



City of Allentown

Trash & Recycling Information

City of Allentown
Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste
641 S. 10th St.
Allentown, PA 18103

Curbside Rules

DO'S

- Put trash & recycling out between 5pm and 10pm on your nights only.
- Place trash & recycling bins in front of your property for collection.
- All trash must be bagged.
- Recycle all cans, bottles, cartons, paper, and cardboard.
- Remove empty containers from the curb within 12 hours after collection.

DONT'S

- Trash & recycling bins cannot be stored on the front porch or in the front of the property.
- No loose trash in boxes or in trash cans.
- NO TVs, computers or electronics at the curb for collection.
- NO tires, car batteries, car parts, hazardous items, liquid paint, chemicals at the curb for collection.
- Household trash may not be placed in sidewalk litter baskets or Solar Belly receptacles.

Find Out Your Zone Today!
www.allentownpa.gov/trashzones

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

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, dresser, toilet, etc.) OR 40 pounds of contained construction material (lumber, drywall, tile, etc.)

Yard Waste Recycling

Yard Waste Season runs from April to Thanksgiving.

We Accept organic material only:

- GRASS, WEEDS, FLOWERS, LEAVES, BRANCHES, HEDGE TRIMMINGS, etc.
- Yard waste is collected curbside on your recycling night.
- The yard waste drop off site is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular season.
- City issued recycling bins are not permitted for yard waste collection. Use a separate can from your trash and recycling that is affixed with a yard waste sticker.

Curbside Recycling



RECYCLING IS THE LAW

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

We Accept

- 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 neatly next to the recycling bin. Containers are for recycling only. Misuse of containers is subject to SWEEP fine.

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)

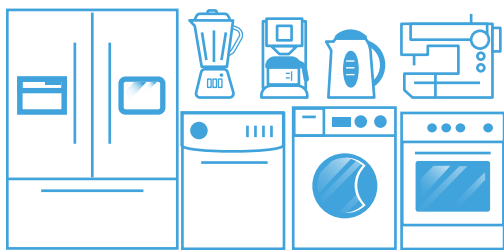
Not Accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center:

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

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

Additional City Services

Metal & Appliance Recycling



Schedule an appointment to have metal items or appliances picked up: Call 610-437-8729

- Do not place metal items out for curbside collection (washing machine, refrigerator, ovens, etc.).
- \$20 fee for freon or refrigerant appliances.
- No fee for other appliances or metal items.

Electronics Recycling



*Electronics drop-off by appointment only.
To schedule, call 610-437-8729.*

- Limit 1 TV per appointment, 3 TVs per year. No limit on other electronic items.
- Residents must unload their own electronics.
- Accepted items: TVs, computers and computer accessories, laptops, printers/scanners.

Paper Shredding



*In-person shredding by appointment only.
To schedule, call 610-437-8729.*

*Drop-off shredding does not require an appointment.
Open Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm & Sat, 8am-11am*

- Limit 8 banker boxes of material per appointment.
- Residents must unload their own material.
- Please remove all paper clips, binder clips, folders, binders, magazines.

What You Need To Know

SWEEP officers and other City bureaus are issuing tickets for ordinance violations, such as:

- Large piles of trash & cleanouts at the curb.
- Illegal dumping on public and private property. Fines up to \$5,000.
- Not clearing the sidewalk of snow and ice within 10 hours of a storm's end.
- Not removing rejected items from the curb.
- Misuse of recycling containers.
- Household trash placed in City litter receptacles.
- Parking on grass, dirt or stone.
- Allowing grass or weeds to grow in excess of 10 inches.



Solid Waste Ordinances Chapter 525

- Recycling is the law! Mixing recyclables with trash is prohibited.
- Residents and businesses in City curbside collection must place all recycling in a City-issued recycling bin.
- Trash must be set out for collection in closed bags or containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Boxes may not be used as trash containers.
- Trash may not cause litter.
- Trash and recyclables must be set out in front of the property where they are generated.
- It is illegal to steal recyclables, including appliances, from the curb, the Recycling Center or any private property.
- 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.
- Entities with private trash collection containers must prevent waste from overflowing, causing litter or creating a nuisance.

Neighborhood Improvement Ordinances 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 a property, including porches, backyards, sidewalks and tree wells.
- Cannot permit or store furniture and/or appliances 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.
- Property owners must have graffiti removed within 10 days of notification.



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City Ordinances**