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## Final Sizzling Summer Giveaway Winners Selected



**RecyColumbus** has awarded gift baskets to Columbus recycling advocates throughout the summer as a thank you for being Columbus recycling superstars and using the new Collection Day Reminder service. The final two baskets were given away to Rhannon Decker of Clintonville and Robert Podlogar of Merion Village.

The summer's four winners were selected from the 14,366 residents who had signed up for the new reminder service. The free tool reminds residents when recycling, yard waste and trash collection will occur in their neighborhood. We asked our winners to weigh in on recycling.

**Robert Podlogar:**

**Q: How does RecyColumbus compare to the subscription recycling service you used before?**

**A:** "Ever since curbside recycling has started it has allowed more people to recycle with ease. We have been recycling for years, so it wasn't as big of a change for us, but for my neighbors it helped them start becoming more environmentally friendly."

## Questions?

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## Need a Reminder?

**Q: How helpful has the Collection Day Reminder service been?**

**A:** "Anytime you can get a notification about when to take your recycling out it is very helpful. Because it is collected every two weeks it really helps people remember when their collection day is."

**Q: What would you say to encourage others to use the new Collection Day Reminder service?**

**A:** "Signing up for the reminder is not labor intensive, it only takes a few seconds and it has extraordinary benefits for our community. You should sign up today!"

**Q: Do you have any recycling tips to share?**

**A:** "I would encourage people to really look at the items they are recycling before they just toss them in, just to make sure it can be recycled. After they get used to recycling it will become second nature and soon they will remember what can and can't be recycled."

**Rhiannon Decker:**

**Q: Why is it important to recycle?**

**A:** "Recycling helps you take pride in your community and keeps waste out of our landfill."

**Q: You have been recycling for over two years, what do you think of the program so far?**

**A:** "I think it excellent and I am so glad to have it. **RecyColumbus** gives people an incentive to live in Columbus."

**Q: Have you missed a collection day since signing up for the reminder service?**

**A:** "No, in fact I have helped my neighbors remember when their collection day is too. It is so helpful, especially when there is a holiday and your schedule changes, it really keeps me on track."

**Q: Do you have any recycling tips to share?**

**A:** "I crush up my cans and bottles and put them in the bottom of the cart. The bottom of the cart is smaller, so by putting the smaller items on the bottom you can fit more recyclables in the cart. I would also recommend breaking down cardboard. The other thing I do is use a second trash can to collect my recyclables and then when that gets full I dump it in the cart, that way I save trips outside."

To sign up for free Collection Day Reminders, visit [www.311.columbus.gov/colorday](http://www.311.columbus.gov/colorday).

Thank you to our generous partners that donated contest prizes:



Recyclers can use the Collection Day Reminder service to receive regular notices about their trash, recycling and yard waste collection day. The tool lets residents choose a phone call, email or online calendar reminder.

To sign up for the free reminders, visit [www.311.columbus.gov/colorday](http://www.311.columbus.gov/colorday).

## Check Out the Recycle Band on Daytime Columbus!





**SPLENDID ICE CREAMS**



## High-Tech Recycling and Trash Containers to be Installed



The City of Columbus is taking recycling and trash collection a step further by investing in smart recycling and trash containers that hold four times more materials than the current containers.

The containers can sense their capacity and will alert crews when they are full and need collection. The trash compactor in the containers will allow more materials to fit in and reduce collection frequency. Recyclables will not be compacted to ensure they can be sorted at the recycling processing facility.

"These new containers will reduce trash overflows in our

In case you missed a recent episode of the NBC 4 show Daytime Columbus, RecyColumbus has posted a clip of the Recycle Band's performance on [YouTube](#). The band appeared with Columbus City Councilmember Michelle Mills.

The band started the segment with a short performance, then Councilmember Mills discussed the program with host Gail Hogan.

## Columbus Residents Know How to Recycle



The results from the August residential recycling survey are in: residents have overwhelmingly showed their support for recycling!

In August, 75 percent of Columbus residents were regularly participating in the program, which is an increase of 13 percent from April 2014. During the survey period 150,302 recycling carts were serviced and approximately 1,295 tons of recyclables were collected.

The results for the September participation survey will be announced in early October. The final participation survey for the year will take place from November 10-21.

## Educate Your Students About Recycling



neighborhoods and protect our environment by reducing the amount of waste we send to the landfill," Mayor Michael B. Coleman said.

All the containers will be delivered to businesses in the Short North as part of the City's Recycling on High Street pilot program. Since July 2013 the City has partnered with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Rumpke to bring recycling to 40 businesses on High Street between Broad Street and Lane Avenue.

The first of the containers were installed on September 23 at the North Market. Weather permitting, in the coming weeks the remaining containers will be installed at 611, 714, 841, 1030, 1109 and 1301 North High Street and 59 Spruce Street. The equipment is operational immediately following installation.

The same materials that are recycled in the blue recycling carts can be put in the new smart containers, including glass and plastic bottles, cans and paper.

"Residents and visitors in and along the High Street corridor are ready to embrace a new, environmentally friendly way of making sure this area is clean," said Councilmember Michelle M. Mills, chair of the Environment Committee. "I look forward to the installation of these new containers for all to use."

The Short North was chosen as the location to pilot the containers because of demand from businesses and residents, as well as widespread usage of existing recycling services. Other neighborhoods may be considered for additional containers based upon need, demand and the success of the pilot containers.

## RecyColumbus Summer Roundup

**RecyColumbus** volunteers were all over the City this summer spreading the word about residential recycling. Below is a photo montage of some of events they attended.



Mayor Michael B. Coleman joined the RecyColumbus Recycle Band at the 2014 Fam Jam at Columbus Commons.



Even our youngest residents can be recycling advocates. RecyColumbus has developed a variety of educational tools to encourage tomorrow's leaders to recycle today. Below are list of activities you can start doing with your tyke today!

**Coloring Sheets** - [Request](#) coloring sheets that educate kids on what can and can't be recycled.

**GreenSpot Kids** - [Download](#) educational posters and books, play games and learn green tips.

**Request a Speaker** - Have a **RecyColumbus speaker** come to your school, club or sports meeting.

**Go on a Tour** - [Visit](#) the Columbus Rumpke Recycling Processing Facility and learn about the recycling process. Children must be 14 years or older to participate.

**YouTube** - [Click here](#) to watch educational videos about how to become a better recycler.



The Recycle Segway was all over the City this summer, attending more than 10 different events. Some attended events included the Columbus Pride Festival, the Clintonville July 4th Celebration and the Columbus Food Truck Cart Festival.



Area children had a chance to make instruments out of recyclables at Commons for Kids. **RecyColumbus** Speaking Ambassadors attended the event and taught participants how to make drums out of aluminum cans and maracas out of plastic bottles.



**RecyColumbus** even had a presence on OSU campus this summer. During Welcome Week **RecyColumbus** donated 2,000 information cards and magnets to students.



**RecyColumbus** Speaking Ambassadors also attending the Long Street Bridge Cultural Wall unveiling in July. Hundreds flocked to the **RecyColumbus** booth to learn about residential recycling.

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