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City Expands Recycling; Grows Greener!

On November 1, 2008, the City of Pittsburgh expanded its single stream recycling program to include all residents of the City. In addition to bottles, cans and newspapers, the City now collects **magazines, catalogs, paperboard, junk mail, mixed paper, phonebooks, office paper and corrugated cardboard at the curb.**

What does this mean for City resources?*

Thank you residents and patrons! The City's recycling program generated over \$1.2 million in revenues and cost savings in 2008.

- Curbside recycling tonnages increased by 31% from 2007: from 8,928 tons to approximately 10, 715 tons.
- The City received approximately \$550,000 in recycling revenues in 2008.
- The City saved approximately \$325,000 in landfill fees due to recycling and reduced landfill tonnage.
- The City received \$315,054 in grants from the State for its recycling performance in 2007. This amount will increase due to the increased recycling in 2008.



Mayor Ravenstahl announces single stream recycling in all City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods.

*Figures are extrapolated for 2008 from year to date (January 1st to November 30th, 2008).

Recycle Your Christmas Tree Curbside on Your Recycling Day in January 2009 Only

Christmas trees can also be recycled at the Public Works Recycling Drop-off Centers (East End, Hazelwood and West End) throughout January.

1

In January 2009, recycling crews will collect your Christmas trees on your recycling collection day **ONLY**.

2

Christmas trees **MUST** be free of all decorations, tinsel and plastic bags to be recycled.

3

Trees that do not meet the recycling requirements will be landfilled.

Recycling Participation Improves

Residents in all City neighborhoods show improvement in recycling participation. Participation increased by 4.4% over 2007. The neighborhoods that showed the most improvement over the past year are shown in the table.



The top 12 most improved neighborhoods

Most Improved Neighborhoods	2008 Setout Participation	Change	Past Recycling Rating	Current Recycling Rating
East Liberty	48.1%	+27.7pts	Red Circle	Brown Circle
Greenfield	70.6%	+25.0pts	Brown Circle	Blue Star
Central Northside	54.0%	+24.0pts	Red Circle	Green Star
North Point Breeze	44.7%	+17.7pts	Brown Circle	Brown Circle
Shadyside	67.7%	+16.5pts	Blue Star	Blue Star
Swisshelm Park	79.1%	+13.5pts	Blue Star	Blue Star
Elliott	51.4%	+12.3pts	Green Star	Green Star
Oakland Central	26.6%	+11.5pts	Red Circle	Red Circle
Knoxville	29.2%	+10.3pts	Red Circle	Red Circle
Southside Flats	55.1%	+9.5pts	Green Star	Green Star
Carrick	63.9%	+8.5pts	Green Star	Green Star
Bloomfield	41.9%	+7.9pts	Brown Circle	Brown Circle

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).

Coming soon: On Street Recycling

The City will begin to introduce on-street recycling in its business districts in early summer 2009. Some business districts currently have recycling containers, and the City will improve the program in these districts as well. Residents and visitors alike can continue recycling while making that trek outside the office, hotel or home. This effort is partly funded by an Act 101 902 recycling program grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.



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.
Call for details and Saturday hours.

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 Ave.
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

Strip District Drop-off Center

(Bureau of Environmental Services)
Facility is open 24 hours/day. Open to small businesses, bars and restaurants.
30th and 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)

2009 Events

Nov 2008 thru May 2009

Recycle Phone Books ...

At recycling drop-offs and at these locations:

- **Whole Foods**, East Liberty
 - **Giant Eagle** — six locations:
1901 Murray Ave., Squirrel Hill
318 Cedar Ave., Northside
5550 Centre Ave., Shadyside Market District
2021 Wharton St., South Side
- Crafton-Ingram Shopping Center** and **Waterworks Mall**



January 2009

Recycle Christmas Trees

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

January 10, 2009 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Annual Mascot Skate

Schenley Park Ice Rink

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!

Special Thanks to our Volunteers!



The Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC) will be collecting furniture donations beginning April 24 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 4th 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.

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Important notice: **Your 2009 Recycling Schedule**

Recycle All Together

Three easy, convenient steps to efficient RECYCLING on the CURB:

1. Place clean items for curbside recycling together in same blue plastic bag.



*Items for curbside recycling include plastic (1-5), glass and metal containers, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, paper-board, office paper, mixed paper, phone-books, junk mail and hardback books.
No Styrofoam or packaging peanuts!*

2. Flatten and tie or bundle corrugated cardboard.



Corrugated cardboard must not exceed 5 feet in length or width.

3. Set recycling materials away from refuse items.



Keeping recyclables and trash separate at the curb insures proper pick up.