

Addendum to “Curious About the News” January 2019

CURBSIDE / RESIDENTIAL



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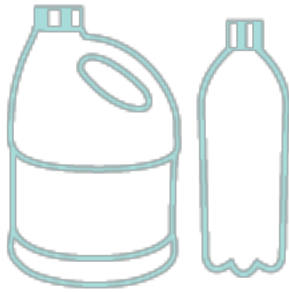
Get behind recycling – the right way!

Great job, Philadelphia! In the past few years we have made tremendous strides in curbside recycling, and the residential curbside recycling rates are at an all-time high.

Even with all of your great efforts, some unaccepted items are still ending up in recycling bins, which can damage recycling machinery and slow down the process.

DON'T CONTAMINATE THE RECYCLING STREAM. Put needles and syringes in your regular trash.

WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE



PLASTICS:

**Emptied and Rinsed, lids & caps ok*

- Food Containers
- All Bottles & Jars
- Detergent & Shampoo Bottles
- Pump & Spray Bottles



PAPER:

**Remove from plastic sleeves/bags*

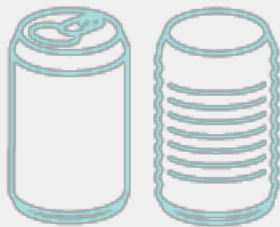
- Newspapers
- Magazines, Brochures
- Junk Mail, Envelopes
- Scrap Paper
- Paper Bags
- Paperback Books



CARTONS:

**Emptied & rinsed*

- Milk & Juice
- Wine
- Soups



METALS:

**Emptied and rinsed, lids & caps Ok*

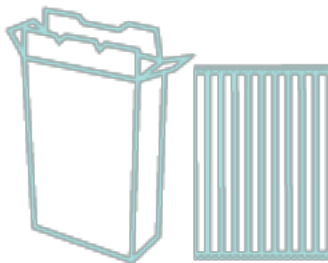
- Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
- Empty Paint & Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Baking Dishes
- Clean Aluminum Foil



GLASS:

**Emptied and rinsed, lids & caps ok*

- All Bottles and Jars



CARDBOARD:

**Remove shipping/packing materials*

- Corrugated Cardboard Boxes
- Clean Pizza Boxes
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Egg Cartons
- Dry Food & Shipping Boxes

WHAT TO KEEP OUT OF THE BIN

These materials have little or no value as raw materials, damage recycling equipment, and can even injure workers. Please leave them out!

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam™
- Disposable Plates, Cups, and Takeout Containers

- Greasy or Food --soiled paper & cardboard
- Tissues, Paper Towels, and Napkins
- Light Bulbs
- Cassette Tapes (VHS and audio)
- Garden Hoses
- Needles and Syringes
- Propane Tanks
- Pots & Pans

BENEFITS

Enforcement

To improve residential recycling participation, Sanitation uses both enforcement and incentives to recycle. Generally, enforcement is limited to reminders to recycle, particularly to those that have not set out recyclables and are found to have recyclables in their trash.

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Facts and Stats

Recycling provides raw materials to manufacturers and helps create green jobs, preserve natural resources, reduce energy consumption, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The accrued greenhouse gas reductions and energy savings from Philadelphia's curbside recycling efforts are equivalent to removing more than 60,000 cars off of our streets, and generating electricity for more than 40,000 homes for one year.

Recycling also provides fiscal benefits for the City. In FY 2012 the City earned more than \$6.6 million in recyclables revenues and saved more than \$8 million by not having to dispose of recyclables in the trash. The nearly \$15 million in combined revenues and savings help the City fund other crucial services, including police and fire protection, parks and open space, and citizen services.

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PROGRAMS

FAQ Curbside Recycling

In 1989 the City of Philadelphia was the first municipality in Pennsylvania to implement curbside collection of residential recyclables. A record 127,700 tons of residential recyclables were collected through curbside recycling program during fiscal year 2014. This represents a more than 150% increase in recyclables collected since FY 2008.

Over the course of the past few years, the Streets Department has initiated operational changes to the 530,000 home program including by switching to 'single-stream' collections and from bi-weekly pickup to weekly pickup. The Department has also made new recycling bins available to many residents through distribution at events and through various community and civic groups.

Since 2010, Philadelphia residents with curbside recycling service have also been eligible to participate in the Philly Recycling Rewards program. Some 195,000 households have signed-up for the program, which credits participants with money-saving "points" that can be redeemed for discounts at many area retailers. The City's Recycling Rewards program was the recipient of the 2012 U.S. Conference of Mayors Innovative Partnership Award.

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The Streets Department and Recyclebank were also awarded a 2014 Pennsylvania Waste Watchers Award for the Hunting Park Recycles project, a targeted neighborhood recycling initiative.

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Recycling Rewards Program

The City of Philadelphia and Recyclebank were selected for the Outstanding Award in Public/Private Partnerships by the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). The award was announced during the USCM's winter conference on January 19th. More information can be found through these hyperlinks:

WWW.PHILADELPHIASTREETS.COM

WWW.USMAYORS.ORG (detailed on page 17 of U.S. Mayor)

WWW.GREENPHILLYBLOG.COM

RESOURCES

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Old Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste

E-cycling

Philadelphians continue to recycle more old electronics, dropping off some 500,000 lbs. in 2012 – a 40% increase from the previous year. Residents can drop-off old electronics including TVs and computers, at year-round at the City's sanitation convenience stations, and at eight remote events spaced throughout the year. Residents are also now able to drop-off old electronics at Ezekiel Baptist Church on Grays Avenue the 2nd Sunday of each month thanks to a partnership between the City and ECovanta.

Sanitation receives discarded electronics at its convenience centers. Discarded electronics may also be brought to the scheduled HHW events as described above. It is not permissible to set out discarded electronics in regular residential trash collection.

The Sanitation Division does not maintain a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) receiving facility. HHW is collected at scheduled one-day events throughout the year. At the HHW events residents may bring the usual range of HHW materials including: paints, lawn and garden chemicals, household cleaners, automotive fluids, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, etc. Also collected at these events are discarded electronics.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE POLICY](#)

Grass-Cycling and Composting

Yard Waste Collection

During a six-week period of the fall leaf season, yard waste is collected separately at curbside. Sanitation provides this scheduled service with public employees in November and December, all neighborhoods being served several times. All leaves must be placed by the residents into biodegradable paper bags and then placed at the curb. Purchase of the biodegradable paper bags is the responsibility of the resident. During most of the year, yard waste may be commingled with trash and set out for combined collection. No separate yard waste collection is provided by Sanitation.

The collected leaves are taken to the Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center where it is combined with yard wastes resultant from the Park's operation. The operation is a windrow composting program. The compost and mulch produced are available in small quantities to Philadelphia residents free of charge.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Trees were able to be dropped off at the City's sanitation convenience centers for a two-week period, ending in mid-January, and at select locations managed by various neighborhood and civic organizations. To find a drop off location near you, [click here](#). Trees were accepted by Fairmount Park and processed into mulch. A combined estimated total of 55.5 tons of trees were collected through the program.

<https://www.philadelphiastreet.com/recycling/home-base-residential/>

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Household recycling guide

How to dispose of just about anything, responsibly.

<https://www.recyclebycity.com/philadelphia/guide>