

# Portland Curbsider

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## SHARE & REPAIR NEW WAYS TO GET THE JOB DONE

**D**o you have a list of projects that you plan to complete this summer? Check out one of Portland's many neighborhood tool lending libraries or Repair Café events.

Portland is full of resources to help you borrow, rent or repair items instead of buying new — so you can save money and valuable resources.

### Don't trash it! Repair it!

Repair Cafés often include volunteers who can assist with garment and fabric mending, and bike, small appliance and electronic repair. Find out about the next scheduled Repair Café at [repairpdx.org](http://repairpdx.org).



Photo by Sally Painter

### Garbage rates going down, again!

**80%** of residents will see their rates go down or stay the same

Every year, the City sets residential garbage, recycling and composting collection rates based on a thorough evaluation of what it costs to provide these services to residents.

This year, rates for curbside collection service will decrease slightly or stay the same for about 80 percent of Portland customers. Portlanders are composting and recycling more, and garbage and recycling companies are more efficient. This is the second year in a row that Portland has lowered rates for most residents' garbage, recycling and compost collection.

New rates can be found by calling your garbage and recycling company or at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/rates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/rates).



**PDX Skillshare** is a day of free classes, taught and organized by your neighbors. Learn new skills in a fun and informal setting.

**Saturday, July 12**  
George Middle School  
10000 N Burr Ave  
[www.pdxskillshare.org](http://www.pdxskillshare.org)

### Repair Café events

Repair Cafés are free community events where “fixers” come together with people who have broken items that need repair. Fixers are volunteers who like to fix things and work alongside attendees, so there is an opportunity to learn how to repair and maintain items.

### Tool lending libraries

Did you know that the average power drill is used only 6 to 13 minutes in its lifetime? Borrowing tools is a smart and popular alternative, and it has never been easier in Portland.

Just like it sounds, local tool libraries lend home and garden tools, large and small, to people who live in the neighborhood. Portland has four tool libraries where residents in Northeast, Southeast, North and parts of East Portland can access items to borrow through library memberships.

### Looking for more ways to be resourceful?

Find ideas for making simple changes in everyday choices at [resourcefulpdx.com](http://resourcefulpdx.com).

## YOUR 2014-2015 GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE IS INSIDE



## Let's build a healthier, safer, more connected city

### Check out the proposed land use plan for Portland, coming this summer

Imagine Portland in the year 2035 ... with 120,000 more households. If we leverage that growth with good planning, we can create a healthier, more prosperous and equitable city.

The City's draft Comprehensive Plan includes land use changes to:

- ▶ Guide new **retail, services and housing** to vibrant centers like Hollywood, St John's and Multnomah Village and to bustling corridors like Barbur, Sandy and 122nd Ave.
- ▶ Ensure there is enough land to **support job growth**.
- ▶ Decrease development pressure in areas that lack public services, or are susceptible to hazards like flooding and landslides.

**Starting July 21, the draft Comprehensive Plan will be posted online.**



You'll be able to view proposed land use changes, read more about the project, add your name to the mailing list, and give feedback through the interactive Map App.



### Sound interesting?

You can sign up for an early look at the Map App: [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/mapapp](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/mapapp)

**ZOOM INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**  
[WWW.PORTLANDOREGON.GOV/BPS/MAPAPP](http://WWW.PORTLANDOREGON.GOV/BPS/MAPAPP)

**Available July 21**  
On the Map App you can see:

- Where and how development will be guided over time.
- What's proposed in your neighborhood.

### Share your feedback with the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC)

After the proposed Comprehensive Plan is released in July, Portlanders can share their feedback through:

- Written testimony via letter or email to the PSC.
- Oral testimony at public hearings, beginning in late September.
- Commenting online via the Map App (available by July 21).

To help Portlanders understand the proposal and prepare their testimony, informational open houses will be scheduled in July and early September.

After considering public testimony, the PSC will forward a Recommended Plan to City Council in early 2015.



To read about the project or to add your name to the mailing list, please go to [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/pdxcompplan](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/pdxcompplan) or call 503-823-7700.



[www.garbage reminders.com](http://www.garbage reminders.com)



**SIGN UP FOR EASY REMINDERS THAT TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF GARBAGE DAY!**

## How to read your garbage schedule

Garbage in the city of Portland is collected every-other-week for most customers and every-four-weeks for some customers.

Recycling and composting are collected every week.

**JULY 2014**

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Every-other-week AND every-four-week garbage

Every-other-week garbage

Call your garbage and recycling company or look online if you do not know which day of the week your carts are collected.

Property owners are responsible for setting up and paying for service for their renters. Talk to the landlord about service changes or if you need to set out bulky items or extra garbage.

