

Portland Curbsider

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Recycle

WITH →

CONFIDENCE



HERE'S HOW TO AVOID COMMON RECYCLING BLUNDERS

More isn't always better

Not everything goes into the blue recycling roll cart. Rest assured you are doing the right thing when you put items that are on the NO list into the garbage.

Why are some items accepted in the blue roll cart while others are not? The items on the YES list can be sorted, sold, and turned into new materials in a cost-effective way.

Free yourself from recycling number confusion

Do you search for the symbol and number on the bottom to decide if you should recycle an item? Give your eyes a break! Ignore the numbers; they indicate plastic resin type for manufacturers, not recyclability. Portland's recycling facilities sort containers based on size and shape.

Leave out the take-out items

To-go containers are not accepted in the blue roll cart. This includes paper and plastic cups, food containers and wrappers, cutlery, and straws. Putting take-out items in the recycling slows down the sorting process, adding cost.

No plastic bags, please

Plastic bags are on the NO list because they get caught in machinery at the sorting facilities, causing major mechanical slow-downs. Instead, return them to participating retailers.

Follow the list and relax

Need a recycling refresher? The list of materials accepted in the blue roll cart hasn't changed since 2008. Find a complete guide to Portland recycling on page 2.



REDUCE, REUSE – AND REFUSE

Does your garbage can fill up fast with bulky take-out containers? Rethink how to remove plastics and single-use items at home, work or play.

Remember to reuse (and reduce disposables)

Make a reusables kit for your car, day bag or bike bag. Include reusable shopping bags, a coffee or travel mug, produce bags, cutlery or small containers for leftovers. After you use something from your kit, replace it when you get home so your kit is always with you and ready for anything.

Having an on-the-go kit is good if you eat out a lot, make frequent stops at the store, or tend to forget your reusables (we all do!).

Choose to refuse unwanted items

If you don't need the straw, plastic cutlery, napkins or a bag, say so!

Find more ideas for making simple changes in everyday choices to reduce waste at www.resourcefulpdx.com.



YOUR CURBSIDE GUIDE

www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts | 503-823-7202

GARBAGE

every-other-week or every-four-weeks



GARBAGE Coffee cups/lids/pods, paper/plastic plates, take-out food wrappers/containers, drink cups/straws, cutlery, frozen food packaging/trays, plastic "clamshells", plastic caps/lids, plastic bags, facial tissue, painted/stained wood, plywood, incandescent light bulbs, garden hoses.



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



PLACE IN SEALED CONTAINER
Kitchen fats, cooking oil, grease.



NO: Computers, monitors, TVs, compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs), hazardous waste, chemicals.

COMPOST

every week



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



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



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



NO: "Compostable" or "Biodegradable" containers, household garbage, pet waste, diapers, plastic bags, lumber, dirt, ashes, rocks, branches larger than 4" thick and 36" long.

RECYCLE

every week



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).



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



NO: Plastic bags, plastic caps/lids, diapers, propane cylinders, coffee cups/lids/pods, plastic "clamshells," Styrofoam™, plastic containers under 6 oz., prescription medicine bottles.

GLASS

every week



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
Place in yellow bin or other plastic container with a "glass only" sticker.



MOTOR OIL Put in a leak-proof, clear plastic jug with lid and place next to carts for recycling.



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

BLUE CART HIGHLIGHT

TOP 6 ITEMS TO KEEP OUT OF YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

1. Plastic bags, plastic film and wrappers
2. Paper and plastic drink cups, straws and coffee cups
3. Frozen food boxes and trays
4. To-go containers and "clamshells"
5. Styrofoam™ blocks and foam peanuts
6. Diapers, of course!

These items belong in the garbage.



✗ Plastic bags & wrappers



✗ Cups, lids & straws



✗ Frozen food packaging



✗ To-go containers



✗ Styrofoam & peanuts



✗ Diapers

2018-2019

GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



- Garbage pick-up for **EVERY-OTHER-WEEK** customers
- Garbage pick-up for **EVERY-OTHER-WEEK** AND **EVERY-FOUR-WEEK** customers
- Weekly pick-up of green and blue carts and yellow bin for **ALL CUSTOMERS**
- Set out your containers by 6 a.m. and remove within 24 hours of pick-up

Visit www.garbage reminders.com to sign up for email reminders and to find the exact collection day for your street address.

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***HOLIDAY SCHEDULE DETAILS** NO COLLECTION DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1. YOUR CURBSIDE COLLECTION WILL HAPPEN ONE DAY LATER THE WEEKS OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY. MONDAY COLLECTIONS REMAIN THE SAME. FRIDAY COLLECTIONS WILL HAPPEN ON SATURDAY. ALL OTHER HOLIDAYS ARE REGULAR COLLECTION DAYS.

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



of wasting summer fruits and vegetables

“...I can transform a fridge full of produce in just a couple of hours...I get more value from my food budget, I eat better throughout the week, and I throw away less.”

— Marisa McClellan



Food preservation expert Marisa McClellan of www.foodinjars.com shares a new—and much easier—approach to canning that uses common kitchen equipment and smaller jars.

Q: Canning sounds intimidating. How do you make it less scary?

A: The very best way to let go of any fears surrounding canning is to take a class (whether in person or by video), or to find an experienced friend and get them to can with you. Some of the best starter recipes include blueberry jam, applesauce and pickled green beans (they stay crisp better than cucumbers).

Q: How do you use small-batch canning to reduce food waste in your life?

A: Whenever I find myself with more produce than I can eat each week, I pull everything out and start to triage. Anything that keeps on its own goes back in the crisper (things like potatoes, cabbage, and cauliflower). Then, I divide things up into four categories—jam, pickles, pesto, spreads—and roll my sleeves up to get started.

Read the full interview: www.portlandcurbsider.com

SELLING YOUR HOME?

Know the score!

Learn about the **NEW** City of Portland Home Energy Score requirement

www.pdxhes.com



¿PLANEA VENDER SU CASA?

¡Conozca el diagnóstico de energía!

El diagnóstico de energía o Energy Score, es un **NUEVO** requisito que le ayuda a obtener información de el gasto eléctrico de casas en la Ciudad de Portland. Para obtener más información, visite

www.pdxhes.com



SLEEP IN ON GARBAGE DAY

www.garbagecollectionreminders.com

Get a reminder the day before! Sign up for weekly email reminders and check your collection schedule at www.garbagecollectionreminders.com.



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INSIDE:

- **NEW 2018-2019** garbage collection schedule.
- Recycle with confidence: Guide inside!
- Find out what to keep out of your recycling - it may surprise you.

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GARBAGE BILLS CHANGED MAY 1

After an annual review of system costs, the Portland City Council approved a garbage and recycling bill increase of \$2.55 per month for most customers in Portland.

After five years of stable rates, the 2018 increase is needed to cover higher costs for recycling, labor, fuel and garbage disposal. In particular, new quality standards for recycled materials sold to international manufacturers require local recycling facilities to hire additional workers.



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/garbagecollectionreminders