

# Portland Curbsider

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## RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITY THREADS

PORTLANDERS SHARE STORIES OF  
REDUCING WASTE & MAKING CONNECTIONS

### REPAIR

"It touches my heart when people bring in sentimental items handed down in their families," said Marie. "Like the woman who recently brought in a quilt made by her mother. While I sewed a new rip, she shared stories that brought back fond memories of my own mother."

Marie loves sewing and is delighted to be a volunteer sewer with Repair PDX, where she helps people continue using items they cherish, like a favorite purse or pair of jeans.

Repair PDX provides free repair services to community members who bring in items they might otherwise throw away. From small appliances, to bike maintenance and mending services, Repair PDX not only offers participants a chance to fix things, it creates a space for connection and community.

### BORROW

"The Northeast Portland Tool Library is a great community resource," said Robert. "It empowers people to complete dream projects and save money by not having to buy tools for one-time

use, like a table saw. Thanks to the tool library, people improve their surroundings while reducing the resources necessary to do it."



SHARING  
MAKES OUR  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
EVEN BETTER

When Robert learned that two friends were opening a tool-lending library in Northeast Portland, he liked the idea so much he became a volunteer on the spot. Robert is passionate about fixing broken things. He enjoys helping people find the right tools for a job and hearing stories about projects the tool library helped make possible.

FIND YOUR NEXT "FIX" AT  
[www.resourcefulpdx.com](http://www.resourcefulpdx.com)  
— your go-to for community resources —

There are four tool libraries around the greater Portland area that help people make home repairs and complete creative projects.

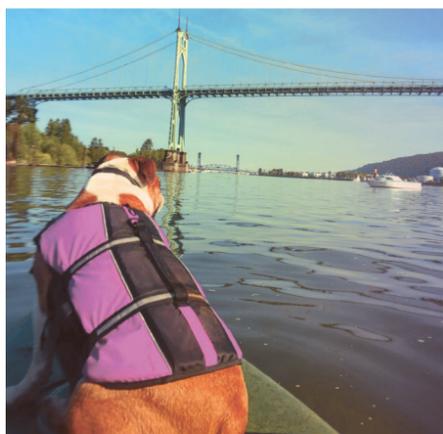
### SWAP

Shay said, "At a swap, I find things I need and pass along things that might otherwise be tossed out. Plus, there's no chance of my stuff getting ruined by the rain in a 'free box' on the curb." Shay has participated in and volunteered for dozens of clothing and "stuff" swaps. She loves the culture of giving at community swaps.

Swap Positive has been hosting community swaps for 11 years in Portland. Swaps bring together volunteer coordinators, donated venues and swappers who bring clean items in good condition to share, at no cost. Items remaining at the end of a swap are donated.



SWAPS ARE  
INVALUABLE TO  
THE COMMUNITY



## SUSTAINABLE SUMMER IN THE CITY

••• FACEBOOK PHOTO CONTEST •••

From Sunday Parkways and Movies in the Park to farmers markets and neighborhood street fairs, Portland is full of free and fun happenings all summer long.

Having a no-waste picnic with friends? Enjoying an urban hike? Getting your hands dirty in a community garden?

Share your favorite *Sustainable Summer in the City* moments with a photo on our Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/PortlandBPS](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandBPS)

You'll be entered into a drawing for prizes that increase the green in your day-to-day, long after the last summer sun sets.

# Moving Cleaning Tidying



## Your stuff matters! Including stuff you no longer want or need

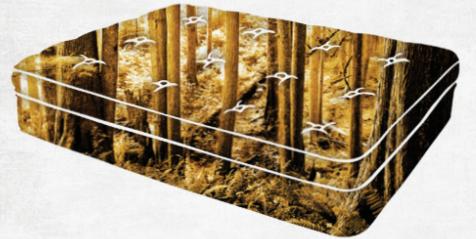
**D**o you want to get rid of items that still have a little bounce left in their cushions? Good news! Portlanders are finding creative ways to get gently used items to people who want them. Plenty of free online tools and resources will help you find a new home for practically anything you want to toss.

Check out [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/curbsider](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/curbsider) for easy ways to donate to neighbors and organizations.

