

RECYCOLUMBUS

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THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
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RecyColumbus Success

- ◉ Diverted 150K tons of from the landfill
- ◉ Saving over \$8 million in landfill fees for taxpayers
- ◉ 201,326 residents recycling
- ◉ RecyColumbus has given 450+ presentations



Eligibility

- ◉ Eligible condos, apartments and townhouses
- ◉ Entire complex must use 90 or 300-gallon trash containers serviced by the City of Columbus
- ◉ Complexes must have enough room to store blue recycling carts
- ◉ Cart delivery from March to April
- ◉ Bi-weekly collection will start immediately



Schedule

- Recycling and yard waste collected on same day
- Collection will still be bi-weekly



Why Did These Changes Happen?



- ◉ People still confused recycling and yard waste collection day
- ◉ Collection on same day will make it easier
- ◉ Change will help processing of recyclables
- ◉ Make more efficient
- ◉ Recyclables will go to plant throughout month – not every other week



Why Did These Changes Happen?



- ◉ Improve plant's ability to handle recyclables
- ◉ Widget and mobile app remind residents of collection days



Need a Collection Reminder?



- ◉ Free program
- ◉ Reminders on phone, email or calendar
- ◉ Residents choose how to be reminded
- ◉ Sign-up at www.RecycleColumbus.org
- ◉ Can also download the MyColumbus Mobile App and get calendars on iPhone, iPad and Droid
- ◉ To download MyColumbus App, visit <http://mayor.columbus.gov/MyColumbus/>



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**

○ See the cart lid for recycling information



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



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



Plastic Bottles/Jugs

- ◉ Plastic bottles/jugs
- ◉ Beverage containers, such as water/soda bottles
- ◉ Milk/juice jugs
- ◉ Laundry/liquid dish soap bottles
- ◉ Shampoo bottles
- ◉ Lids/caps/labels on the bottles = OK



Glass Bottles/Jars & Metal Cans



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



Food & Beverage Cartons

- ◉ Milk cartons
- ◉ Chicken broth boxes
- ◉ Wine boxes
- ◉ Juice cartons/
other boxes



Look for SWACO Drop Boxes



- ◉ If not eligible, look for SWACO drop boxes
- ◉ Can drop off recyclables for free
- ◉ To find a drop box
<http://www.swaco.org/Facilities?clear=False>



Need More Cart Space

- ◉ Purchase second cart for \$40+tax
- ◉ Purchased cart belongs to resident
- ◉ Provides extra space to recycle
- ◉ Easy to order and will be dropped off within a week
- ◉ www.RecycleColumbus.org
- ◉ Not sure if it is recyclable? Check out the Waste Wizard:
<https://www.columbus.gov/public-service/RecyColumbus/>



How You Can Help

Help Us Spread the Word:

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



More Information on Being Green

- ◉ RecyColumbus is just one of the City's great green initiatives
 - Columbus GreenSpot
 - Branch Out Columbus
 - Blueprint Columbus



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Questions? Call 645-3111

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