FAQs: Waste Collection in the City of Cleveland

The Division of Waste Collection aims to protect human health and the environment through the implementation of effective waste management programs.

Beginning Aug. 1, 2018, the Division will roll out a minor citation enforcement program for improper waste and recycling set-out. Courtesy warnings are being issued now through August 1st. Residents may see courtesy notices on the lid of roll carts, along with information on correct set-out procedures. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about proper waste set out.

Q1 What is the appropriate waste container?

A1 Authorized waste containers are the official city-issued 96-gallon black or gray roll carts. The authorized recycling containers are the 64-gallon blue recycling roll cart.

Q2 What are some of the common reasons citations are issued?

A2
- Excess waste/recycling outside black/gray/blue cart.
- Trash mixed with recycling in blue cart
- Setting out waste or recycling earlier than 12 p.m. the day before scheduled pick-up
- Failure to retrieve carts by 12 p.m. the day after collection.

Q3 How should I dispose of large household items?

A3
- Bulk items include – but are not limited to – appliances, tables, chairs, mattresses and box springs, couches, and furniture. All mattresses, box springs and cloth furniture must be wrapped prior to set-out.
- Bulk items can be placed on the tree lawn the first full week of the month on your regular collection day. You may set out a maximum of three bulk items and four tires. To set out bulk items during other weeks of the month, call (216) 664-3711 to make special arrangements.

Q4 What should I place in my city-issued blue recycling cart?

A4
- All recycling items must be placed in the blue cart. Typical recycling items include glass bottles (no blue bottles), metal cans, plastic, paper and cardboard. Items should be rinsed and placed (unbagged) in cart.
Q5 Does the City recycle yard waste?

No, but the City will collect yard waste with regular waste. Branches and brush must be cut into lengths of three feet or less and tied into bundles that do not exceed 24 inches in diameter. All leaves and grass clippings must be contained in bags and there is a limit of no more than 20 bags per week.

Q6 My apartment does not recycle. Where can I take my recyclables?

• Mayor Frank G. Jackson has a vision to reshape Cleveland into a city with a flourishing natural environment. We encourage all residents to recycle. It is one way we can keep Cleveland clean and green.
• Two convenient recycling drop-off sites are available in addition to the convenient curbside pick-up:
  • East side recycling containers are located at the corner of East 55th Street and Euclid Avenue 24 hours daily.
  • The West Side Recycling Center is located at 3727 Ridge Rd. and is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Q7 What is the proper way to dispose of building/construction materials?

The Division of Waste Collection does not collect masonry bricks, dirt, and building or construction materials. You may call (216) 664-2162 for large roll-off rental and service.

Q8 How do I obtain additional city issued carts?

• Extra carts for waste or recycling are available for $50 per cart. You may request one by calling the Division of Waste at (216) 664-3717.

Find additional tips on proper waste disposal and recycling in the City of Cleveland by visiting www.city.cleveland.oh.us or calling the Cleveland Division of Waste at 216-664-3711.