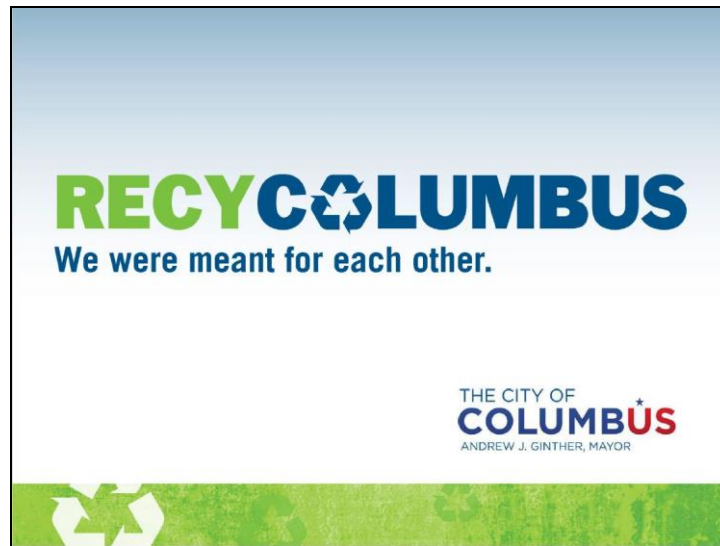


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RecyColumbus Success

- Through 2018 the residential recycling program diverted 206,632.15 TONS from the landfill.
- This has saved taxpayers \$11,244,252.32 in landfill tipping fees.



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Before we get started, I would like to tell you about the success we have had with residential recycling so far. Since the program began in June 2012, RecyColumbus has diverted 206,632.15 TONS of materials from the landfill. This has saved taxpayers \$11,244,252.32 in landfill tipping fees.

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Eligibility

- Residents are eligible for residential recycling if they have 90-gallon or 300-gallon refuse collection service.



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Residents in the City of Columbus are eligible to participate in RecyColumbus if they currently have either 90-gallon or 300-gallon refuse collection services. This includes single and multi-family homes and condo or apartment complexes. NOTE* Properties must have enough room to store the 64-gallon recycling carts between biweekly recycling collections to be eligible.

Schedule

- Recycling and yard waste are collected on the same day.
- Collection is every other week.
- You can check your scheduled pickup days and register for collection reminder online at www.recycolumbus.org



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Our intent is to simplify collection for our residents. Residents will simply pull their recycling and yard waste to their collection locations and both will be picked on the same day.

Place yard waste in biodegradable bags or a separate rigid container, **NOT** in the blue cart.

You can check your pick up schedule at www.recycolumbus.org

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Need a Collection Reminder?

- Reminders on phone, email, or calendar.
- Residents choose how to be reminded.
- Sign up at www.recycolumbus.org.
- Can also download the MyColumbus Mobile App on iPhone, iPad, and Android.



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To help residents remember recycling, yard waste, and trash collection days, you can sign up to receive reminders. It is completely FREE. Residents can choose to receive an e-mail, a phone call, or a calendar reminder for each collection service.

The reminder requires the resident to enter their address and then they will receive a personalized calendar for collection services. At the top of the calendar, you can request your reminders.

You can also use the MyColumbus mobile app to look up your collection days. This app is free and can be downloaded in the app store on both Apple and Android devices.

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Using the Blue Recycling Cart



- Recycling Tips
 - No Sorting Required
 - Lids/caps/labels can be kept on
 - No dirty recyclables!
 - Rinse jars and cans
 - **No plastic bags or yard waste**
 - Keep recycling cart lid closed
- See the cart lid for recycling information



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Everything that is recyclable can be placed into the blue cart without having to sort the materials.

Here are a few reminders:

Keep lids, caps, and labels on the recyclables- no need to remove them before placing them in the blue cart.

Food and liquid left in containers make recyclables difficult to process and may be unusable. Please rinse any containers and do not recycle materials that are heavily soiled with food, grease, or liquid.

If you ever have any questions about what can be recycled, take a look at your cart lid or visit www.RecyColumbus.org and use the waste wizard.

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Using the Blue Recycling Cart

- The blue cart should hold two weeks worth of recyclables.
- Recyclables include:
 - Paper/Cardboard
 - Plastic Bottles/Jugs
 - Glass Bottles/Jars
 - Metal Cans
 - Food/Beverage Cartons



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Households that use the 64-gallon cart recycle more pounds on average than those who use smaller bins. That is one reason the City of Columbus has chosen this size of cart. The average time it takes to fill one of these carts is about 2 weeks.

Now, let's take a look at what can be recycled. (Read the list of items) This list has caused a little bit of confusion in the past, so let's take a look at what each of these items include.


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Paper/Cardboard



- Newspapers, including inserts
- Magazines
- Catalogs/phone books
- Junk Mail
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Pizza Boxes (free of food and grease)
- Other paperboard boxes, such as cereal and dry food boxes
- Computer paper



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Let's start with paper and cardboard. This list includes (read list).

According to the University of Southern Indiana, each ton of paper product recycled saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution.

