

Let's Recycle and REDD UP Pittsburgh



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Now Recycle More Curbside, Mayor Ravenstahl outlines...

Beginning January 1, recycling crews will be collecting additional recyclable items at the curb in the Central and Eastern divisions only. In addition to your regular curbside recycling items (bottles, cans and newspaper), residents in the Central and Eastern divisions may now also recycle the following items at the curb on your recycling collection day:

- Magazines, catalogs, paperboard, junk mail, mixed paper, phonebooks and office paper (all colors) at the curb.
- Corrugated cardboard (must be broken down, flattened and tied). Pizza boxes must be clean and empty (that is, free of food and wax paper).



Corrugated Cardboard



Magazines



Junk Mail & Mixed Paper



Phone Books



Paperboard



Here's the best part: **You do not have to put recyclable items in separate bags.**

All recyclables can be mixed together in the same blue plastic bag. Remember to

always place recyclables away from regular garbage on collection day. Also, please

discard all caps and lids from bottles and please do not add any other materials to the list above, otherwise they will contaminate the recycling. Do not place Styrofoam out for recycling, dispose of it in your regular garbage.

What's the catch? The City has a recycling contract for single stream recycling that allows the recyclables to be mixed together. Once the recycling is collected, it is then separated at the single-stream recycling plant using modern technologies and marketed as individual commodities. We hope this will make recycling easier and more convenient for you, as well as double our recycling tonnages, increase revenue for the City and significantly reduce our landfill disposal cost.

We piloted this program in November and December 2007 and will eventually phase it into the entire City.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree Curbside

Recycling crews will collect your Christmas trees for recycling **on your recycling collection day in January 2008**. All Christmas trees must be free of all decorations, tinsel and plastic in order to be collected for recycling.

Christmas trees must be removed from plastic bags if set on the curb for recycling. Plastics are contaminants to the composting process. Trees that do not meet these requirements will be taken as bulk refuse.

City residents may also take Christmas trees to the Public Works drop-off centers (East End, Hazelwood, and West End) and to the Environmental Services main building at 3001 Railroad Street (Strip District) throughout January.

Check our improved recycling website for up-to-date information on this and other recycling activities and guidelines. www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pw/html/recycling.html.

A Blue-Star Recycling Neighborhood

Is your neighborhood a Blue-Star Recycling Neighborhood? Mayor Ravenstahl encourages all residents to help their neighborhood become a Blue-Star Recycling Neighborhood (an innovative City program). Every year the City conducts a unique, curbside recycling setout survey to evaluate residential recycling participation. For 2007, the City had 13 Blue-Star Neighborhoods and 30 Green-Star Neighborhoods. Since the measurement is based on setout rather than quantity, it does not encourage consumption but rather encourages participation. So, if everyone participates, all neighborhoods would be Blue-Star Neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Recycling Participation Rating
Gold Star - above 95% recycling setout participation
Blue Star - above the City's current recycling participation goal of 65%
Green Star - more than 50% recycling participation but below the City's current recycling participation goal
Brown Circle - above 35% recycling participation but below 50% participation.
Red Circle - below 35% recycling participation (35% is equivalent to the State's waste diversion goal).

Five points to turning your neighborhood circle in to a star.

1. Neighbor influence/neighbor awareness.

Encourage your neighbor on either side of you to recycle. Tell them that the City wants everyone to recycle and will cite non-recyclers.

2. Place material in blue bags.

Set material out in the correct bags, otherwise the trash crews may mistake it for garbage and dispose of it, instead of recycling.

3. Separate blue bags and other recyclables from garbage at the curb.

If your trash covers your recycling it is difficult for the crews to notice especially in the early morning, and this can lead to missed pickups.

4. Always set out recycling on time before 6 a.m. on your day of collection.

Late setouts reduce efficiency because someone has to come back and service your residence or you may have to keep your trash and recycling for another week.

5. Neighborhood recycling enforcement.

The city enforces all recycling guidelines. Warnings are issued but perpetual non-recyclers will be cited.

Got a business? Then get recycling!

Beginning January 2008, the City will increase enforcement of business recycling regulations. All commercial establishments, charitable or nonprofit institutions and institutional establishments must provide a program for the separation and recycling of high grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, plastic containers (1-5), aluminum cans and leaf or yard waste, where applicable (City of Pittsburgh Code 619). The City will distribute business compliance forms to all businesses in the first quarter of 2008 and will follow-up with warnings and citations for non-compliant businesses. Recycle and save on your disposal costs. Also, for every ton that businesses recycle and report, the City gains \$15 to \$20 in recycling funding from the State. Call the Recycling Office at 412-255-2631 for information and assistance. Visit our website at www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pw/html/recycling.html for more detail.

The Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC) will be collecting furniture donations beginning April 25 to August 31 for their Furniture Recycling Program. Items must be salvageable and may include: tables, chairs, dressers, desks, bookshelves and couches. Items will be stored and then re-sold for reasonable prices at the 3rd Annual Oakland Furniture Sale to be held at the end of August. For more information or to donate, please contact Kelly at 412-621-7863 or visit www.oaklandplanning.org.

Drop-Off Center Locations & Hours

Public Works Drop-off Centers

All Public Works centers are open Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

East End Drop-off Center
(West Homewood/East Liberty)
North Dallas Ave. at Hamilton Ave.
412-665-3609

Hazelwood Drop-off Center
Melanchton Ave.
off 5200 block of Second Avenue
412-422-6524

West End Drop-off Center
Next to Herschel Field (from Steuben St., turn on Herschel St., turn right on Hassler St. and pass salt igloo)
412-937-3054
PLEASE NOTE: West End Drop-off Center may offer Saturday hours. Call for details.

Strip District Drop-off Center

(Bureau of Environmental Services)
Facility is open 24 hours/day. Open to small businesses, bars and restaurants.
30th & Railroad streets (near City's tow pound and refuse collection offices)
412-255-2773

PLEASE NOTE: Does NOT accept yard debris, scrap metal or tires.

Construction Junction (Point Breeze)

Facility is open during Construction Junction business hours.
Call 412-243-5025.

214 N. Lexington Ave. (off Penn Ave.)
PLEASE NOTE: Does NOT accept yard debris, scrap metal or tires.

To make arrangements to dispose of **Freon appliances** (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers), contact Construction Junction (412-243-5025) or Appliance Warehouse (412-381-8800).

RECYCLABLE ITEMS	DROP-OFF CENTER
ALL BOTTLES (Aluminum, Glass, Plastic) & CANS & PLASTIC CONTAINERS 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	Accepted at all drop-off centers
NEWSPAPER (Tied or loose or in paper bag)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD (Must be dry & flat)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & PAPERBOARD (Flatten ALL paperboard)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
WHITE OFFICE (OR COPY) PAPER (Loose ONLY)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
MIXED/COLORED PAPER & JUNK MAIL (Loose or in paper bag)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
TELEPHONE BOOKS (Loose ONLY)	Accepted at all drop-off centers
YARD DEBRIS (grass clippings, hedges, tree clippings, shrubs, leaves) (Loose or in paper bag – No plastic bags)	Accepted at Public Works drop-off centers ONLY (proof of city residency required when dropping off yard debris)
SCRAP METAL (Loose ONLY)	Accepted at Public Works drop-off centers ONLY
SCRAP TIRES (Tires ONLY— No rims)	Accepted at Public Works drop-off centers ONLY

2008 Events

Nov 2007 thru May 2008

Recycle Phone Books ...

At recycling drop-offs and at these locations:

- Home Depot, East Liberty
- Whole Foods, Shadyside
- Giant Eagle – seven locations:
4701 Plummer St, Lawrenceville
1901 Murray Ave, Squirrel Hill
318 Cedar Ave, Northside
5550 Center Ave, Shadyside Market District
2021 Wharton St, South Side
Crafton-Ingram Shopping Center and Waterworks Mall



January 2008

Recycle Christmas Trees

Place Christmas trees without plastic bags and decorations on the curb for composting collection on your recycling day.

January 2, 2008

Single-Stream Recycling starts in the Central and Eastern Divisions. Residents in these divisions will now be able to recycle magazines, catalogs, paperboard, junk mail, mixed paper, phonebooks, office paper, and flattened cardboard by curbside collection on recycling day. Eventually this program will be phased into the entire City.

January 5, 2008 1-3 p.m.

Annual Mascot Skate

Schenley Park Ice Rink

April 18, 19, 20, 2008

Great PA Earthday Clean Up

Join your local Redd UP team for community clean up

For special collection events for:

Hard-to-recycle items and back yard or worm composting, call Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412-488-7490 or visit www.prc.org

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW),

Call the Southwestern Pennsylvania HHW Task Force at 412-488-7452 or Visit www.swpahhw.org. Volunteers needed!

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Bureau of Environmental Services
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412-255-2773

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Special Events: Don't toss it out with the trash, bag your can for recycling and save cash!

City streets and special events are turning blue. Wondering why? Mayor Ravenstahl is continuing to promote blue recycling neighborhoods with increased opportunities for recycling on streets in the City's business and neighborhood districts. ***Walnut Street has recycling bottles; Southside and Downtown have recycling receptacles and more will be coming soon.*** Previous pilot programs are now turning into full programs as business district patrons can now toss their beverage cans into recycling receptacles rather than trash cans in some areas and at special events.

If you are hosting a fair, bazaar, social, picnic, performance, sporting or special event with an expected daily attendance of 200 or more persons, you are required to provide for the separation and collection of recycling materials. You are required to recycle bottles and cans, and corrugated cardboard from these events. If you are planning an event, please call the Recycling Division at 412-255-2631 for recycling assistance or visit our website and download the special events recycling compliance brochure at www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pw/html/recycling.html.





