



# City of Allentown

## Trash & Recycling Curbside Collection Program

**Landlords** – You must provide this information to your tenants. Call for copies.

*Si tiene preguntas, por favor llámenos.*

**QUESTIONS / PREGUNTAS 610-437-8729**

### Curbside Rules:

- ◆ Put trash & recycling out between 5pm and 10pm on your nights only.
- ◆ Trash & recycling bins cannot be stored on the front porch or in the front of the property.
- ◆ Twice a week trash collection and once a week recycling. Call if unsure of your nights.
- ◆ Trash & recycling bins must be placed in front of your property for collection.
- ◆ Trash must be in bags or bagged in cans. No loose trash in boxes or cans. Boxes must be recycled.
- ◆ NO TVs, computers or electronics at curb for collection.
- ◆ NO tires, car batteries, car parts, hazardous items, liquid paint, chemicals at curb for collection.
- ◆ Empty containers must be removed from curb within 12 hours after collection.
- ◆ Household trash may not be placed in sidewalk litter baskets or Solar Belly receptacles.

### Trash Limits

#### Trash Collected Two Times Per Week

- 5 trash bags (30 gallon max & 40lb max weight per bag)
- OR**
- 2 trash cans (32 gallon max & 70lb max weight per can)

#### Bulk Item / Construction Material

Picked up ONLY on the Second Collection Night (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Night)

- One bulk item (sofa, mattress, toilet, etc.)
- OR**
- 40 pounds of contained construction material (lumber, drywall, tile, etc.)

### Yard Waste Recycling

**Curbside** yard waste pickup on your recycling night begins in April and ends the week of Thanksgiving.

- GRASS, YARD WASTE, BRANCHES, TRIMMINGS, ETC. in a separate can from your trash or bundled. Yard waste stickers are available for your cans.
- City issued recycling bins are not permitted to use for yard waste.

**Yard Waste Site** is open from April through Thanksgiving. Call us for more information, or visit our website.

### Metal & Appliance Recycling

#### **Do not place metal items out for curbside collection**



To have metal items or appliance items picked up:

Call 610-437-8729 to schedule an appointment.

**\$20 fee for freon appliances.**

No charge for other appliance or large metal items.

### Curbside Recycling

- Flattened cardboard & boxes
- Paperboard (*food & tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.*)
- Plastic bottles & containers (♻️ #1- #7)
- Food & beverage cartons (*milk, juice & soup*)
- Food & beverage cans (*aluminum & steel*)
- Aluminum foil and pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (*food & beverage*)
- Office & colored paper, mail, magazines & newspapers

Flatten bigger boxes and place next to the recycling bin. NO loose cardboard. Containers are for recycling only. Misuse of containers is subject to SWEEP fine.

#### **Recycling Is The Law**

Every resident and tenant must have a City-issued recycling bin. They are FREE and can be picked up at 641 S. 10th St

### Allentown Recycling Drop Off Center

1400 Martin Luther King Jr Dr. next to the 15th St Bridge  
**Open 24/7 to Everyone**

#### **We accept:**

- Corrugated cardboard & paperboard (*shipping boxes, food & tissue boxes, paper egg cartons, etc.*)
- Office & colored paper, mail, magazines & newspapers
- Books & phone books (*soft & hard cover*)
- Plastic bottles & containers (♻️ #1- #7)
- Glass bottles & jars (*food & beverage*)
- Steel & aluminum cans, aluminum foil & pie plates
- Cartons (*milk, juice, soup, etc.*)
- Clothing & textiles (*clothing, shoes, hats, drapes, etc.*)
- Scrap metal & appliances (*must be at least 90% metal*)

**Taking of recyclables and illegal dumping of non-recyclables is prohibited and subject to fines.**

#### **Not Accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center:**

Freon appliances, construction debris, wood, window glass, trash, mattresses, furniture, Styrofoam, etc

