



Portland's New Curbside Collection Service

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Portland Recycles! Plan

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Sustainability Program
Jeff Cogan, County Commissioner

Background

Portland Recycles! Plan set a 75% recycling goal

Phase 1:



Phase 2:

- Collect food scraps with yard debris weekly
- *Every-other-week* garbage



Why are we doing this?



New program, established concept



Pilot Program

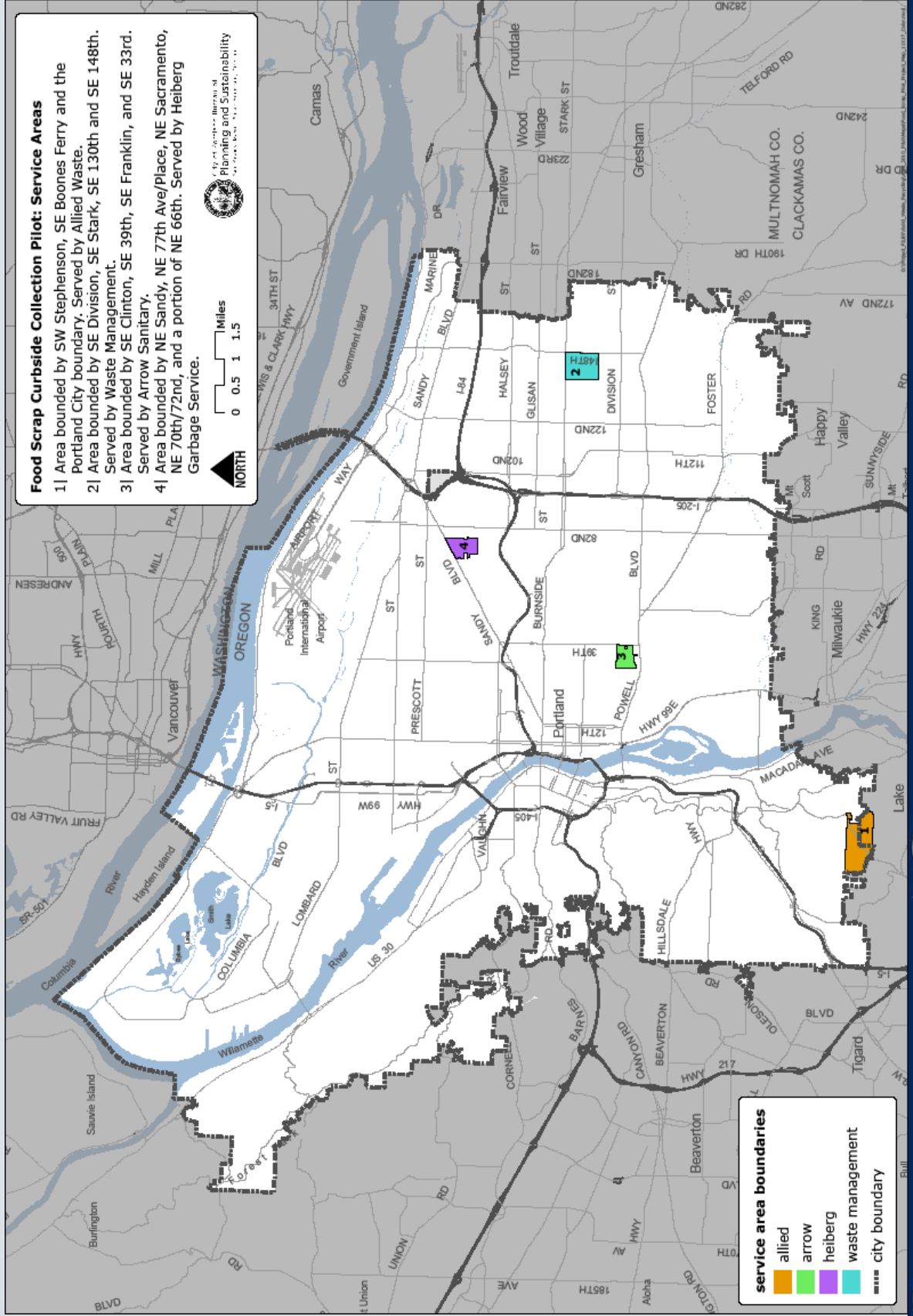
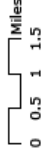
- 2000 households
- *Weekly* yard debris with food scraps
- *Every-other-week* garbage



Pilot Program

Food Scrap Curbside Collection Pilot: Service Areas

- 1| Area bounded by SW Stephenson, SE Boones Ferry and the Portland City boundary. Served by Allied Waste.
- 2| Area bounded by SE Division, SE Stark, SE 130th and SE 148th. Served by Waste Management.
- 3| Area bounded by SE Clinton, SE 39th, SE Franklin, and SE 33rd. Served by Arrow Sanitary.
- 4| Area bounded by NE Sandy, NE 77th Ave/Place, NE Sacramento, NE 70th/72nd, and a portion of NE 66th. Served by Heiberg Garbage Service.



service area boundaries

- allied
- arrow
- heiberg
- waste management
- city boundary

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 The information on this map was derived from City of Portland GIS databases. Care was taken in the creation of this map but it is provided "as is".