Southern – Northern

2008 Schedule Refuse/Bulk and Recycling Pickup

COLOR KEY
 Red Date - Holidays (No Pick-Up)
 Blue Date - Recycle Pick-Up
 Refuse and Bulk Pick-Up Every Week
 Grey Date - No Pick-Up

JANUARY

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When a holiday falls on or before your collection day, your pick-up will be one day later.

All items for pick-up must be set out no earlier than 7:00 PM on the night before collection and no later than 6:00 AM the day of collection.
 DO NOT PLOW SNOW, SLEET OR ICE AGAINST GARBAGE RECEPTACLES. DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET. THEY CLOG THE SEWER AND CREATE HAZARDS.
 FOR MORE INFO: City of Pittsburgh—412-255-2773 • Construction Junction—412-243-5025 • Appliance Warehouse—412-381-8800

REFUSE

RECYCLING

YARD DEBRIS

OTHER

WHAT

REFUSE

Household trash

In addition to household refuse, crews will accept chairs, small TVs, bikes, small appliances, garden tools, end tables, ironing boards, roasters and grills.

Place all refuse at the designated site on collection day in plastic bags or bagged and placed into a container not exceeding 35 gallons in size.

Place needles, syringes and lancets in a hard plastic container with a tight-fitting plastic lid, labeled as medical waste.

Up to 5 bags of leaves will be collected curbside.

Wrap sharp objects (glass/metal) in heavy paper & place in a box sealed with tape or string. Place animal feces/litter in double plastic bag and place outside the refuse container.

BULK ITEMS

Large items such as furniture, large appliances and discards from small renovation projects

Bulk items include sofas, recliner chairs, tables, box springs, mattresses, dressers, large TVs, stoves, washers, dryers, toilets, hot water tanks, windows, and fencing in bundles not exceeding 35 pounds or 5 feet in length.

Any excess material and other excessively large items above the two-item limit will NOT be collected unless special pick-up arrangements are made in advance. A cost of \$100 for each half-hour applies to special pick-up. Call 412-255-2773.

PICK UP

Newspapers place in blue plastic bags or tie in bundles.

Plastic (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Glass

Metal Containers

(aluminum, steel, bi-metal) including empty paint and aerosol cans

Rinse containers and discard all lids and caps.

Place in blue bags only (or bright blue containers clearly marked "Recycling").

See calendar page (next page) for more pickup or special recycling information for your division

DROP OFF

Same items that are picked up at curb site (newspapers, plastic, glass and metal containers)

Plus...

Corrugated Cardboard (must be dry and flat)

Magazines, Catalogs

and Paperboard (loose)

White Office Paper only (loose)

Junk Mail and Hardcover Books (loose or in paper bags)

Phone Books (loose or in paper bags)

DROP OFF

CITY OF PITTSBURGH RESIDENTS ONLY (proof required)

Leaves

Grass

Plants

Tree Trimmings

Branches

Shrubs

loose or placed in paper bags (no plastic bags accepted)

CITY DOES NOT ACCEPT stones, dirt, rocks, manure, garbage, lumber or food waste. (Stones, dirt, rocks also not collected at curb side.)

DROP OFF

TIRES

limit 2 – no rims

SCRAP METAL

(no Freon appliances)

To make arrangements to dispose of Freon appliances (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers), contact Construction Junction (412-243-5025) or Appliance Warehouse (412-381-8800).

WHERE

Curb side

CITY DOES NOT COLLECT carpeting installed by a professional, construction, building, explosive, medical, hazardous, infectious or flammable materials as well as car and automobile parts, bricks, cement, glass blocks, or marble or stone countertops.

Curb side

(maximum 2 items per week) CITY DOES NOT COLLECT Freon appliances (refrigerators, air conditioners or dehumidifiers).

Curb side

CITY DOES NOT CURRENTLY COLLECT THESE ITEMS CURB SIDE BUT MAY DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE (See calendar overleaf for your division startup date), magazines, catalogs, paperboard, office paper, junk mail, mixed paper, phone books and corrugated cardboard.

Drop Off

East End Center (412-665-3609)
Hazelwood Center (412-422-6524)
West End Center (412-937-3054)
Strip District Center

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WHEN

Weekly pick up

Place at curb no earlier than 7 p.m. on the night before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

Weekly pick up

Place at curb no earlier than 7 p.m. on the night before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

Every other week

Place at curb no earlier than 7 p.m. on the night before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection. Remove recycling materials from container and set away from refuse.

Mon. thru Fri.

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at all Drop-off Centers

Construction Junction facility open during regular business hours. Call 412-243-5025.

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West End Drop-off Center may offer Saturday hours. Call for details.

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COST

FREE for City residents

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See above for costs for special pick-ups.

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No charge for cars & SUVs; fee for trucks and vehicles with trailers. Call for details.

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Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a citation being issued. For more information, call 412-255-2773 or visit www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pw