

TICKET TO RIDE

Overview:

Players take on the role of garbage men collecting dumpsters that have been strewn across North America. Players get points by collecting dumpsters along their trash routes. The player with the most points at the end of the game wins the game.

Components:

45 Green Dumpsters

45 Red Dumpsters

45 Blue Dumpsters

45 Black Dumpsters

45 Yellow Dumpsters



5 Player Point Tracker Tokens

(1 for each player color)



Garbage Cards (a lot of them)



Rainbow Pride Dumpster Cards



The Game Board of Dumpster Routes



Trash Route Cards



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Setup:

1. Lay the board out on the table.
2. Each player should select a color and take all the dumpsters of their selected color. (Each player should select a different color)
3. Put each player's point tracker token next to the board next to the "1" on the score tracker.
4. Shuffle the garbage cards and put the deck on the table.
5. Deal each player one trash route card (face up).
6. Each player will create a path placing their dumpsters on a route that connects the starting city and the ending city on their trash route card. The player with the longest trash route goes first, then the player with the next highest trash route goes next, and so on.
7. At this point, you are ready to start playing. The player with the longest trash route goes first.

How To Play:

On a player's turn, they can do one of two things. They may **collect garbage cards** or **collect garbage dumpsters** from their route. Once a player performs their one action, it is the next player's turn.

1. Collect Garbage Cards

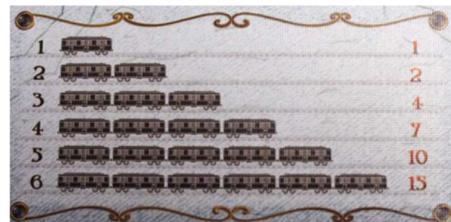
Look at the number in the lower right corner of your trash route card. You may draw that many garbage cards from the garbage card deck. There is no hand limit, so players may hold as many cards as they can hold. Note, if you drop any of your cards, you must return the cards to the top of the garbage card deck.

2. Collect Garbage Dumpsters

You may collect one set of dumpsters along your trash route. Discard a number of dumpster cards equal to the color and quantity of dumpsters between two cities in your trash route. You must start in your starting city (this is the city listed on the top left of your trash route card), and work your way to your end city just like real garbage men. After discarding the appropriate number and color of cards into a discard pile, claim the route by collecting the dumpsters and returning them to your supply.

Rainbow-Colored Pride Dumpster Cards

Alternately, instead of discarding cards that match the color and quantity of the next segment of your route, you may turn in rainbow-colored pride dumpster cards. As indicated on the board, if you turn in 1 rainbow-colored pride dumpster card then you may collect 1 dumpster from your trash route. If you turn in 2 rainbow-colored pride dumpster cards then you collect 2 dumpsters. If you turn in 3 rainbow-colored pride dumpster cards, collect 4 dumpsters. Trading in 4 lets you collect 7, 5 lets you collect 10, and 6 lets you collect a whopping 15 dumpsters from your route!



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Completing a Trash Route:

Once a player has collected all their dumpsters from the board, they have completed their trash route. That player increases their point marker on the point track up by one and draws a new trash route card repeating the process all over again starting with placing their dumpsters on the board connecting the two cities on their new trash route card.

End of Game:

The game will end immediately as soon as a player completes 100 trash routes. The first player to get to 100 points wins the game. This means that it is possible that all players will not get the same number of turns.

Calculating Scores

At the end of the game, players should have already accounted for all the points that they earned during the game. To make sure that no mistakes were made, you may want to re-count all of the trash route cards for each player. If a trash route card was used multiple times, then next time you play, write down on a piece of paper each player's completed trash routes so a re-count can be verified.

Endorsement:



"All in all, this game is a blast to play. It's a great mix of luck and strategy. And I love the nod to the old traditional garbage man saying, 'Once you complete your first 100 trash routes, you'll finally have earned your Ticket To Ride peacefully into heaven.' So true."
—Jeff

Credits

Game design mechanisms by Jeff Kornberg. Writer and document editor by Gwommy. A special thank you to the garbage men community and their inclusion of the rainbow-colored pride dumpsters which represents their unwavering commitment to sexual equality.

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