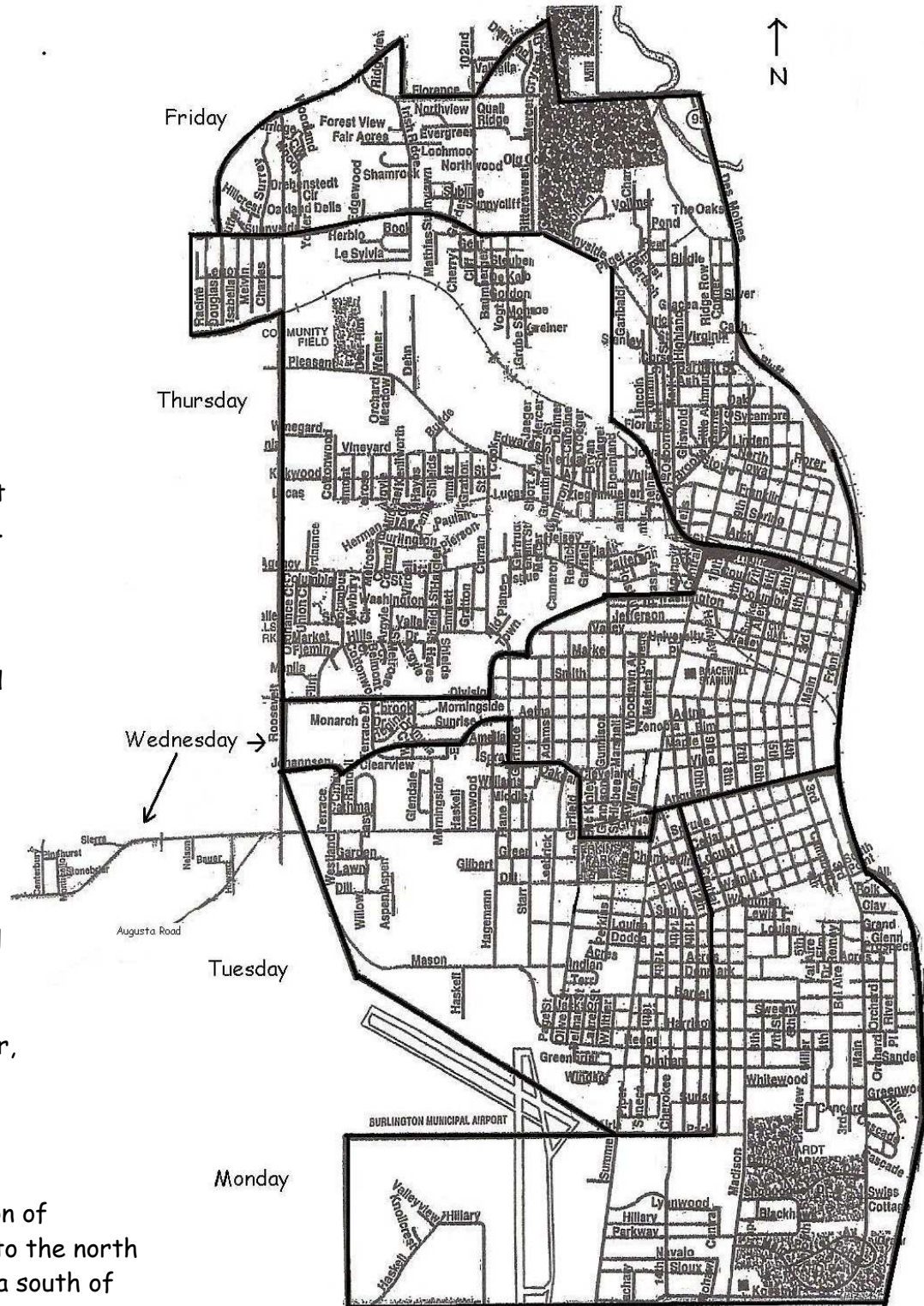
Friday Route - The section of North Hill that is north of the 534 Freeway, and both sides of Sunnyside Avenue east of Pilger, then the north side of Sunnyside west of Pilger.

Thursday Route - This area includes neighborhoods along Flint Hills Drive, Kirkwood, Agency, Mt. Pleasant, Lenox Park and homes south of Sunnyside Avenue.

Wednesday Route - The center portion of town between Main and Roosevelt that includes Saunderson Heights, Downtown and the Terrace/Meadowbrook areas. Also included are Augusta Road and Westbrook Estates.

Tuesday Route - The area of Burlington between South Central and Highway 61, north of Park Avenue. The northern boundary zigzags east to west along Angular, West Avenue, Garfield, Spray, Amelia, Clearview and Johannsen Drive.

