Every other week on the same day as your scheduled trash collection, recycling crews will collect bottles, jugs, jars, cans, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, paperboard, white office paper, junk mail, phone books and mixed paper commingled in blue plastic bags, or clearly marked blue recycling containers not exceeding 35 gallons in size. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and bundled into another box or bin, not exceeding 5 feet. Refuse and bulk pickup every week.

When a holiday falls on or before your collection day, your pickup will be one day later. All items for pickup must be set out no earlier than 6:00pm on the night before collection and no later than 6:00am the day of collection. Trash must be stored in containers with tight-fitting lids. All trash cans used for set out must not exceed 35 gallons in size and must be removed from the curb after collection on your pickup day (City code 619). Snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after each snowfall. Please do not plow snow, sleet or ice against garbage receptacles. Please do not rake leaves into the street. They clog the sewer and create hazards. For more information, visit our website at www.pittsburghpa.gov or (412) 255-2773. For text or email collection reminders, visit PGH.st.
Reduce & Reuse

Reduce and use less. Reduce your consumption by using reusable grocery bags, water bottles, glass containers, buying in bulk, and opting out of receiving paper mail.

Reuse: Everyday decisions make a difference. Consider buying second-hand items to reduce waste.

Yard Debris

2020 Curbside Collection: Yard Debris will be collected curbside for composting on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Place at your trash/recycling collection site before 6:00 a.m. Yard debris must be in brown paper bags and not weigh greater than 35 pounds. Branches must be bundled with fiber twine or natural rope in branch lengths of 5 feet or less. Environmental Services will not accept stones, dirt, manure, lumber or food waste. Yard waste in plastic bags or placed at the curb loose will NOT be accepted.

Consider using our year round drop-off locations for yard waste! For a list of drop-off locations, visit pittsburghpa.gov.

Recycle

Recycling is mandatory and is collected every other week.

Curbside: Items must be clean, loose, and placed in a blue container not exceeding 35 gallons, blue bag, or City-issued container. All recyclables must be set away from household trash. SHREDDED PAPER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED CURBSIDE FOR RECYCLING. It must be contained in a plastic bag and taken to a drop-off center for recycling.

Accepted Items:

- Cardboard, flatten and bundle into another box or bin for collection.
- Mixed paper includes items such as cereal boxes, newspaper, white officer paper, and junk mail.
- Aluminum, steel and empty aerosol cans.
- Plastic & glass bottles, jars and jugs 3 gallons or less.

Excess can be taken to a drop-off location or held over for the next pickup. For a list of drop-off locations, visit pittsburghpa.gov.

Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Pittsburgh DOES NOT collect TVs, computer monitors, Freon appliances, air conditioners, lithium ion batteries, dehumidifiers or household chemical waste such as lead base paint, automotive fluids, pesticides or any hazardous or flammable materials. To recycle these items and more, please contact Pittsburgh’s partner, ECS&R at ecsr.net/pittsburgh-recycling.com or 866-815-0016 to schedule a drop-off or curbside appointment. Fees apply.

Landfill

Household refuse is picked up curbside every week.

- All trash cans used for set out must not exceed 35 gallons in size.
- Bulk Items: Each single family home or small apartment with 5 or fewer units is allowed two bulk items per week. Common bulk items would include furniture, windows, toilets, mattresses and box springs – items that are both too big to fit in a 35 gallon container and heavier than 35 lbs. Any excess over two bulk items will not be picked up unless special arrangements for a fee are made in advance by calling Environmental Services at 412-255-2773.
- Yard debris intended for collection with trash cannot exceed five bags.
- Excessive Construction and Demolition Material (besides small renovation projects) will not be collected and can result in a citation. Car and automotive parts are also prohibited.
- Carpeting and fencing must be tied, bundled and not exceeding 35 pounds or 5 feet in length.

Caution! Special handling of sharps: (these items are not to be placed with recycling.)

- Wrap sharp objects (glass/metal) in heavy paper and place in a box sealed with tape or string, labeled sharp.
- Place needles, syringes and lancets in a hard plastic container with a tight-fitting lid, labeled as medical waste.

Special handling of animal/human waste:

- Place diapers, animal feces/litter in a double plastic bag & place outside of the refuse container.