



An effort to encourage residents, business districts and sports teams to recycle more - furthering Pittsburgh's image as the black, gold, and green City



New State Electronics Recycling Law to Take Effect

Due to a mandatory state law, beginning January 1, 2013, the **City is no longer legally permitted to collect TVs, computers and computer parts at the curb.** This new law seeks to keep harmful metals such as cadmium, lead and mercury out of the waste stream.

These items must be taken to an electronics retail store or a sponsored drop-off location. Some retailers have already begun to recycle these items. Please check the inside pages for a list of local retailers.

For more information on the new law, or a more comprehensive list of recyclers, visit the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website at dep.state.pa.us, or call their toll-free hotline at 1-800-346-4242.

Neighborhood Business Districts to Receive Recycling Bins

City workers began installing the first of 132 recycling bins that are being placed in business districts throughout the City. The effort is part of the Mayor's Taking Care of Business Districts program and funded in part by the DEP. Bins are already up in the North Shore, Downtown and Bloomfield and are making their way to a neighborhood near you.



The Following Materials are Recycled Curbside:

Place all of your recycling in the same blue bag(s). No sorting is needed.



Glass Jars and Bottles



Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans



Magazines and Calendars



Plastic Bottles and Containers



Newspapers and Inserts



Phone Books and Catalogs



Junk Mail



Office Paper and File Folders



Paperboard: Cereal Boxes, etc.



Paper Bags, Gift Wrap, Towel Rolls, etc.



Cardboard -flatten and tie all boxes

Message from the Mayor



Dear Neighbor,

Over the course of five-years, we've worked together to make our neighborhoods "greener" and healthier places for our children and families. Working with residents, over 100 vacant lots have been transformed into community gardens through our Green Up program. To save energy and reduce the City's electricity bills, we replaced streetlights with brighter and more energy-efficient LED lights and weatherized City-owned buildings. While these accomplishments are worthy to note, the most important success has been your work to recycle more at home.

Recycling at home is the best way for you and your family to do your part to improve the environment. In 2007, we launched a campaign called Together Green that sought to improve neighborhood recycling rates by making it easier for residents to recycle at the curb. We announced that all recyclable items, from magazines to soda cans, could be placed in the same blue bag instead of separated.

The numbers show that residents happily embraced this new, efficient option. Curbside recycling tonnage increased by more than 65% - from 9,500 tons in 2007 to a projected 15,725 tons in 2012!

In 2013, we expect our recycling numbers to improve further with the addition of over 100 recycling bins in local neighborhood business districts. Congratulations on a job well done, and here's to an even greener 2013.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

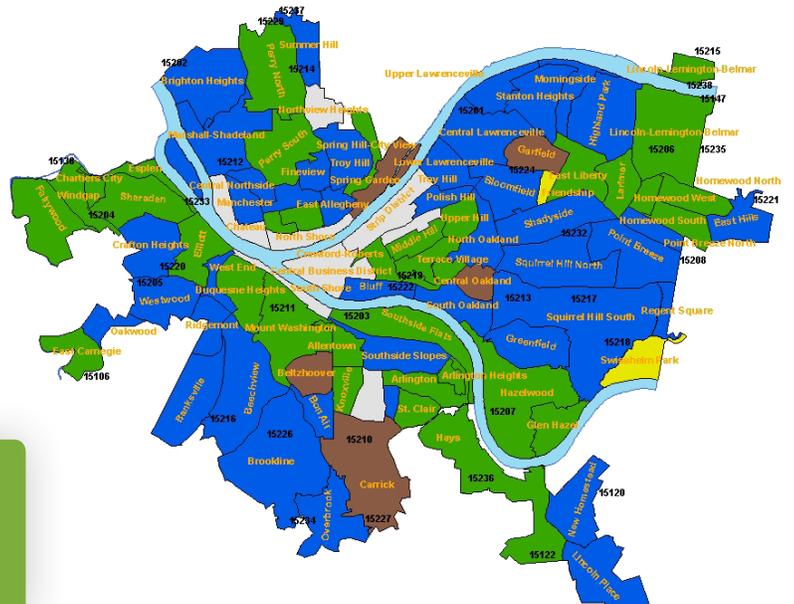
How Much Did Your Neighborhood Recycle in 2012?

