

# Tools of the Trade

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What or who is MARS you might say? MARS (Midwest Area Refuse Solutions) is quickly becoming a household name for its dedication to the collection of household and commercial garbage along with recyclable goods.

MARS is a sanitation collection company owned and operated by the City of Beatrice.

In 2020, the long-time exclusive garbage hauler for the City of Beatrice made the announcement that they planned to retire and cease operations. The City evaluated its options for trash hauling services and determined that the best option was for the City to haul refuse. The City then purchased the previous hauler's assets, including dumpsters, roll-off containers, garbage trucks, and real estate. The City also purchased additional equipment in order to efficiently serve customers.

Over the last few months of 2020 and the first three months of 2021, 5 local villages (Filley, Pickrell, Daykin, Western, and Plymouth) all signed on to begin receiving collection services from MARS. Since our first day of operation on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, MARS has strived to be the most reliable and friendly collection service around.

MARS is equipped to provide service that is reliable, efficient, and competitive. From equipment to containers, we have the tools to get the job done.

MARS offers a full line of roll-off containers. We currently have approximately 70 roll-offs ranging in size from 10 cubic yards to 40 cubic yards. These roll-offs are dropped off at your location and used for demolitions, roofing projects, general cleanups, and commercial use.

Currently, MARS has a fleet of 8 rear-loading trucks, 4 automated side-loading trucks (ASLs), 3 roll-off trucks, and our Little Red.

Rear-loading trucks are used for commercial routes in Beatrice. These routes pick up commercial dumpsters. One rear loader is also used for our daily rural routes. Our rural route covers nearly 2,000 square miles weekly, collecting from villages and rural stops in an area from West of Tobias to East of Firth and from North of Cortland to Steele City.



Automated side-loaders (ASLs) are used to collect curbside garbage from the City of Beatrice as well as from Filley, Pickrell, and Plymouth. We also use an ASL to collect yard waste. This yard waste is collected weekly from Beatrice residents and disposed of at the landfill's composting facility. Yard waste is collected from April through November.

Last but not least is our Little Red. We have been working on Little Red for a while now and have just now started to use it on our routes. Little Red is a collection box with a tote tipper mounted onto the frame of a Ford F450. This truck will allow us to go into rural housing developments without damaging their streets with our heavy collection trucks. Currently, we have sent this truck into rural areas and are seeing great success with it.

If you are currently living in a rural location, an HOA, or your village is not currently receiving our services, let us know. We would be happy to let you know how our team can meet your needs.

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