



# Refuse and Recycling

City of Delaware Public Works Department 740-203-1810

*The City of Delaware strongly supports waste reduction and recycling in our community. Residents are encouraged to practice responsible waste management.*

- **Limit the amount of waste you generate**
- **Reuse items as much as possible**
- **Purchase products made from recyclable materials**

## Solid Waste

Each household is provided weekly solid waste collection service through the use of blue tipcart containers for all non-apartment residents. All solid waste must be placed in the tipcart for collection. **See Page 2**

## Recycling

There are several different recycling programs: Single family homes have the option of curbside pick-up by city staff which also includes yard waste collection. Some apartments and condominiums also have special containers in their building for recycling. **See Page 3**

## Collection Schedules

Trash is collected Monday-Friday, 7 am-3 pm. Your collection day is determined by location. Trash must be out by 7 a.m. but no more than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled collection. Tipcarts must be removed from curbside within 24 hours following collection.

### Holiday Schedule

Trash is not collected on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day (January 1)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (3rd Monday in January)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (1st Monday in September)
- Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

Following holidays, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of that week. When holidays fall on Sundays, there is no Monday pick-up and collection is delayed one day for the rest of that week. When a holiday falls on a Saturday and is observed on a Friday, trash will be collected on Friday.



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# Solid Waste Collection

Each household receives a specially designed two-wheel, 32- or 96-gallon "toter" container for refuse collection. Our uniquely designed Side Load trucks will enable the driver to lift and dump the containers with a hydraulic arm. The responsibility of the customer will be to place the container properly, away from trees and mailboxes, and to clear snow as needed.

## Solid Waste Basics

- ONLY household refuse is allowed in the container.
- Refuse must be bagged.
- A single bag of refuse (30 gallon size capacity and less than 50 lbs) may be placed at curbside without use of toter. If more than a single bag is to be placed out, a toter must be used.
- Container lid must close completely when full
- Bag Tags are available for purchase and may be affixed to extra bags of household generated refuse that will not fit into toter container. Bag tags are \$1.50 each and may be purchased at the City Utility Office, the Buehler's Store Service Counter or any Delaware Kroger Store Service Counter.
- The handle of the container must face the house.
- Refuse should not be "packed" into the container.
- Animal waste must be placed in closed plastic bags.
- Ashes must be cooled and placed in closed bags, not placed loosely into the container.
- Cardboard boxes should not be put into the container. They should be flattened and placed out for recycling collection.
- Grass trimmings are not allowed in the container.
- Dirt, rocks, cement, construction materials, tires, automotive parts, furniture, branches, etc. are not allowed in the container.
- Group toters with neighbors, if possible, for more efficient collection by crew.
- The container must be kept clear of snow.
- The container should be placed inside the tree lawn area if possible. Container positioning should be considerate of all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- The container should be placed approximately three feet from any obstacles such as mailboxes, trees, fences, poles, and recycling bins.



**Additional recycling containers are available, free of charge, at the Utility Billing Office located in City Hall, 1 South Sandusky Street**

# Recycling and Yard Waste

## Recycling

Items placed at curbside should be sorted into two groupings: Fiber (newsprint, paperboard/chipboard, corrugated cardboard and all types of paper) and Non-Fiber (plastic, glass, bimetal and aluminum).

### Fiber

**PAPER:** Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, envelopes (with and without windows), brown paper bags, phone books, catalogs and paper.

Unacceptable: Dirty paper, hard covered books and tissues.

Preparation: Place in recycling bin.



**CARDBOARD:** Corrugated (bundled or tied measuring 2' x 2 ½' x 1' high), paperboard (cereal boxes, food boxes and pizza boxes).

Unacceptable: Plastic coated boxes, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, plastic

liners from food boxes, and food contaminated containers/boxes.

Preparation: Flatten and place in recycling bin.

### Non-fiber

**PLASTICS:** Plastic bottles No. 1 and No. 2, such as milk jugs, soft drink containers, laundry detergent, shampoo bottles and lids to containers.

Unacceptable: Other numbers of plastic, plastic contaminated by hazardous materials (oil, antifreeze, etc.), plastic other than bottles, and plastic grocery style bags.

Preparation: Rinse residue from containers and lids. Labels need not be removed. Place in recycling bin.

**GLASS:** Clear, brown, and green bottles and jars.

Unacceptable: Light bulbs, drinking glasses, dishes, mirrors, windows, oven proof cooking glass, caps, lids and picture frame glass.

Preparation: Rinse and remove caps or lids. Labels need not be removed. Please do not break glass.

### Aluminum & Bimetal (Tin/Steel)

Aluminum and steel beverage, soup and food cans, aluminum foil and aluminum pie plates (all cans must be empty and clean).

