

# Stinky Garbage Cart?

Here's what you can do.



## Empty and Wash:

Many people forget that their garbage cans need a good cleaning every now and then. Dirty garbage cans can be coated with thick, disgusting, slimy ooze that has a very unappealing odor. If you don't clean your garbage cans, the slime will build up and add to the funky odors that come from your garbage.



A stinky cart is also more likely to attract unwanted animals and flies. Squirrels and raccoons are attracted to the strong smell of a dirty cart and can chew through the plastic sides.

## 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.



## 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