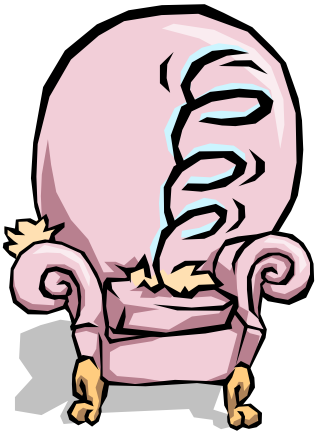
Monday Route - Southeast section of Burlington, bordering on Angular to the north and Central to the west. The area south of Park Avenue is on this route.



Please Remember! Set out trash before 7 a.m. of your collection day!

City-Wide Clean-Up

Twice a year the Solid Waste Department conducts a City-Wide Clean-Up Program for disposal of approved items at no additional charge to the customer. Collection is scheduled according to trash routes, beginning with Monday's route (*see "CWCU Schedule", pg 8*). Residents should place their Clean-Up items in the *same location of regular garbage collection by 7 a.m. of the set out date* for their route. Do not set out more than one week in advance.



The program is intended for items such as furniture, clothing, household items and toys. Carpeting will be picked up if it is cut in 4' strips, tightly rolled and tied.

Regular household trash, appliances, tires & batteries are still subject to the TAG program for garbage and are NOT collected for free

Because CWCU has been designated a "Community Project" by City Council, Burlington residents with proof of residency may take *program-approved* items to the DMCR Landfill free of charge during the six-week period. Household trash, demolition material, or other non-program approved material, are subject to a tipping fee, with a \$10 minimum (covers disposal of up to 525 pounds). To avoid a \$10 surcharge, loads brought to the landfill must be secured -- this usually requires a tarp.

*The DMC Regional Landfill is located on
Washington Road northwest of West
Burlington
1.3 miles from Hwy 34
Open: M-F, 8-4, and Sat, 8-noon*

NOT APPROVED FOR CWCU

- items too heavy for two people to safely handle
- items not properly prepared for collection
- recyclables that are included in the curbside program (*see pg 1*)
- liquids including paint, automotive fluids, cleansers (*see pg 3*)
- construction/demolition material (Crews will take small amounts of drywall or lumber less than 4' in length, but no more than one 33-gallon garbage can full, and no more than 50 pounds.) (*see pg 3*)
- landscape timbers, railroad ties & pallets (*see pg 3*)
- hazardous waste (*see pg 3*)
- yardwaste, leaves, limbs or branches (*see pgs 4 & 5*)
- pressurized tanks like propane or helium (*free disposal at Area Recyclers*)
- auto-body parts (*take to a salvage yard*)

Small objects must be placed in garbage bags, trash cans, or structurally-sound boxes and other containers. Loose bits and pieces will not be picked up.

The quantity of Clean-Up material collected from one residence is limited to a reasonable amount.



Crews will fill the garbage truck hopper up to four times. That equates to a pile no more than 14' long by 5' wide (the footprint of a mid-sized car) and then 3½' high. That's about two full-size pick-up truck beds filled to 1' above the truck rail. Larger quantities should be transported to the landfill by other means.

DO NOT MIX Household Hazardous Waste with Clean-Up Items

Call 1-877-HAZ-CHEM (1-877-429-2436) to make an appointment for FREE disposal

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Holiday Schedule for Garbage

There are 8 holidays for Solid Waste personnel

***** 2009 *****

- * July 4 (Independence Day) - **Friday's** pick up July 2
- * September 7 (Labor Day) - Monday's pick up Sept 8
- * November 11 (Vet's Day) - Wednesday's pick up Nov 12
- * November 26 (Thanksgiving) - Thursday's pick up Nov 27
- * December 25 (Christmas) - **Friday's** pick up Dec 24

***** 2010 *****

- * January 1 (New Year's) - **Friday's** pick up Dec 31
- * February 15 (President's Day) - Monday's pick up Feb 16
- * May 31 (Memorial Day) - Monday's pick up June 1

**Friday
Route:**

TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED ON THURSDAY THE WEEKS OF JULY 4th, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY -- SET OUT ONE DAY EARLY!!!

City-Wide Clean-Up Schedule

Fall 2009 -starts the Monday after Labor Day

- o Monday's route September 14
- o Tuesday's route September 22
- o Wednesday's route September 30
- o Thursday's route October 8
- o Friday's route October 16

Last CWCU day at DMCR Landfill is Oct 22

Spring 2010 -ends a week before Memorial Day

- Monday's route April 19
- Tuesday's route April 27
- Wednesday's route May 5
- Thursday's route May 13
- Friday's route May 21

Last CWCU day at DMCR Landfill is May 27

This is The Waste Paper - not Junk Mail !!

Save it. Stick it on the 'fridge. Tape it inside the pantry door. Tack it up on the garage wall. Current 'til July 2010!