

Recycling, Yard Waste and Trash Collection Tips



Recycling Collection

What goes in the blue cart:

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease)
- Plastic bottles and jugs, lids reattached
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Cartons and juice boxes

⊘ Here's what does not go in the blue cart:

- No trash, yard waste or food
- No plastic bags
- No metal hangers
- No chains, hoses, ropes or cords
- No cassette tapes
- No bed sheets or clothing
- No syringes or needles
- No buckets, butter tubs or yogurt cups
- No Styrofoam
- No window glass, mirrors, dinnerware, ceramics, pots or pans
- No electronics or light bulbs
- No containers from hazardous materials



Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is organic waste generated during regular household gardening and landscaping, including:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Branches
- Shrubbery

⊘ Here's what does not go in yard waste bags or containers:

- No rocks
- No dirt
- No sod
- No plastic bags
- No food waste

Preparing Yard Waste

- Place yard waste in biodegradable (paper) bags or rigid containers marked "Yard Waste." Please do not use plastic bags.
- Cut branches to less than four feet long and tie the branches into bundles no wider than two feet with string or twine.
- No single container, bag or bundle can weigh more than 50 pounds.



Trash Collection

What goes in the trash container?

Most of your household trash can be placed in the container. Under City Code, trash must be bagged and tied before you place it in the container. Put trash inside the container, not around the outside of the container.

⊘ Here's what does not go in the trash container:

- No recyclables
- No yard waste
- No furniture
- No construction materials
- No Household Hazardous Waste
- No tires, car batteries or other automobile parts
- No compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- No refrigerated appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, heat pumps, water coolers and air conditioners
- No dead animals
- No bowling balls
- No cooking oils and grease

Questions?

Call 311, email 311@columbus.gov or go to RecycleColumbus.org