



Winter 2016

Newsletter and Recycling/Refuse Calendar

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PGH.st

The City of Pittsburgh is proud to announce the launch of PGH.st, a City-sponsored app created to help assist residents with trash and recycling collections schedules.

PGH.st was conceived at the 2014 Steel City Codefest (Codefest), the annual civic software application (app) development competition designed to grow the City's innovation and technology community through the creation of technology infrastructure.

Through the app, City residents receive text messages reminding them the day before their trash and/or recycling is due at the curb. The messages also note when holidays delay pickup. For more information visit www.pgh.st.



THE CITY WORKS WITH NEW RECYCLING PROCESSOR

All of the City's curbside recycling is now being processed by Recyclesource, LLC at the company's newly acquired Hazelwood facility. Recyclesource is a Pittsburgh based company with over 25 years of experience in the recycling industry. Recyclesource recently received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection commending their efforts and noted that they were becoming a model single-stream recycling facility for the region. By partnering with Recyclesource, the City of Pittsburgh continues to provide a wide range of curbside recycling options for its residents.

SAFETY FIRST

Did you know, that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, refuse/recycling collector is one of the most dangerous municipal jobs in America?

HELP KEEP OUR WORKERS SAFE! Please stay back 50 feet from refuse and recycling vehicles. Slow down and look for workers before you attempt to go around any truck.

NEVER THROW NEEDLES/SHARPS DIRECTLY INTO THE GARBAGE. Place needles, syringes and lancets in a hard plastic container with a tight-fitting plastic lid, labeled as medical waste. Please do not put the container in your recycling.

Wrap sharp objects (window glass/ metal) in heavy paper & place in a box sealed with tape or string and labeled as sharp. Please place this labeled box with your trash, not the recycling.

Please note that tires, hazardous chemicals, Freon containing appliances, computers and televisions will not be collected curbside by City workers and should be taken to an appropriate location for recycling.

The City does not collect carpeting installed by a professional, construction, building, explosive, infectious or flammable materials, propane tanks as well as car and automobile parts, bricks, cement, glass blocks, or marble or stone countertops.

TV'S, COMPUTERS AND OLD ELECTRONICS - oh my!



Not sure what to do with something.

Call the Recycling Hotline at 412-255-2631 or check

www.pittsburghpa.gov for the most up to date

information on all things recyclable.

Household Chemicals - Seasonal one day collections are held around the Pittsburgh region. Contact the Pennsylvania Resources Council for locations and dates 412-488-7452 or www.prc.org. Latex (water based) paint can be dried and placed with your refuse or taken to a collection site. Oil based paint or stains can only be disposed of at a collection site.

Unwanted or Expired Medications - Can be disposed of by depositing them in the secure Medication Collection Box located at the Pittsburgh Police Headquarters, 1203 Western Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

Recycling of Freon Appliances - Appliance Warehouse 412-381-8800 www.appliancewarehouse.com

TVs & Computers - A list of local electronics recycling options can be found on the City of Pittsburgh website: www.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/recycling or call 412-255-2631.

Loose / Extra Plastic Grocery Bags – Drop off at grocery or department stores. Do Not Include With Curbside Recycling.

Donate/Purchase Used and Surplus Building Materials - Construction Junction 412-243-5025 www.constructionjunction.org

Tires – City residents are able to drop off year round at three DPW drop-off locations. Limit two tires - no rims

Yard Waste, Grass & Leaves – City residents are able to drop-off materials year round at three DPW drop-off locations. Fees apply for larger amounts.

*City residents can also recycle yard waste during the spring and fall curbside collections. Saturday, May 14, 2016 and Saturday, November 12, 2016. Yard waste must be in paper bags only and placed at the normal refuse collection site. Bags should NOT exceed 35 pounds. Paper yard debris bags can be purchased at local hardware or department stores. Tree branches and bushes must be cut, bundle and tied in lengths not exceeding 5 foot. Tree branch diameter should not exceed 4 inches. Material in plastic bags or placed at the curb loose, will NOT be accepted. Additional information can be found at: www.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/yard-debris.

Christmas trees left curbside will not be recycled. Please Take Your Christmas tree to any Yard Debris Recycling Drop-Off listed on the back of calendar

For help with any non-emergency City of Pittsburgh concerns or questions, the 311 Response Center is available M-F from 7am - 4:30pm. City residents can dial 311 or 412-255-2621. You can also contact 311 via text at 412-573-9736, submit requests on the city website: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/311/form> or tweet us @Pgh311

Thanks, but **No Thanks...**

Most residents all across the City do a good job of recycling. Try as they may, some still get recycling wrong. Here are a few of the often included, but definitely not recyclable, list of items that tend to end up at the curb or in the drop-off recycling bins. Please don't include these items with your other recycling materials. They will not be recycled and eventually will end up in the landfill. When in doubt – throw it out!



Coffee Cups



**Housewares
Glass / Plates**



**Styrofoam /
Packing Peanuts**



HVAC Filters



Extra Plastic Bags



**Bubble /
Over Wrap**



Garden Hose



Clothes Hangers



Paper Plates



**Soiled Paper /
Food Waste**



**Plastic Toys /
5 Gallon Buckets**



**Plastic / metal
outdoor furniture**

Together Green Recycling Program – What is Accepted?

All clean bottles, cans, jugs, plastic containers and paper can be placed in the same blue bag or clearly marked blue recycling bin 35 gallons or less in size. Cardboard boxes must be flattened, bundled or tied. Shredded paper must be bagged & tied.



PROPER SET OUT

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WORKERS

The Bureau of Environmental Services is hiring qualified CDL drivers. For more information please go to www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/employmentcenter/ or call the City Job Hotline 412-255-2388



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 Bureau of Environmental Services
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
 2016 HOLIDAYS**

When a holiday falls on or before your collection day, your pickup will be one day later.

JAN 1 FRIDAY
NEW YEARS DAY

JAN 18 MONDAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

MAY 30 MONDAY
MEMORIAL DAY

JULY 4 MONDAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SEPT 5 MONDAY
LABOR DAY

NOV 24 THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING

DEC 26 MONDAY
CHRISTMAS OBSERVED

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**City of Pittsburgh Public Works Recycling
 Drop-Off Centers**

Open Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Drop-off centers may offer Saturday hours. Call each center for details.

East End Drop-Off Center
 (West Homewood/
 East Liberty)
 North Dallas Ave. at
 Hamilton Ave.
 412-665-3609

Hazelwood Drop-Off Center
 Melancton Ave
 off 5200 block of Second Ave.
 412-422-6524

West End Drop-Off Center
 Hassler St.
 Next to Herschel Field
 412-937-3054

Knoxville Drop-Off Center
 414 Bausman Street (off Mathews Avenue)
 412-488-8341

Strip District Drop-Off Center
 31st & Railroad Streets
 (under the 31st Street bridge)
 412-255-2631

These facilities are open 24 hours/ day. Open to small businesses, bars and restaurants.
 Do NOT accept yard debris, scrap metal or tires.

Construction Junction (Point Breeze)

Facility is open during Construction Junction business hours. Call 412-243-5025.
 214 N. Lexington Ave. (off Penn Ave.) Does NOT accept yard debris, scrap metal or tires.