



Residents' Guide to Services

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Yard-Waste Collection

The City of Columbus's weekly yard-waste collection contract with Rumpke expired effective 1/31/09.

The City of Columbus is continuing to explore options for limited residential yard-waste collection in the spring and fall, when it is most needed. Details will be announced when they become available.



In the meantime, residents can take their yard waste – free of charge – to the following locations:

- Com-Til, the City's compost facility at 7000 Jackson Pike, accepts tree limbs
- Kurtz Bros. accepts leaves, grass clippings, small branches and holiday trees at its facilities at:
 - 2850 Rohr Road Groveport
 - 6055-C Westerville Road Westerville
 - 6279 Houchard Road in Dublin.

Fruit and vegetables are not considered yard waste and should be put in with regular trash. Dirt, rocks and sod should be taken to a site seeking fill dirt.

Bag Your Trash

Bag and tie trash before you place it in your container.

It prevents litter.
It prevents pests.
It's the law in Columbus.



Recycling

Residents are encouraged to recycle. It saves energy, creates local jobs and lengthens the life of our local landfill. No sorting is required to recycle in Columbus.

Curbside recycling is available for a monthly charge through Rumpke Recycling. Call **(888) 786-7531** to start weekly subscription curbside recycling.



In addition, the City and SWACO provide nearly 200 free drop-off recycling locations in and around Columbus. Drop-off containers are located at various Columbus Kroger and Home Depot stores, fire stations, recreation centers and most schools in the Columbus City School District. For locations, call the **311 Service Center** or visit www.columbus.gov.

Recyclable items include:

- Cardboard
- Cereal Boxes
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Other Paper
- Detergent Bottles
- Pop Bottles
- Pop Cans
- Glass



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(614) 871-5322

Illegal Dumping, Litter and Graffiti

You've seen it... a truck dumping tires, furniture or trash in an alley or litter being thrown from a car. It's called illegal dumping, and it's a serious problem. Help us catch illegal dumpers. Jot down a license-plate number and report illegal dumping to the Nail-A-Dumper Hotline.



(614) 645-8027

Keep Columbus Beautiful (KCB) can help you organize and equip a neighborhood cleanup or garden planting. Additionally, KCB can provide speakers to promote litter prevention, beautification and recycling.

KCB also can offer advice on removing graffiti from private property. To find out more, call KCB at (614) 645-8027 or go to their website at keepcolumbusbeautiful.org.

Contact Us:

(614) 645-3111 or **311**

(all phones)

(most phones)

On the web: www.columbus.gov

Click on Public Service

Weekly Trash Collection

To determine the collection day for your household trash, yard waste or curbside recycling, contact the **311 Service Center** at **645-3111** or on the web at **311.columbus.gov**.

Refuse must be bagged and tied securely to prevent litter and deter rodents, and it must be placed inside the container provided by the City of Columbus. Do not put trash on the ground around the container. Only trash inside the container will be collected. If you are in a 300-gallon collection area, and the container nearest you is full, please use the closest available container.



Residents with a wheeled container must place it out for collection by 6 a.m. on their collection day. Containers must be within 1 foot of the curb or alley, with the arrow on the lid facing the street; 10 feet from parked vehicles, and at least 3 feet from other obstructions, including fences, mailboxes, telephone poles, recycling bins, yard waste and bulk items. Following collection, containers must be removed and stored within 24 hours.

If your collection is missed or your container is damaged or stolen, contact Columbus' **311 Service Center**. If because of a medical condition you are unable to put out your container, call the **311 Service Center** for information on "Exemption Service."

Yard waste cannot be placed in your trash container. Hazardous waste, tires, construction debris, dirt, rocks and refrigerated appliances are among the items not collected by the City.

Holidays

There are no collections on holidays observed by the City of Columbus:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas



Trash-Collection Schedule

In 80 percent of Columbus' neighborhoods, residents are assigned a color that determines their trash-collection day. Color-collection days rotate forward one day after each City holiday and remain on that day until the next City holiday. The remaining neighborhoods are in zone-collection areas, where the trash-collection day moves forward one day the week of a holiday, then returns to the regular schedule the next week.

Call the **311 Service Center** to determine your trash, recycling or yard-waste collection days, or log onto **311.columbus.gov**.

Yard Waste/Recycling Schedule

Yard waste and curbside recycling schedules do not rotate through the year. These collection days move forward one day the week of a holiday, then back to the regular schedule the next week. If you are unsure of your collection day, call the **311 Service Center** or check online at **311.columbus.gov**.



Household Hazardous Waste

Household chemicals, such as drain cleaners, paint thinner and other materials that pollute the environment and could be hazardous to refuse drivers must not be placed in the collection containers. Contact the **311 Service Center** or check **www.columbus.gov** for the date of the next Household Hazardous Waste drop-off collection event near you or for other options for handling and disposing household hazardous wastes.



Bulk-Item Collection

Large household bulk items such as furniture, non-refrigerant appliances, moving boxes, etc. should not be placed in your trash-collection container. Bulk collection must be scheduled with the Refuse Collection Division by contacting the **311 Service Center** at 645-3111 or on line at **311.columbus.gov**.



The division does not collect items such as cast iron, tires, refrigerated appliances, air conditioners, humidifiers, pianos, pool tables and, excavation and construction debris. Please check the Yellow Pages under "Rubbish and Garbage Removal" or contact the **311 Service Center** for information on disposing of these items.

Another option for disposing of large items in good condition is to donate them to a charitable organization. Franklin County's FIRST-LINK program can provide referrals to organizations that will accept donations of old furniture, appliances or other items such as clothing and use them to help families in need. Most central Ohio residents can reach FIRSTLINK by dialing **211**, others may call **221-2255**.



**To Schedule Bulk Collection:
Call 645-3111 or visit
311.columbus.gov**