

MAY 2009

THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
WILL BE SWITCHING TO AN

AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM

The City has made important improvements to the way refuse is collected to be more **efficient**, more **economical** and more **environmentally responsible**.

Over time, the City's Green Refuse and Recycling Initiative will benefit Lakewood by saving millions of dollars, dramatically increasing citizen recycling, and reducing Lakewood's carbon footprint by hundreds of tons every year.

The way refuse is collected from your home will change. Starting in May 2009, each Lakewood home will receive a special 96 gallon refuse collection container. When the wheeled container is delivered to your home, begin using it for all general refuse.

Residents will be responsible for placing the container on their tree lawns by 6:30 A.M. on their collection day. The City will make accommodations for those with special needs.

Recyclables and large item collection will remain the same. Enhancements to dramatically increase participation in the City's recycling program will be announced.

Watch for more information regarding this new program, and the rest of the Green Refuse Initiative in the coming months. For more details visit www.OneLakewood.com



Each day,
Americans produce about
4 pounds of garbage
per person.

The City of Lakewood creates
46 million pounds
of refuse per year. We fill landfills
with more than 20,000 tons of trash,
burying the equivalent of Lakewood
Public Library 50 times, every year.

In 2007, \$774,901.73 of your tax
dollars were spent on landfill costs.
We generate about \$96,544 on
material the city recycles every year.

Still, only 29% of Lakewood
residents recycle.

Only 29%?

Lakewood can do better.

Lakewood's
**Green Refuse &
Recycling Initiative**
Lakewood will do better.