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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

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RecyColumbus Quick Facts

- The average American produces 4.54 pounds of trash daily
  - About 75% is recyclable!
- Glass and plastic bottles buried in a landfill never decompose
- Aluminum can be continually recycled
  - Two-thirds of the aluminum ever produced is in use today!

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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

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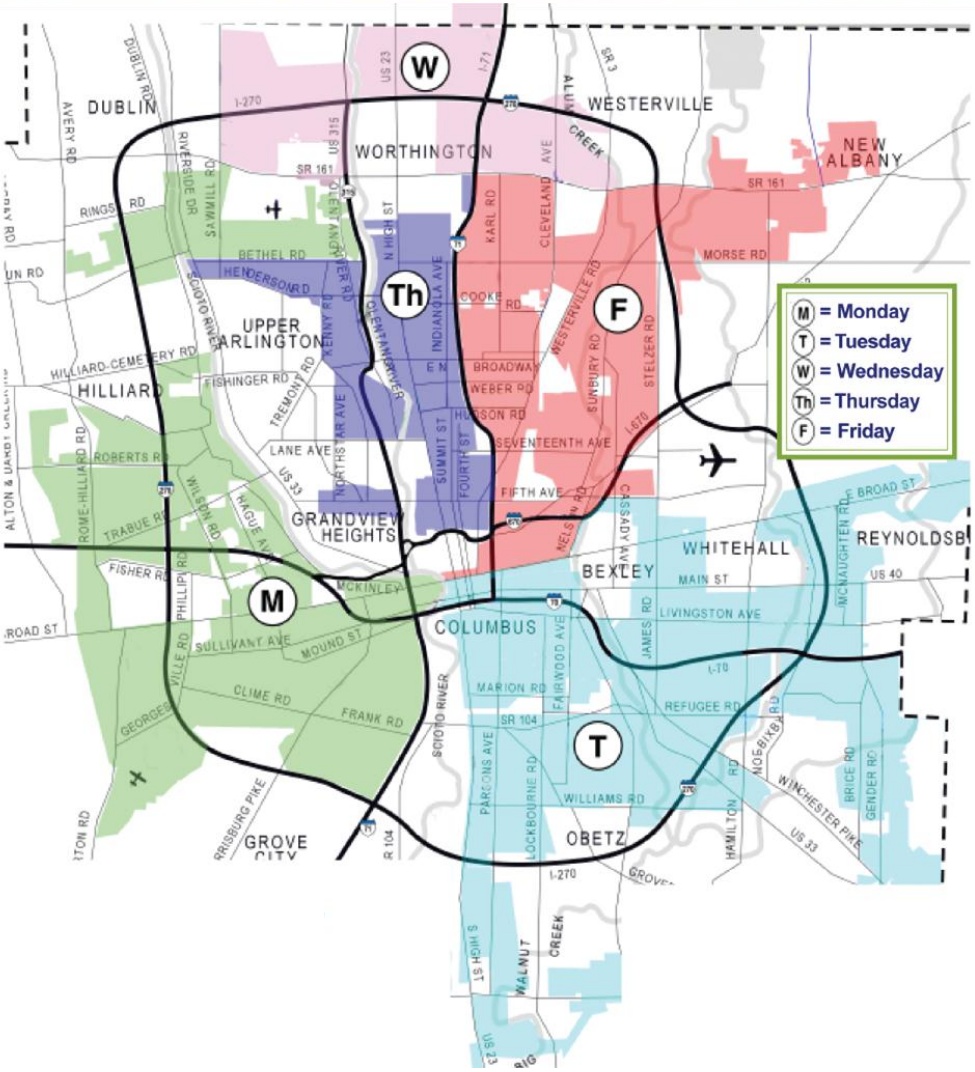
RecyColumbus Begins Spring 2012

- 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	12/16/12
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 recycling service begins

WHAT IS MY RECYCLING & YARD WASTE DAY?

For your annual collection schedule, visit:
www.RecyColumbus.org

Questions? Call 645-3111

Or email 311@columbus.gov

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Using the Blue Recycling Cart

- The Blue cart should hold two weeks worth of recyclables
- Recyclables include:
  - Paper
  - Plastic
  - Glass
  - Metal
  - Cartons

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Paper

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogs/phone books
- Junk mail
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Other paperboard boxes, such as cereal and dry food boxes
- Computer paper

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Plastic

- 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 & Metal

- Glass
  - Glass bottles/jars
  - Clear/brown/green
- 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**
- Recycling information label on cart lid

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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

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How You Can Help

Help Us Spread the Word:

- Use social media
  - "Like us" on Facebook, Blog, tweet
  - www.twitter.com/ColumbusDPS
  - www.facebook.com/ColumbusPublicService
- Upload a recycling video on our YouTube channel
  - 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
- Volunteer form
- RecyColumbus Updates

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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

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More Information on Being Green

- RecyColumbus is just one of the City's great green initiatives
  - GetGreenColumbus.org
- Mayor Coleman's GreenSpot program

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