



An effort to encourage residents, business districts and sports teams to recycle more - furthering Pittsburgh's image as the black, gold, and green City



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Did You Know? We have Special Yard Debris Curbside Collections!

Each year, the City will have two major curbside collections for yard debris. This year, **Spring Cleanup Collection** will be on **Saturday May 19** (usually the 3rd Saturday in May) while **Fall Leaf Collection** will be on **Saturday November 10** (usually the 2nd Saturday in November). Residents should look for the green Saturday on their collection schedule. To best prepare for this collection, place all loose leaves, lawn clippings, and plants in brown yard/ leaf bags which can be purchased from your local hardware store as well as several supermarkets and department stores. Tie all twigs and branches in bundles not exceeding 5 feet in length. There is no limit to the amount set out for the two special yard debris curbside collections. Throughout the year, residents may continue to take these items to the recycling drop-off center nearest you (check back of calendar for more details). Yard debris is transported to a DEP approved composting site where it is ground up and composted over the Fall and Spring. Some of the compost is returned to the City and used to maintain parks, trails and environmentally sensitive areas.



The city also offers pickup of up to five bags of yard debris curbside for trash purposes (not composting) each week. Residents must remove excess bags of yard debris from curb at the end of your collection day.

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Important notice: Please comply with all collection day parking restrictions

Recycling Resources Near You!

Here is some helpful resource information:



Commercial, Residential & Institutional Recycling Information

City of Pittsburgh Recycling Division
Phone: 412-255-2631
Website: green.pittsburghpa.gov

Composting & Hard-To-Recycle Item Collections (ex: electronics, batteries, appliances)

Pennsylvania Resources Council
Phone: 412-488-7490
Email: info@prc.org
Website: www.prc.org

Donate/Purchase Used & Surplus Building Materials

Construction Junction
Phone: 412-243-5025
Website: www.constructionjunction.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collections (ex: paint, cleaning products)

Southwestern Pennsylvania Household Waste Task Force
Phone: 412-488-7452
Website: www.swpahhw.org

Illegal Dumpsite & Litter Cleanups

Allegheny CleanWays
Phone: 412-381-1301
Email: info@alleghenycleanways.org
Website: www.alleghenycleanways.org

Recycling of Freon Appliances

Appliance Warehouse
Phone: 412-381-8800
Website: www.appliancedisposal.org

Reuse of Medical Equipment (ex: crutches, wheelchairs, braces)

Global Links
Phone: 412-361-3424
Website: www.globallinks.org

What To Do If You Plan to Use A Bin For Recycling or Trash Collection:

1. **Refuse and recycling bins should not be more than 35 gallons in capacity.** Residents may store trash in larger size bins on their property. However, collection crews will only service bins at the curb that meet the 35 gallon limit. This practice helps to reduce injuries associated with heavy lifting by individuals.
2. **Refuse containers must have tight fitting lids.** Refuse should be bagged and then placed in durable container with tight fitting lids.
3. **Bright blue recycling containers.** Residents should place recyclable items in bright blue durable containers clearly labeled "recycling." Blue recycling containers can be purchased at your local hardware and discount stores.
4. **Blue Bags.** Use blue plastic bags for all recycling. Blue bags can be purchased at your local grocery, hardware or discount store. Or you may use blue packing bags from local stores. Ask cashier for blue bags when packing groceries.



You Can Help Us Serve You Better!

Please comply with the parking restrictions on all streets so collection crews can safely and efficiently service your neighborhood on collection day.