



City of Allentown • Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste  
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## CITY OF ALLENTOWN COMMERCIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

All businesses, day cares, institutions and non-profits organizations in the City of Allentown are required by State law and City ordinance to recycle and must provide trash and recycling services at their own expense.

**All of these materials listed below are required to be recycled by State law and City ordinance:**

- Newspaper
- Office & Mixed Paper
- Soft & Hard Covered Books
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Glass Food & Beverage Containers
- Metal Cans
- Plastics #1- #7 (bottles, jugs, containers, etc.)
- White Goods (Metal Appliances)
- Yard Waste
- Food & Beverage Cartons

**Commercial Businesses have two options for trash and recycling collection:**

1. Apply for approval to be included in the City curbside collection for trash and recycling services by completing an "Inclusion Application" form. A complete application and payment (cash, check or money order for \$375 made payable to "City of Allentown" must be received before collection will begin. City service includes twice a week curbside trash collection (**5 bag limit per collection night**) and once a week curbside recycling collection (**unlimited**). Recycling bins are supplied upon the approval of your application.

**OR**

2. Enter into a private contract with a licensed hauler for trash **and** recycling collection. Proof of a contract is required by the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste. You may mail or fax a copy of the contract to the Bureau office.

You may also take your recyclables to the Allentown Recycling Drop-Off Center at no charge. The Drop-Off Center is located at 15th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and is open twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

**Tickets and citations are issued for trash, litter and recycling violations. Using the City trash or recycling collection program without paying for it, not recycling the required materials, littered properties and poor trash handling procedures are violations and subject to fines.**

**If you have any questions about the City requirements, please call the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste at 610-437-8729.**



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