

Refuse Collection Schedule

In most Columbus neighborhoods, residents are assigned a color that determines their refuse collection day. Color collection days rotate forward one day after each City observed holiday and remain on that day until the next City holiday. The remaining neighborhoods have a two-day collection window. During holiday weeks, residents with a two-day collection window will receive refuse collection on the second day of their two-day window, if their collection day falls on or after the holiday.

To determine your collection day, contact the **311 Service Center at 614-645-3111** or online 311.columbus.gov.

Yard Waste & Recycling Schedule

Yard waste and recycling schedules do not rotate throughout the year. Yard Waste and recycling is collected on the same day every other week. During holiday weeks, collection days that fall on or after the holiday will move forward one day, and will return to the regular schedule the following scheduled collection. (Friday collections will occur on Saturday the week of the holiday.) If you are unsure of your collection day, contact the **311 Service Center at 614-645-3111** or online at 311.columbus.gov.



City Observed Holidays

There are no collections on holidays observed by the City of Columbus: New Years, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Illegal Dumping, Litter and Graffiti

You may have seen it.....a truck dumping tires, furniture or refuse in an alley or litter being thrown from a car. It's called illegal dumping, and it's a serious problem. Help us catch illegal dumpers. Jot down the license plate number and if possible get photos or video. To report littering and illegal dumping to the 311 Service Center at **614-645-3111** or online at 311.columbus.gov.

Keep Columbus Beautiful

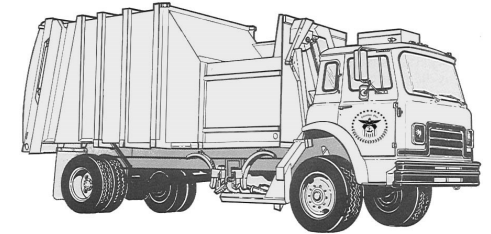
Keep Columbus Beautiful (KCB) can help you organize and equip a neighborhood cleanup. Additionally, KCB can provide speakers to promote litter prevention and recycling.

KCB can also offer advice on removing graffiti from private property. To find out more, contact the **311 Service Center at 614-645-3111** or online at keepcolumbusbeautiful.org.



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Resident's Guide to Collection Services



THE CITY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SERVICE

Weekly Refuse Collection



Household Refuse—To determine the day of collection for your household refuse, yard waste, and recycling contact the **311 Service Center** at **614-645-3111** or online at 311.columbus.gov. To prevent litter and to deter rodents, refuse must be bagged, tied securely, and placed inside your City of Columbus refuse container. **Do not put any refuse on the ground around the container.** Only refuse inside the container will be collected. If you are in a 300-gallon collection area, and the container nearest you is full, please use the closest container available within your residential block.

Wheeled containers must be within 1 foot of the curb or alley, with the arrow facing outward for collection, and at least 4 feet from obstructions, including but not limited to vehicles, fences, mailboxes, telephone poles, other refuse or recycling containers, yard waste, and scheduled bulk items. Refuse containers must be placed out for collection by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Containers must be removed from the point of collection by 2:00 p.m. on the day following the scheduled collection day. If your container is not collected or is damaged or stolen,

contact the **311 Service Center**.



If you are unable to put your container out for collection due to a medical condition, contact the **311 Service Center** to obtain information regarding our “Exemption Service.”

Bulk Items—Large household bulk items that are too big to fit into your refuse container, such as furniture, mattresses, and non-refrigerant appliances, must be **scheduled for bulk collection, by contacting the 311 Call Center** at **614-645-3111** or online at 311.columbus.gov. Residents with 300-gallon collection must place their scheduled bulk items directly behind their address on their side of the alley. **Bags and boxed items are not considered bulk and should be placed inside your refuse container.**

The division does not collect items such as remodeling and con-

struction debris, tires, refrigerated appliances, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, car parts, pianos, or pool tables. Please check the *Yellow Pages* under “Rubbish and Garbage Removal” or contact the **311 Service Center** for information on proper disposal of these items.



Another option for disposing of large items in good condition is to donate them to a charitable organization. Franklin County’s HandsOn Central Ohio program can provide referrals to organizations that will accept donations of old furniture, appliances, or other items such as clothes. Most central Ohio residents can reach HandsOn Central Ohio by dialing **211**, others may call **614-221-2255**.

Recycling



container.

Residents are encouraged to recycle. It saves energy, creates local jobs and lengthens the life of the landfill. Convenient biweekly recycling is available to qualifying residents in Columbus. Do not bag or sort recyclables; simply rinse as needed and place them in your recycling container.

Recyclable items include: Aluminum and steel cans and lids, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, telephone books and other paper, glass bottles and jars, cartons and juice boxes, plastic bottles and jugs. To recycle items not listed, visit SWACO.org.

Place your recycling container at the same location as your refuse for pickup, at least 4 feet from items, such as vehicles, refuse containers, and mailboxes. Residents with alley collection should place their recycling container on their side of the alley directly behind their home by 6:00 a.m. on their scheduled collection day, and remove them from the point of collection by 2:00 p.m. on the day following the scheduled collection day.

Drop-off Recycling: In addition, there are free drop-off recycling locations available in and around Columbus. For locations, call the **311 Service Center** or visit swaco.org.

Yard Waste

Leaves, grass clippings and small branches cannot be placed inside refuse containers. Columbus provides bi-weekly curbside yard waste collection. Yard waste must be placed in paper lawn and leaf bags or in reusable containers marked “Yard Waste.” **Yard waste will not be collected in plastic bags.** Small branches should be tied into bundles with twine, no larger than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Yard waste bags, containers, or bundles must not exceed 50 lbs. Branches/limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter are not accepted. Christmas trees are collected, but must be free of all decorations and tree bags, and must be cut into lengths no longer than 4 feet.



Fruit and vegetables should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Dirt, rocks, and sod should be taken to a site seeking fill dirt.

Yard waste should be placed in front of your home at the curb, at least 4 feet from refuse and recycling containers, fire hydrants, mailboxes, or trees. Contact the City’s **311 Service Center** at **614-645-3111** or online at 311.columbus.gov to determine your yard waste collection day.

Drop-off Yard Waste: In addition, there are free drop-off yard waste locations available in and around Columbus. For locations, call the **311 Service Center** or visit swaco.org.

Household Hazardous Waste



Household chemicals, such as drain cleaners, paint thinner, oil based paint, car batteries, gasoline, used oil, and other materials that pollute the environment and could be hazardous to collection personnel, must not be placed in the collection containers. Contact the **311 Service Center** for information regarding household hazardous waste drop off locations or visit swaco.org.

