



## City of Pittsburgh Waste & Recycling Fact Sheet as authorized by City Code 619.08a, updated September 2024

### Introduction

This Fact Sheet simplifies the City's code requirements for waste & recycling. Property owners are required to share this information with tenants, and both parties must initial this form to acknowledge receiving and reading it. Complying with these rules helps keep each of our 90 neighborhoods litter-free and our City workers safe from injuries.

Please maintain a record of this Fact Sheet, once initialed, as a lease addendum to provide to the City upon request. Thank you for keeping Pittsburgh clean!

### The What, Where, and When of Waste and Recycling

#### Waste Accepted Curbside, weekly

The City collects 'municipal waste' curbside, which essentially is household trash. The City will also collect two bulk items per week!

#### Recyclables Accepted Curbside, bi-weekly

Place clean recyclables loosely in your bin, no plastic bags, and set out on your recycling pickup day.

##### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Bottle, Jugs & Jars.  
Remove lids and caps.



##### CARDBOARD

Flatten, bundle  
& place in your bin,  
or in another box



##### GLASS

Bottle, Jugs & Jars.  
Remove lids and caps.



##### METAL CONTAINERS

Empty aluminum, aerosol, &  
steel cans. Leave labels on,  
discard lids, or leave  
attached to can.



##### MIXED PAPER

Office, newspaper,  
junk mail, magazines,  
soft/hardback books,  
and paperboard.



Contact 311 by phone at 412-255-2621, Twitter @PGH311, or [pittsburghpa.gov/311](http://pittsburghpa.gov/311)

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**Waste and Recyclables Not Accepted Curbside**

The City does not accept construction and demolition waste, household hazardous waste (HHW), or electronic waste curbside. Many materials not accepted curbside can be disposed of or recycled at City and/or partner locations. Please contact 311 or find the 'Materials Recovery Map' on PittsburghPA.gov to find out where materials like TVs, tires, scrap metal, batteries, shredded paper, evergreen trees, HHWs like paint and oil, and more can be disposed of or recycled. Fees for some of these items may apply.

**Basic Rules and Tips**

**Set out your waste and recyclables...**

<b>When</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No earlier than 6pm the day before your scheduled collection</li> <li>○ No later than 6am on collection day</li> <li>○ Containers shall be removed from collection site and stored no later than 10:00 p.m. on collection days.</li> </ul>
<b>How</b>	<p>Place <b>waste</b> out for collection in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a substantial, leak-proof bag without rips or tears, inside a container not exceeding 35 gallons in size</li> <li>○ a substantial leak-proof bag without rips or tears             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• please wrap any sharp objects with durable paper or contain in a sealed bottle</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Place <b>recyclables</b> out for collection in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ loosely in a blue container not exceeding 35 gallons in size</li> <li>○ loosely in a City-issued container clearly marked for recycling</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In a location less than five (5) feet from the street</li> <li>○ Bags and containers must not block sidewalks, curb ramps, driveways, or streets in any way!</li> </ul>

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**Recyclables and Yard Waste collection frequency**

Recyclables are collected curbside every other week but may be dropped off at City locations any day of the week.

Yard waste is collected at the curb 2x a year, but can be dropped off at City locations year round.

**If waste and recyclables are stored outside during the course of the week, they must be in CANS...**

- **C**ontained in durable, watertight containers with close-fitting lids, as provided by property owner;
- **A**t a location designated by the property owner (specified below) that does not block the sidewalk, street, or any other part of the public right-of-way;
- **N**eat; and
- **S**anitary.

**For more info...**

- Visit us at [PittsburghPA.gov](http://PittsburghPA.gov) by searching "waste & recycling"
- Subscribe with our friends at [PGH.st](https://PGH.st) for text or email reminders of waste, recyclables, and yard waste collection days, as well as holiday service interruption schedules
- Contact our 311 response line by phone at 412-255-2621, Twitter @PGH311, or at [PittsburghPA.gov/311](http://PittsburghPA.gov/311)

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These initials serve as proof of the owner's presentation and review of this Fact Sheet with tenant(s), and that tenant(s) agree(s) to abide by these regulations.

Please maintain record of this lease addendum to provide to the City upon request.

<b>Rental property address:</b>
<b>Collection day:</b>
<b>Owner or manager name:</b>
<b>Owner or manager initials:</b>
<b>Tenant(s) name(s):</b>
<b>Tenant(s) initials:</b>
<b>Outside storage location for container(s):</b>
<b>Date:</b>