Your Guide to BIN BASICS

You’ll find the key things you need to know about garbage and recycling in this Curbsider, so hold on to it for reference. Many Portlanders keep the recycling guide and schedule on their fridge, inside a cupboard door, or in their garage, so it’s easy to double check.

**HOW TO SET OUT YOUR BINS**

Make it easy for collection drivers to empty your bins. Place all bins within 3 feet of the curb. Leave space between cars, trees, poles, and other bins. Roll cart handles should face your home, not the street. Lids should be closed.

**WHERE TO TAKE THE OTHER STUFF**

The following things must be dropped off for safe disposal and cannot go in any of your bins. Find your closest drop-off location at the links below. For information on any item you’re unsure about call 503-234-3000 or go to www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler.

- **Electronics** | TVs, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, and mice: www.oregonrecycles.org
- **Hazardous waste** | Old cleaning supplies, propane tanks, flammable items, and more: 503-234-3000 or www.oregonmetro.gov/askmetro
- **Batteries & CFL bulbs** | Batteries, things with batteries in them, and fluorescent light bulbs (LED and incandescent bulbs can go in the garbage): www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler
- **Medications** | Leftover or expired drugs: www.ordeq.org/drugtakeback

Find all of this information and more at www.portland.gov/garbage-recycling
Garbage is picked up every other week on the purple days. ★ Customers with every-four-week pickup indicated with an asterisk.

Recycling, compost, and glass bins are picked up every week.

Make sure your bins are at the curb before 6 a.m. to avoid missing a pickup. Bring them back to your house within 24 hours after collection.

**COLLECTION REMINDERS**

- Get a garbage day reminder. Join the 30,000+ Portlanders who get day-before email reminders of which bins to set out at the curb. Sign up at www.garbagedayreminders.com.

- No holiday delays this year. Garbage and recycling companies pick up all days, even holidays. The only exception is Christmas and New Year’s Day, but those fall on Saturdays this year.

- Snow, ice, or smoke delays. In case of hazardous driving conditions, like ice, snow, or heavy wildfire smoke, your pickup may be delayed. Leave your bins at the curb and they will be emptied as soon as it’s safe to do so.
GARBAGE
Coffee cups/lids/pods, paper/plastic plates, take-out food containers/wrappers, drink cups/straws, cutlery, frozen food packaging/trays, plastic caps/lids, plastic bags, facial tissue, wipes (all), painted/stained wood, plywood, incandescent light bulbs, garden hoses, fireworks (soak in water first).

PLASTIC
Bottles with a neck (6 oz or larger), plastic round containers (6 oz or larger), plant pots (4” diameter or larger), buckets (5 gal or smaller).

FOODSCRAPS
Meat, poultry, seafood, bones, cheese, eggshells, bread, pasta, grains, beans, nuts, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, spoiled food.

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MUST BE BAGGED
Pet waste, cat litter, diapers, feminine hygiene products, ashes, sawdust, packaging peanuts, broken glass, disposable gloves and masks.

METAL
Aluminum, tin and steel food cans, empty dry metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal (shorter than 30” long and less than 30 lbs).

YARD WASTE
Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, flowers, house plants, plant clippings.

GLASS
Place in yellow bin or other plastic container with a “glass only” sticker.

PUT IN SEALED CONTAINER
Put kitchen fats/oil/grease in sealed container before putting in garbage.

PAPER
Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, flattened cardboard boxes, scrap paper, cartons (milk, juice, soup), shredded paper (in paper bag).

OTHER
Paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags, pizza delivery boxes.

DEPOSIT BOTTLES
Redeem at BottleDrop Centers or recycle at the curb.

MOTOR OIL
Put in a clear plastic jug with lid and place next to bins for recycling.

NO:
Computers, monitors, TVs, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), hazardous waste, chemicals, batteries (Call for disposal options, 203-234-3000).

NO:
Plastic bags, plastic caps/lids, diapers, propane cylinders, coffee cups/lids/pods, take-out containers, styrofoam, containers under 6 oz, medicine bottles.

NO:
“Compostable”/“Biodegradable” containers, household garbage, pet waste, diapers, plastic bags, lumber, dirt, ashes, rocks, branches larger than 2” thick and 36” long.

NO:
Light bulbs, drinking glasses, vases, broken glass, ceramics, Pyrex.
PARTNER MESSAGES

SWIPE RIGHT TO RECYCLE

Test your recycling skills with a new game made for the greater Portland area.

Hint:
Swipe left on plastic-padded envelopes, they go in the trash!

Play the game!
www.RecycleOrNot.org
Juegue el juego!
www.ReciclArOn.org

HELP CLEAN UP PORTLAND

Volunteer litter cleanups happen all around the city, all year round! Sign up for one, or organize your own for friends, neighbors or coworkers with SOLVE’s free supplies and planning support.

Find an event or plan your own at www.solveoregon.org.

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RATE CHANGES

GARBAGE BILLS INCREASE JULY 1

Residential garbage bills will go up starting July 1, 2021. The change is primarily due to higher regionwide garbage disposal fees, as well as the larger amounts of garbage, recycling, yard waste and food scraps collected from households.

Find the new rates at www.portland.gov/garbage-rates

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