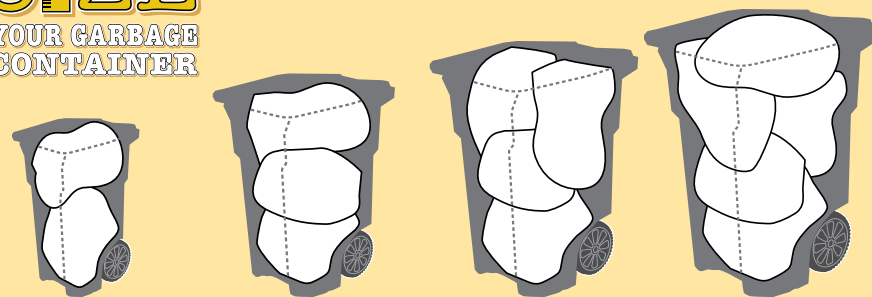
CAN I GET A SPAM FILTER FOR THIS MAILBOX?



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oregonmetro.gov 503-234-3000 | Metro

**RIGHT SIZE**  
YOUR GARBAGE CONTAINER

Choose the garbage container that fits your household's needs.



<b>20*</b> GALLON Roll Cart	<b>35</b> GALLON Roll Cart	<b>60</b> GALLON Roll Cart	<b>90</b> GALLON Roll Cart
<b>60</b> POUND Weight Limit	<b>85</b> POUND Weight Limit	<b>135</b> POUND Weight Limit	<b>175</b> POUND Weight Limit
Approximately <b>2</b> TALL Kitchen Bags	Approximately <b>3</b> TALL Kitchen Bags	Approximately <b>4</b> TALL Kitchen Bags	Approximately <b>5</b> TALL Kitchen Bags

\*20-gallon roll carts are not available to every-four-week customers. Some 20-gallon service customers will receive a modified 35-gallon roll cart.

**Don't forget: You can set out an extra can or bag of garbage on your collection day for a one-time \$5 fee. Or increase to a larger garbage container for an additional \$5-7 per month.**

## The freshest food in town, now easier to find

**New mapping tools connect you directly with farmers**

**P**urchase a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm share or shop at a farmers market to enjoy healthful foods that are grown for our region and usually harvested on the same day. The only way to get fresher food is to grow it yourself!

Two new web maps help you choose from among 63 local CSA farms and over 20 farmers markets in Portland.

### Find a CSA farm and connect to your very own farmer

CSA farms deliver nutritious, local food to over 150 drop-off locations and private addresses throughout Portland neighborhoods. Shareholders typically receive weekly shares of seasonal vegetables, and farmers may include fruit, eggs, dairy, meat and poultry. Find a CSA farm that works for you.

→ [www.pdxcsamap.com](http://www.pdxcsamap.com)

### In Portland, there's a farmers market every day of the week

Farmers markets are another way to eat well and support Portland's local food economy. They can be found all across the city every day of the week, depending on the season. The farmers market map allows shoppers to find a market based on payment options, neighborhood and the day they want to shop.

→ [www.pdxfarmersmarketmap.com](http://www.pdxfarmersmarketmap.com)

The money you spend on a CSA share or at a farmers market is an investment in your community.

CSA customers should choose their CSA farmer carefully to determine that he/she has the appropriate experience to deliver an array of quality produce throughout the growing season. Inclusion in the website does not imply City of Portland endorsement of any particular CSA farm or farmers market.



Photo by Rising Stone Farm

### Growing fast...

Over the past few years, farmers market locations have nearly doubled. CSA farms that deliver to Portland have grown from 23 to more than 60, serving nearly 4,000 households.



# This is your 2014–2015 Garbage Collection Schedule

Collection days are not changing. This schedule replaces your current calendar.

**SET YOUR CONTAINERS OUT BY 6 A.M. AND REMOVE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PICK UP**

Clip and save this calendar or sign up for email reminders at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/schedule](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/schedule)

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**Holiday Schedule:** No collection on December 25, 2014 or January 1, 2015. Your scheduled containers will be collected one day later during these weeks.

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**Reminder:** Customers must contact their garbage and recycling company within two business days of a missed collection. Additional charges will apply if a return pick up is needed due to improper preparation or because materials are not curbside by 6 a.m.

Every-other-week garbage  
Every-other-week AND every-four-week garbage



Green compost roll cart, blue recycle roll cart and yellow glass bin collected every week



## Every-other-week or every-four-week garbage

**YES**



Paper plates, coffee cups, freezer boxes, takeout containers, wrappers, facial tissue, Styrofoam™, plastic bags, plastic containers labeled "compostable," rigid clamshells, painted or stained wood, plywood, incandescent light bulbs

**MUST BE BAGGED** Pet waste, cat litter, diapers, feminine hygiene products, ashes, sawdust, packaging peanuts, broken glass

**PLACED IN SEALED CONTAINER** Kitchen fats, oil, grease

**EVEN IF A PLASTIC PRODUCT SAYS "COMPOSTABLE," PLEASE LEAVE IT OUT OF THE GREEN ROLL CART.**

## Green composting roll cart, blue recycling roll cart and yellow glass bin collected every week

**YES**



**FOOD SCRAPS** Meat, poultry, seafood, bones, eggshells, cheese, bread, pasta, grains, beans, nuts, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, spoiled food

Paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags, pizza delivery boxes

**YARD DEBRIS** Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, flowers, house plants, plant clippings

**YES**



**PAPER** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, cardboard boxes, scrap paper, cartons (milk, juice, soup), shredded paper (must be in paper bag)

**PLASTIC** Bottles with a neck (6 oz. or larger), tubs (6 oz. or larger), plant pots (4" or larger), buckets (5 gal. or smaller)

**METAL** Aluminum, tin and steel food cans, empty dry metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal (smaller than 30" and less than 30 lbs.)

**GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS ONLY** Mix all colors together, (labels are OK) in yellow glass bin or other rigid plastic container with "glass only" sticker

**MOTOR OIL** In a jug next to roll cart or bin. Use a leak-proof, see through plastic container with a screw-on lid (1 gal. or smaller). Don't mix with other liquids.



**NO** Computers, monitors and TVs, hazardous waste, chemicals, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Contact Metro Recycling Information (503-234-3000) to learn how to dispose of these items and more.

**NO** Plastic bags, pet waste, cat litter, diapers, paper plates, "compostable" containers, large amounts of liquids, grease or oil, lumber, rocks, dirt, ashes, large branches (more than 4" thick and 36" long), household garbage.

**NO** Plastic bags, plastic lids, diapers, freezer boxes, coffee cups, pesticide or herbicide bottles, propane cylinders, household garbage. Light bulbs, drinking glasses, flower vases, ceramics, broken glass, lids.



## How to be a recycling superhero

Portlanders are some of the best recyclers in the country. We know that recycling saves energy and natural resources, creates jobs, and curbs climate change. Here are two reminders to make sure the effort you put into recycling is yielding the greatest benefits possible.

### 1. Know where to take non-curb-side plastics

Plastic bags, plastic lids and clamshell take-out containers don't go in the blue recycling roll cart, but they can be recycled at some grocery stores or local depots.

For the most up-to-date list of locations and types of plastics, contact Metro's Recycling Information hotline at 503-234-3000 or [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler).

### 2. Keep it clean

Refresh your recycling know-how by reviewing the list of accepted materials inside this issue of *The Curbsider*.

If an item isn't listed or pictured and you're unsure whether it's accepted in the blue recycling roll cart, call the Curbside Hotline at 503-823-7202.

**"When in doubt, throw it out!"**

Putting the wrong thing in the recycling costs money and makes it harder to recycle the right stuff.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR SUMMER 2014



**GREEN SPOT**

### June 22 — North Sunday Parkways

Look for Green Spots at North Portland Sunday Parkways on June 22! Green Spots are sustainable community features that nurture healthy, connected neighborhoods.

Learn more at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/greenspot](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/greenspot)

- June 28 Good in the Hood North Portland
- July 10 North Portland Tool Library Repair Café
- July 27 Northeast Sunday Parkways
- August 5 National Night Out (many locations)
- August 14 Rosewood Initiative Repair Café
- August 16 Multnomah Days
- August 24 Southeast Sunday Parkways

Join BPS staff at these events. Find more events on our calendar at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps)



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## 2014–2015 Garbage Collection Schedule and Rate Information Inside and Online

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)  
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料金およびリサイクルの情報については、  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates) をご参照ください。

Tarifele și informații despre reciclare sunt disponibile la  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

Расценки и сведения о переработке утиля можно найти также на сайте  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

您也可以在此 [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)  
了解服务收费标准和回收信息

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sidoo kale waxaa laga halayaa [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

Las tarifas e información sobre reciclaje también se encuentran disponibles en  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

Отримати інформацію про тарифи та переробку сміття також можна на сайті  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

Tin tức về giá biểu và tái chế biến cũng có thể tìm thấy tại  
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbagerates)

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## Keep composting!

Collecting food scraps saves space in your garbage container and turns them into a valuable resource.

Whether you are new to food scrap composting at home, or you want to ramp up your composting, these suggestions will get you going in the right direction.



**80** Almost 80 percent of Portland households compost their food scraps.

### Do what works for your household

- Keep your kitchen container in a convenient location** so it's right there when you need it.
- Collect food scraps when preparing meals, scraping plates and cleaning out the fridge.** Trimmings from house plants can also be added.
- Empty food scraps (and liner, if you use one) into your green composting roll cart frequently** and set your cart out weekly for pick up.

### Find the right container

- For a smaller household, **an empty quart-size yogurt container works well** and cleans up easily in the dishwasher.
- A large bucket with a lid** can work for a bigger household. Store it under the kitchen sink or next to the garbage can.
- Look for something that **fits your space and style**. Options abound in the housewares department of many local stores.

### Keep it clean

- Empty and wash your kitchen container frequently** to keep odors and fruit flies at bay.
- Line your kitchen container** with newspaper, brown paper bags or purchase approved compostable bags at most grocery stores.
- Contact your garbage and recycling company to arrange for them to **clean your green composting roll cart** for a fee.

View how-to videos on lining your container, keeping your containers clean and more information on composting at [www.portlandcomposts.com](http://www.portlandcomposts.com)

Compost from Portland households is being used in local community gardens and parks.

To help ensure equal access to City programs, services and activities, the City of Portland will reasonably modify policies/procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. Call 503-823-7700 with requests.