

# RECYCOLUMBUS

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## New

Residential Recycling Service is  
Coming to Columbus!



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# Why Recycling is Important



- Residents consider recycling a basic city service
- Preserves the environment
- Keeps reusable items out of the landfill
- Saves money
  - Recycle more, spend less on landfill fees
- Creates and retains jobs



# RecyColumbus Quick Facts



- The average American produces 4.54 pounds of trash daily
  - About 60% is recyclable!
- Glass and plastic bottles buried in a landfill do not decompose
- Aluminum can be continually recycled
  - Two-thirds of the aluminum ever produced is in use today!



# What to Expect in the Coming Year

- ◉ Who's eligible? Columbus city residents who live in a single-family home or building of four attached units or less that is not part of a complex
- ◉ All eligible households receive a 64-gallon blue recycling cart
- ◉ No additional cost to residents



# What to Expect in the Coming Year

- ◉ When the cart arrives, write your street address on the label in permanent marker
- ◉ Put recyclables in the cart every day - no sorting required
- ◉ On collection day, roll the blue cart to the same location as the trash container



# RecyColumbus Begins Spring 2012

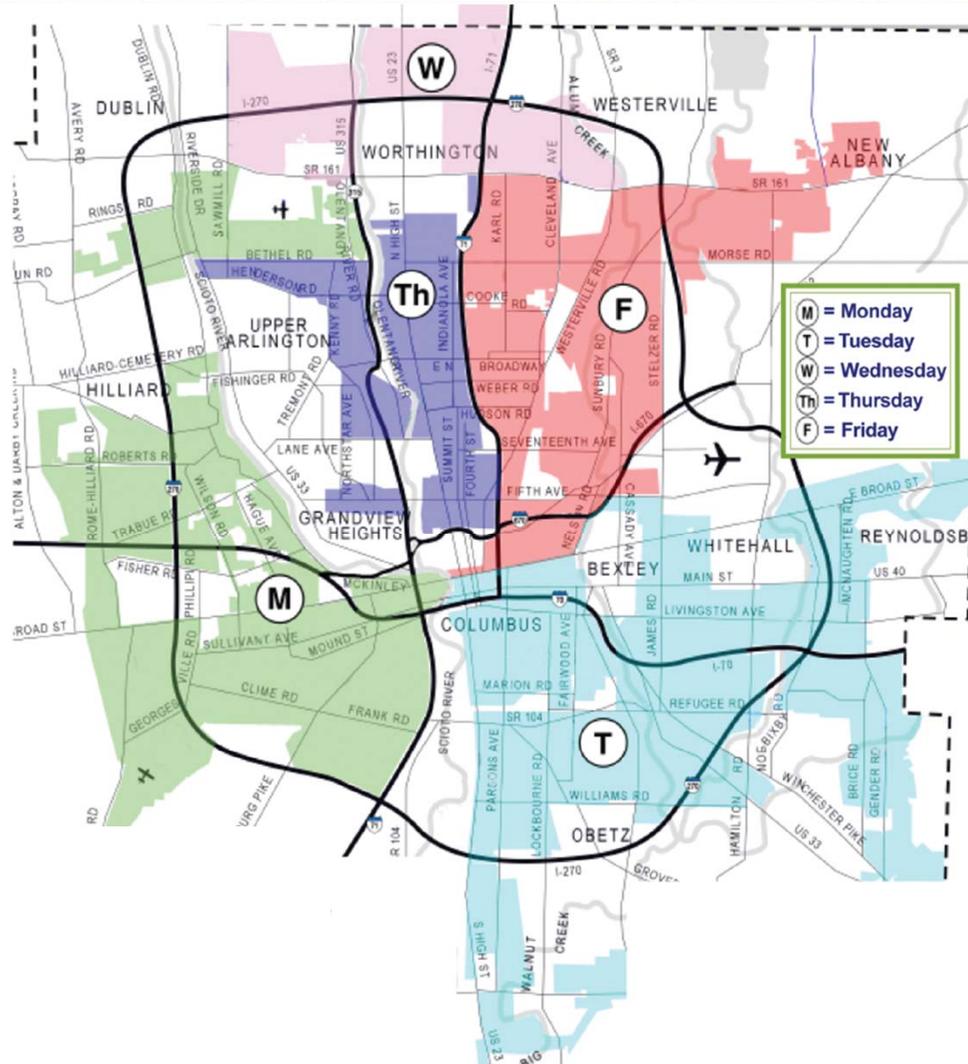


- Blue carts delivered 4-6 weeks before recycling collection service begins

## CART DELIVERY AND COLLECTION SCHEDULE 9 MONTHS/5 PHASES

Phase	Yard Waste Collection Day	Cart Delivery Begins	Recycling Collection Begins
1	Monday	4/16/12	6/4/12
2	Tuesday	6/11/12	7/31/12
3	Wednesday	8/6/12	9/26/12
4	Thursday	10/15/12	12/6/12
5	Friday	12/10/12	2/1/13

# Implementation Schedule



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# Regular Trash & Yard Waste



- Trash collection service does not change
- Yard waste collection moves to every other week
- Yard waste and subscription recycling services continue until new residential recycling service begins





# WHAT IS MY RECYCLING & YARD WASTE DAY?

For your annual collection schedule, visit:  
[www.RecyColumbus.org](http://www.RecyColumbus.org)

Questions? Call 645-3111

Or email [311@columbus.gov](mailto:311@columbus.gov)

# 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
- 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



# 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



# 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 kick-off event
- ◉ Organize high school students for a literature drop-off



# How You Can Help

## *Help Us Spread the Word:*

- Use social media
  - “Like us” on Facebook, Blog, tweet
  - [www.twitter.com/ColumbusDPS](http://www.twitter.com/ColumbusDPS)
  - [www.facebook.com/ColumbusPublicService](http://www.facebook.com/ColumbusPublicService)
- Upload a recycling video on our YouTube channel
  - [www.youtube.com/CityofColumbus](http://www.youtube.com/CityofColumbus)
- Email your friends/contacts about the program (We have suggested language!)



# How You Can Help

*We Have Everything You Need to Help:*

- ◉ Electronic Community Outreach Toolkit
  - [RecycleColumbus.org](http://RecycleColumbus.org)
- ◉ Volunteer form
- ◉ RecyColumbus Updates



# How You Can Help

## *How Else Can We Get Your Neighbors to Recycle?*

- ◉ Neighborhood meetings or civic groups
- ◉ Local events/festivals
- ◉ Meeting places
  - Churches, recreation centers
- ◉ Information distribution ideas
  - Door-to-door visits, phone calls, door hangers



# More Information on Being Green



- ◉ RecyColumbus is just one of the City's great green initiatives
  - [GetGreenColumbus.org](http://GetGreenColumbus.org)
- ◉ Mayor Coleman's GreenSpot program



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