City of Portland Food Scrap Curbside Collection Pilot



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Pilot Outcomes

- *Program participation:* 66% of households are collecting food scraps every day
- *Efficacy:* almost half the food scraps are being diverted from the garbage
- *Satisfaction:* 87% of pilot households are satisfied with the new program



Pilot Outcomes

- Garbage dropped 30% in pilot areas
- 40% of garbage cans were *not* full on pick-up day
- Just 7% of pilot customers switched to a bigger garbage can



INCLUDE THE FOOD

STARTING OCTOBER 31
You can add food scraps along with yard debris
in your green roll cart!

BE CART SMART

YOUR NEW CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE



WEEKLY



WEEKLY



EVERY-OTHER
WEEK



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DON'T LET YOUR GARBAGE GO TO WASTE



Composting Q&A...

Why are we doing this?

Locally, food scraps account for almost 20,000 tons of unnecessary garbage every year. Composting food scraps and our waste going to the landfill and create a nutrient-rich compost for fertilizing yards and gardens. Compost also prevents erosion, retains water and blocks disease and weeds.

Composting our food scraps will also help Portland reach its goal of recycling 75 percent of our waste, a target set by City Council in 2007 through the Portland Recycled Plan. Portland's recycling rate is currently 67 percent.

What if I already compost in my backyard?

Continue to backyard compost. With the new Curbside Collection Service, many items that should not be composted in your backyard, such as meat, bones, dairy, grease, or oil, food scraps and pizza delivery boxes, will now go in the green Portland Composed roll cart.

What about smells and rodents?

Residents in the Portland Food Scrap Curbside Collection Pilot areas haven't reported any significant increase in pests around their garbage, recycling or food scrap collection bins. Collecting food scraps in the green roll cart is similar to putting them in the garbage—a household hasn't experienced problems with pests and food odors in the past, so it's likely they will with the new system.

Where do the food scraps go?

The food scraps will go to Oregon commercial composting facilities with state-of-the-art processes to quickly break down the organic material. Compost from these businesses is sold to landscapers and other agricultural users.

Questions about the new Curbside Collection Service?

Visit: www.portlandcomposts.com

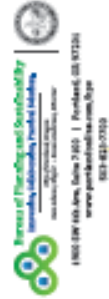
Email: wasteinfo@portslandoregon.gov

Call: 503-823-7202

During the roll-out of the new Curbside Collection Service, the Curbside Roll Cart will be orange or blue, and curbside recycling bins.

Events: We'll be out at community events and meetings to answer questions. Look for the "Include the Food!" booth.

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SPECIAL EDITION!

All you need to know about changes to your composting, recycling and garbage service.

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WEEKLY WASTE
WEEKLY FOOD SCRAPS

INCLUDE THE FOOD

Portland Composed

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New curbside composting, recycling and garbage service begins October 31!

After a successful year-and-a-half long pilot with 2,000 Portland households, the City of Portland is rolling out new composting, recycling and garbage services, which include food scrap collection.

What are the changes?

1. Starting October 31, most residents will be able to add food scraps, along with yard debris, to their green Portland Composed roll carts. These changes apply to all single-family households and buildings with four or fewer units.

2. As part of this new service, collection of the green Portland Composed roll cart will increase to weekly, and garbage collection will change to every-other-week. This will allow for additional food scrap and yard debris collection without raising prices for most residents.

There are no changes with the blue Portland Recycled roll cart and yellow gas recycling bin. They will continue to be collected weekly.

With the new service, instead of throwing away things like meat, dairy, bones, vegetable and grains, you will be able to send food scraps to local composting facilities where they will be turned into a nutrient-rich fertilizer for yards and gardens.

Ongoing support from the City's customer service team will help Portlanders become a skilled food scrap collection as they already are at recycling. You can call, email or go online to learn how to plan for your household's needs and successfully collect food scraps.

What to expect

Before the program starts on October 31, residents will receive a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps. Instructions on food scrap collection, tips for maintaining the kitchen pail and green roll cart, and information about selecting the right service option for your household.





**INCLUDE
THE FOOD**

Three easy ways to get help

1 Online

www.portlandcomposts.com

2 Hotline

503-823-7202

3 Email

wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov



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TIPS FOR YOUR KITCHEN PAIL



- Empty your kitchen pail into your green roll cart **frequently**.
- Use an optional **kitchen pail liner** – newspaper, paper bag or approved compostable bag.
- Wash your kitchen pail in the dishwasher or by hand.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen pail and green roll cart to avoid odors.

TIPS FOR YOUR GREEN ROLL CART



- Set your green roll cart **out weekly**.
- Freeze food items and add to your green roll cart on your pickup day.
- Place sheets of newspaper on the bottom of your green roll cart to help absorb moisture.
- Use soap and water to clean your green roll cart. Pour dirty water onto grass or gravel, not down the storm drain.

Give your garbage disposal a break!

Resist using garbage disposals for food scraps. Grease, fats and oils are especially harmful and should go in your garbage. Give our sewer system a break and compost your food scraps instead!

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New Address: 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232



Curbside Collection E-Schedule

Now available in PortlandMaps.

Enter your address to find information about your curbside collection schedule and pick-up day:

Address: (then press "enter" on your keyboard)

This new feature in PortlandMaps allows you to:

- Check your collection schedule online
- Find your garbage and recycling company
- Download a calendar reminder to your computer or mobile device



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On the curb by 6 AM



Composting
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Recycling
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Garbage
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Next Steps

- Check out the E-schedule:
www.portlandonline.com/bps/eschedule
- Watch for your information packet and kitchen pail
- On October 31, include the food!