# City of Allentown Litter, Trash & Recycling Laws

## Neighborhood Improvement Ordinance, Chapter 393

- Littering, causing litter or allowing debris to scatter is prohibited. Children over the age of 10 and/or their parents can be ticketed.
- Trash and/or debris may not accumulate on the exterior of a property.
- Cannot permit or store furniture on the exterior of the property including the front porch.
- Litter must be cleaned and removed daily from the property, including sidewalks and tree wells.
- Sweeping or depositing litter in the street or storm sewer is prohibited.
- Property owners are responsible for the condition of their property.
- Grass or weeds may not exceed 10 inches on property, tree wells and planter strips.
- Illegal dumping on public or private property is prohibited. Dumping of hazardous materials, such as motor oil, is prohibited. Fine up to \$5000
- Litter baskets are for hand-held trash. Household or commercial trash is prohibited in litter baskets or Solar Belly compactors.
- Damaging a City litter basket or Solar Belly is illegal.
- Handbills and flyers cannot be posted in the public right of way or on private property without the permission of the owner.
- Advertising and newspapers must be delivered to private property so as not to cause litter and may not be delivered to property owners who decline delivery.
- Shopping carts from stores may not be used on City streets or sidewalks.
- Shopping carts shall not be removed from the store premises.
- Property owners must have graffiti removed within 10 days of notification.
- The sale to or possession of spray paint by minors is prohibited.
- The possession of spray paint or permanent markers in public parks and buildings is prohibited. Those caught in the act of graffiti are subject to arrest.
- Vehicles can not be parked on grass, dirt or stone.

## Solid Waste Ordinance, Chapter 525

- Trash must be set out for collection in closed bags or containers with tight-fitting lids. Boxes may not be used as trash containers.
- No more than 5 bags of trash allowed on each night (30 gallon bags, 40 pounds maximum weight) or no more than 2 trash cans allowed (70 pounds max weight per can) may be placed out on each trash night.
- On the second trash collection night of the week (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night zones) only 1 bulk item (furniture, mattresses, etc.) or 40 pounds of maximum of construction material (carpeting, lumber, drywall, etc.) may be placed out for collection. NO TVs, computers or electronics.
- Trash and recyclables must be set out in front of the property where they are generated.
- Trash and recyclables from residences must be set out between 5 pm and 10 pm on the designated nights of collection for your area.
- Trash may not cause litter.
- Trash and recycling containers may not be stored in front of a property or on the front porch.
- Containers must be retrieved from the curb within 12 hours after collection.
- Hazardous waste, TV's, electronics, computers, batteries, liquid paint, tires and auto parts with fluids may not be set at the curb for City collection.  
*Call 610-437-8729 for disposal info.*
- Businesses, non-profits, organizations, etc. must pay the annual City trash fee to use City collection. Dumpsters may not overflow or cause litter.
- Trash and recyclables from businesses in City collection may not be set out before 5 pm and 10pm on the designated nights of collection for your area.
- Entities with private trash collection containers must prevent waste from overflowing, causing litter or creating a nuisance.
- Mixing recyclables with trash is prohibited.

## Residential and Commercial Recycling Ordinances, Chapter 525

- Residents and businesses in City curbside collection must place all recycling in either the green or blue City-issued recycling bin.
- All businesses, non-profits, schools and institutions are required to recycle cardboard, office paper, cans and bottles.
- Apartment complexes with private collection must provide recycling bins in each unit and education to the tenants.
- It is illegal to steal recyclables, including appliances, from the curb, the Recycling Center or any private property.



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Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste  
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**PLEASE REPORT GRAFFITI,  
SCAVENGING, ILLEGAL DUMPING  
AND OTHER PROBLEMS  
TO 610-437-8729  
(In progress call 9-1-1)**

**SWEEP Officers and other  
City Bureaus are issuing  
tickets for Ordinance violations.**

The City's contracted trash hauler is rejecting items over the allowed limits, and notifying Allentown SWEEP of properties in violation of the rules.

**For example, tickets are  
issued for:**

- ▶ Large piles of trash & cleanouts on the curb.
- ▶ Excess amounts of construction material.
- ▶ Illegal dumping.
- ▶ Litter accumulation on sidewalks.
- ▶ Litter, trash or debris accumulation on property.
- ▶ Not removing rejected items from curb.
- ▶ High grass and weeds over 10 inches.
- ▶ Misuse of recycling containers.
- ▶ Household trash placed in City litter receptacles.
- ▶ Parking on grass, dirt or stone.