- ★ **Please don't leave items on the curb.** They can get soaked by rain or damaged and quickly become trash.
- ★ **Unusable bulky items such as appliances, furniture, large branches or stumps** can be picked up for an extra charge. Contact your garbage and recycling company a week in advance for a cost estimate. [www.garbageadayreminders.com](http://www.garbageadayreminders.com)

★ **For discarded items abandoned in your neighborhood** contact Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol at 503-234-3000. RID investigates and cleans up illegal dumps on public property, like curbs. They also offer tips, assistance and citations as appropriate. [www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol)

Where can I put my old mattress to rest?



Ask Metro how to clear stuff out.  
[oregonmetro.gov/recycle](http://oregonmetro.gov/recycle)  
503-234-3000 | Metro

It's a **BRIGHT TIME TO GO SOLAR**

Homeowners can offset up to 80 percent of their initial investment in solar

More than 8,000 homeowners across Oregon have installed a solar electric system with cash incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon. The cost of solar electric equipment has steadily decreased over the last several years. And the federal government recently extended the Investment Tax Credit (ITC), which returns 30 percent of the cost to install the solar energy system. With this combination of Energy Trust incentives and state/federal tax credits, Portland homeowners can offset up to 80 percent of their initial investment in rooftop solar.

[www.energytrust.org/solar](http://www.energytrust.org/solar)

Become a certified **Master Recycler** VOLUNTEER

LEARN FROM EXPERTS  
SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

The next 8-week class begins on September 7<sup>th</sup> in Washington County.

Learn more or apply at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)

Application deadline **August 3, 2016**

**YOUR - EVERYDAY - ACTIONS MATTER**

Since 1990, **Portland cut carbon emissions by 21%**, even while the population grew more than 30% and jobs increased more than 20% during the same period.

**That's 40% less carbon pollution for every Portlander!**

## INCLUDE THE FOOD THE LIFE CYCLE OF YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

**6 WEEKS TO NUTRIENT-RICH COMPOST**  
Residential food scraps travel from the curb to a local commercial compost facility where they are transformed into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.  
THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD COMPOSTS 1,000 POUNDS EACH YEAR!

**INCLUDE THE FOOD**  
Big or small, include all food scraps in the green Portland Composts! roll cart along with yard debris.

**COMPOST HELPS GROW FOOD**  
Finished compost can be purchased for use in gardens, landscaping and agriculture.

# 2016-2017 GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

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



Garbage pick up for **every-other-week** customers

Garbage pick up for **every-other-week** AND **every-four-week** customers



Green compost, blue recycle and yellow glass bin collected EVERY WEEK

Sign up for easy reminders that take the guesswork out of garbage day at [www.garbage reminders.com](http://www.garbage reminders.com).

**Reminder:** Customers must contact their garbage and recycling company within two 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.

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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.

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

New look, same list! Find a detailed list of what goes where at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts) or call 503-823-7202.

### GARBAGE

every-other-week or every-four-weeks

### COMPOST

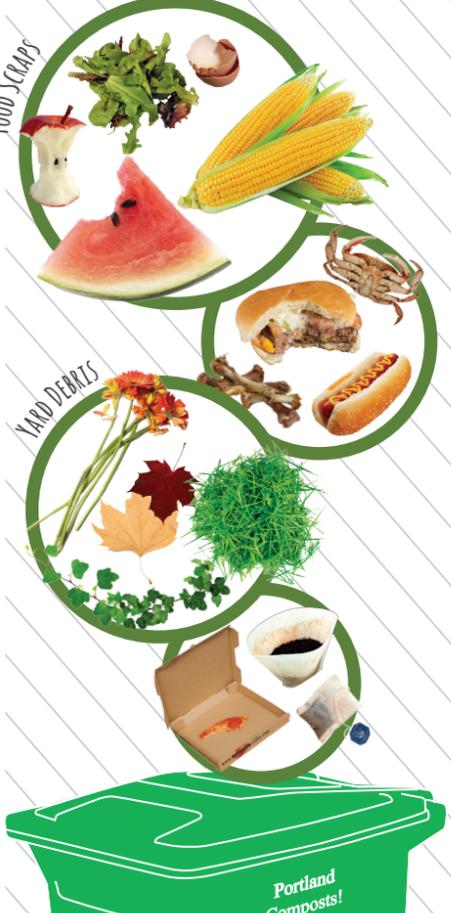
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### RECYCLE

every week

### GLASS

every week



**NO:** Computers, monitors, TVs, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), hazardous waste, chemicals.

**NO:** "Compostable" containers, pet waste, plastic bags, lumber, dirt, ashes, branches larger than 4" thick and 36" long.