Plastic Bottles/Jugs

- Plastic bottles/jugs
- Beverage containers, such as water/soda bottles
- Milk/juice jugs
- Laundry/liquid dish soap bottles
- Shampoo/conditioner bottles
- Lids/caps/labels can be left on



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Here is a list of plastic items that can be recycled. (read list)

For plastic bottles and jugs, it is best to empty the bottle, crush it, and replace the lid back on the bottle. Loose lids can get stuck in the equipment.

Plastic that is NOT recyclable includes margarine tubs, plastic bags, yogurt cups, and clamshell/plastic boxes. At this point, we are not equipped to take these items, even though they have a recycling mark on the container.

Fact: Less than 30% of all plastic bottles are recycled each year (US EPA)

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Glass Bottles/Jars & Metal Cans

- o Glass
 - Glass bottles/jars
 - All colors accepted
- o Metal
 - Aluminum cans
 - Steel cans
 - Empty aerosol cans (non-hazardous)



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Glass bottles, jars, and metal (steel and aluminum cans) can be recycled. But only glass bottles or jars that once contained food or drinks.

Be sure to rinse the glass before placing it in the blue cart.

Materials such as window glass, ceramics, and lightbulbs are not accepted for recycling. Please reinforce that we DO take non-hazardous aerosol cans. Hair spray bottles are an example of what we would accept, we do not accept WD-40 or other hazardous material cans.

Fun Fact: Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours, power a computer for 30 minutes, or light up a television for 20 minutes. (ISRI)

Food & Beverage Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Broth boxes
- Wine boxes
- Juice cartons/ other boxes



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Food and beverage cartons can also be recycled. Often, they are made with mixed materials- usually paper coated with polypropylene film or aluminum. These can call be recycled.

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Look for SWACO Drop Boxes

- If you are not eligible, look for SWACO drop boxes
- Can drop off recyclables for FREE
- You can find the closest drop box at <http://www.swaco.org/Facilities?clear=False>



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If you are not eligible to recycle, no problem. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) has drop boxes throughout the city where residents can drop off their recyclables for free.

You can go to www.swaco.org to search for a drop off facility.

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Need More Cart Space?

- Purchase a second cart for \$48.38
- Purchased cart belongs to resident
- Provides extra space to recycle
- Easy to order and will be dropped off within one week
- www.RecyColumbus.org



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We have found that many residents have needed extra recycling carts because they are such avid recyclers. You can order a second cart for \$48.38. This price includes tax, warranty, and delivery of the cart to your home.


Unlike the cart delivered by the City at the start of RecyColumbus, this cart is the buyers property and they can take it when they move. The order process, including delivery, takes about one week. You can download a purchase form at www.recyrecolumbus.org

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How You Can Help

Help Us Spread the Word!

- Speak to local groups/clubs
- Hand out information at neighborhood fairs and festivals
- Organize a neighborhood recycling event



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I would like to invite you to support the RecyColumbus education program in your neighborhood. It is easy and fun to do.

You can hand out information at local fairs, festivals, and celebrations. Or, if public speaking is your gig, you can give this presentation to your group.

RecyColumbus will provide all of the materials free of charge. You just provide the ideas on local events and recruit the people to make it happen.

More Information on Being Green

- RecyColumbus is just one of the City's great green initiatives
 - Columbus Greenspot
 - Sustainable Columbus
 - Blueprint Columbus
 - Keep Columbus Beautiful

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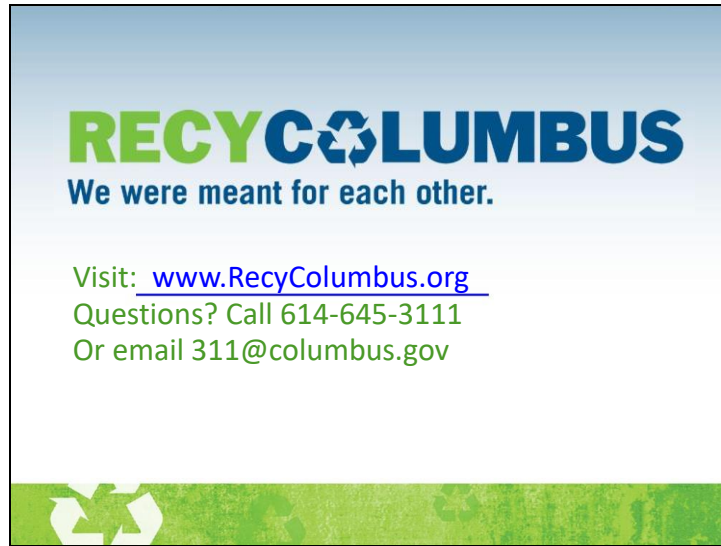
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Recycling is just one way to be greener. You can also visit Columbus Greenspot. It is an online place where people go in our city to learn about living and working greener, and commit to doing it- in their homes, businesses, and communities.

You can also check out Sustainable Columbus, Blueprint Columbus, and the award winning Keep Columbus Beautiful.



I want to take the time to thank you for your interest in learning more about recycling. If you have any questions, please check out www.RecyColumbus.org or call 614-645-3111. You can also email 311@columbus.gov with any questions you may have.

Thank you again for coming today.