Help to make your neighborhood a "Blue Star" neighborhood, with 65% recycling participation. With the Blue Star Recycling Program, the City is counting on your neighborhood to step up recycling participation by tracking your progress.

So how did your neighborhood do in 2012?

Neighborhood Recycling Participation Rating

- ★ Gold Star - above 90% recycling participation
- ★ Blue Star - above 65% recycling participation
- ★ Green Star - above 50% recycling participation
- Brown Circle - above 35% recycling participation
- Red Circle - below 35% recycling participation



DID YOU KNOW?

The increase in neighborhood recycling over the last five years has saved taxpayers \$878,125 through reduced landfill costs!

You Can Recycle Anything!

Here are some helpful resources:



Commercial, Residential & Institutional Recycling Information

City of Pittsburgh Recycling Division
Phone: 412-255-2631
Website: green.pittsburghpa.gov

Recycling of Freon Appliances

Appliance Warehouse
Phone: 412-381-8800
Website: www.appliancedisposal.org

Reuse of Medical Equipment

(ex: crutches, wheelchairs, braces)
Global Links
Phone: 412-361-3424
Website: www.globallinks.org

Recycle/Purchase Used and Surplus Building Materials

Construction Junction
Phone: 412-243-5025
Website: constructionjunction.org

Recycle Electronic Waste, Household Chemicals and Prescription Drugs; Attend Environmental Education Workshops

Pennsylvania Resources Council
Phone: 412-488-7452
Website: zerowastepgh.org

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Events

Allegheny CleanWays
Phone: 412-381-1301
Website: alleghenycleanways.org

RECYCLING COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS

Construction Junction

Phone: 412-243-5025
Website: constructionjunction.org

Goodwill Industries of SWPA

Website: goodwillswpa.org/computer-recycling
Phone: 412-481-9005

eLoop LLC Regional Recycling Center

Website: eloopllc.com
Phone: 724-519-7646

Best Buy Retailer (all locations)

* Please notify the City's Recycling Division at 412-255-2631 of any electronics recycling programs that you may know. We will update our website with new sites and programs.



More Recycling Drop-Off Locations

The Public Works 4th Division, located off of Route 51 at 414 Bausman Street, is now home to a new single stream recycling drop-off station. The Knoxville Recycling Drop-Off will be open 24 hours for residents and small businesses. Please note that tires, yard debris and scrap metals are not accepted at this location.

For a list of all City drop off locations, visit pittsburghpa.gov/green or call the Mayor's 3-1-1 Response Line.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Environmental Services
3001 Railroad Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201
412-255-2773

LUKE RAVENSTAHL, Mayor

BRUCE A. KRAUS, Chairperson
City Council Committee for Public Works

DUANE ASHLEY, Director of Operations

ROBERT W. KACZOROWSKI,
Director, Public Works

WILLIAM KLIMOVICH, Assistant
Director, Bureau of Environmental
Services

PRE-SORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PITTSBURGH, PA
PERMIT NO. 10



 Printed on recycled paper.

Important notice: NO CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Please take your Christmas tree to any Yard Debris Recycling Drop-Off listed on the back of calendar

HELP KEEP PITTSBURGH ONE OF AMERICA'S CLEANEST CITIES

Don't Trash My Turf Campaign

Join or start a neighborhood cleanup with Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and the Pennsylvania Resource Council's campaign to reduce litter.

Phone: 412-488-7490

Website: donttrashmyturf.com

Mayor's Redd Up Zone Initiative

Through this program, businesses and organizations recruit volunteers to adopt a "Redd Up Zone," committing to year-round cleanups in a designated area as well as tracking neighborhood maintenance concerns for the City to address. The City will provide street signage that publically acknowledges the groups' commitment to keeping Pittsburgh litter-free, along with the necessary materials and resources needed to get the job done.

Phone: 412-255-2280

pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh



A GAME PLAN FOR
PREVENTING LITTER

DontTrashMyTurf.org

DON'T FORGET...PUT A LID ON IT!

A secure lid prevents overflows,
decreases litter on our streets, deters
wildlife intrusion and provides a
cleaner, safer Pittsburgh for all of us.