**NO:** Plastic bags, diapers, propane cylinders, coffee pods, plastic clam shells, coffee cups/lids, plastic containers under 6 oz.

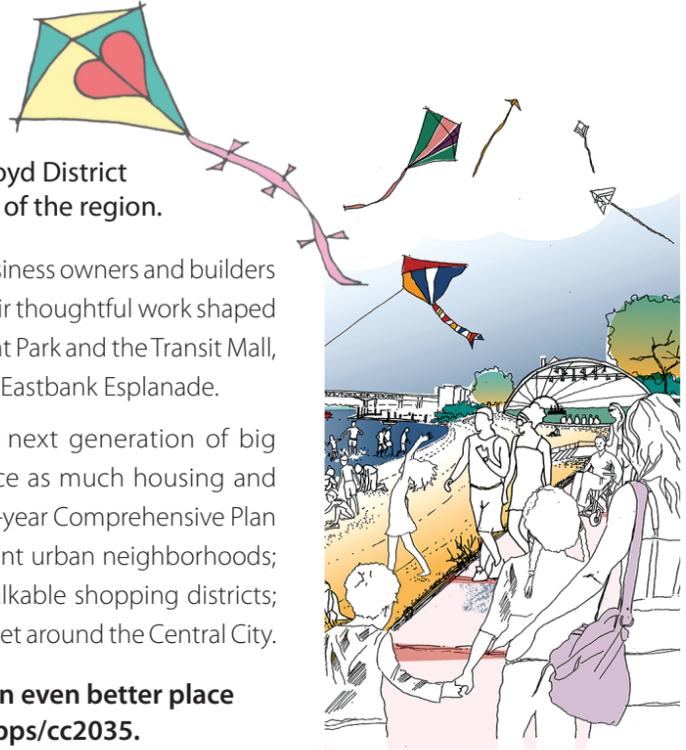
**NO:** Light bulbs, vases, broken glass, ceramics, lids, drinking glasses.

Clip and save this calendar or sign up for email reminders at [www.garbage day reminders.com](http://www.garbage day reminders.com)



## THE FUTURE CENTRAL CITY

*A great place to live, work and play*



From Goose Hollow to the Central Eastside and the Lloyd District to South Waterfront, Portland's city center is the heart of the region.

Nearly 30 years ago, community members, city planners, business owners and builders came together to create a blueprint for the Central City. Their thoughtful work shaped iconic community spaces such as Pioneer Square, Waterfront Park and the Transit Mall, and later laid the groundwork for the Pearl District and the Eastbank Esplanade.

The City is updating this blueprint to prepare for the next generation of big ideas for Portland's city center. We need to plan for twice as much housing and 50 percent more jobs than we have today. As part of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update, the Central City 2035 Plan will result in more vibrant urban neighborhoods; expanded office, industrial and manufacturing spaces; walkable shopping districts; easier access to the Willamette River; and healthier ways to get around the Central City.

**Learn more about how CC2035 will make Portland an even better place to live, work and play at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cc2035](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cc2035).**

**Questions?** Call the Helpline at 503-823-4286  
-or- email [cc2035@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cc2035@portlandoregon.gov).

**CENTRAL CITY**  
**2035**



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### INSIDE:

- NEW 2016-2017 Garbage Collection Schedule
- Facebook Photo Contest!
- Free Community Resources

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★ **RATES** ★  
GOING DOWN

for garbage & recycling



Every year the City sets residential garbage and recycling collection rates based on a thorough evaluation of what it costs to provide these services to residents. This year, rates will decrease for Portland customers.

Portlanders are throwing away less garbage, and garbage and recycling companies are operating with increased efficiency.

Find new rates at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/rates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/rates) or call your garbage and recycling company.

Find your garbage and recycling company's name and phone number at [www.garbageandrecyclingreminders.com](http://www.garbageandrecyclingreminders.com).



Garbage rates & recycling information available

معلومات عن أسعار نقل النفايات والتدوير متوفرة

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Informații disponibile referitoare la tarifele pentru colectarea gunoiului și reciclare

Доступны расценки на вывоз мусора и сведения о переработке

可获取垃圾等级和回收信息

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Tarifas de recolección de basura e información de reciclaje disponibles

Тарифи на вивезення сміття і інформацію з питань утилізації можна отримати

Thông tin về tỷ lệ rác thải và tái chế đang sẵn có

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbageandrecyclingrates](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/garbageandrecyclingrates)