Unacceptable: Dirty containers, scrap metal, screw-on lids, clothes hangers, pots and pans.

Preparation: Rinse and discard lids. Labels need not be removed.

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### **Yard Waste**

Yard waste includes lawn trimmings, leaves, vines, brush, and garden waste. Yard waste does NOT include non-biodegradable material. The City provides this service on the scheduled refuse collection day from mid-April through mid-December.

Loose yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags or 32-gallon containers with handles, marked for "Yard Waste" disposal. Stickers to designate cans for yard waste are free of charge at the City



Utility Office in City Hall or by contacting the Customer Service Request Line at 740-203-1810. Biodegradable leaf bags may be purchased at most grocery or hardware stores.

All other yard waste must be bundled and tied with a biodegradable string in dimensions not to exceed 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter and weighing less than 50 pounds. Sod is accepted provided the bag or container and contents do not exceed 50 pounds.

Additional disposal options are available through Price Farms Organics, Ltd., 4838 Warrensburg Road (740-362-4838) or Ohio Mulch, 883 US42 N (740-803-0636).

### **Christmas Trees**

Christmas trees are considered yard waste and will be collected the first full week after the New Year's holiday. Trees and holiday greenery will be collected on your scheduled refuse collection day through the end of January. All trees must be free of stands, lights, decorations, and plastic bags.

## **Hazardous Materials**

### **Batteries**

Car or truck batteries can be dropped off at Monro Muffler (1105 Columbus Pike), Tractor Supply Company (2621 US23 N), or Sims Recycling Center.

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Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cad) rechargeable batteries can be disposed of at Radio Shack (809 North Houk Road) or Home Depot (8704 Owenfield Dr., Lewis Center). Check with local battery retail stores or discount stores for recycling hearing aid and calculator batteries.

### **Motor Oil**

Place in a leak-proof container with a screw-on top. Dispose at Monro Muffler (1105 Columbus Pike), Tractor Supply Company (2621 US 23 N) or Central Ohio Oil, Inc. (795 Marion Rd, Columbus; 614-443-9728). Oil disposal is for individual oil disposal only, no bulk or commercial applications accepted.

**Contact the Delaware General Health District (740) 368-1700 for information on the next Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day**

### **Gasoline & Kerosene**

Dispose of at Central Ohio Oil, Inc., 795 Marion Rd, Columbus (614-443-9728).

### **Fluorescent Lights**

Household quantities may be put out with weekly refuse collection. Please place broken lights inside refuse containers with other refuse so that workers may dispose of them properly and avoid injury.

### **Antifreeze**

For disposal information, contact Public Works Customer Service, 740-203-1810.

### **Paint**

Paint must be dried out. Leave the covers off the containers, or mix with kitty litter, floor dry or sawdust in a plastic bag or lined box. Once it is completely dry, bag it up and place it with your refuse.

### **Medical Waste**

Place needles or syringes in a thick, plastic container (a bleach or laundry bottle for example) with a screw-on cap. Store the container in a safe place where it won't be disturbed until you are ready for disposal. When the container is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, seal it tightly, clearly mark it as "Sharps" or "Needles" and place next to the refuse container on collection day.

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## **Other**

### **Car and Truck Tires**

Recycle at the Delaware County Transfer Station, 888 US42 N (369-7700) for a minimal charge.



### **Oil Filters**

Drained oil filters must be sealed in a plastic bag and placed in the regular refuse for disposal. Non-drained oil filters are considered hazardous waste and cannot be placed in the regular refuse for disposal. Take to Monro Muffler (740-369-8161) or 1105 Columbus Pike; Sprint Lube (740-369-0556), 1137 Columbus Pike.

### **Automotive Batteries**

Many retailers that sell batteries will accept old ones. Residents may also drop off at Monro Muffler (740-369-8161) 1105 Columbus Pike; Tractor Supply Company (740-369-3024) 2621 US 23 N; and Sims Recycling Center (740-363-9192)

### **Major Appliances (White Goods)**

Disposal options for washers, dryers, stoves, and hot water tanks include the Delaware County Transfer Station, 888 US42 North (740-369-7700) and the Sims Recycling Center (740-363-9192). Both locations also accept refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners containing Freon for a minimal charge.



### **Vehicles**

Wheels for Wishes Will pick up old and broken down vehicles, at no cost to the owners, and recycle or auction them to benefit Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. 1-877-431-9474 or [wheelsforwishes.org](http://wheelsforwishes.org)

### **Electronics (Televisions, Computers, Cell Phones and Microwaves)**

Dispose for nominal fee at Sims Recycling Center (740-363-9192).

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## **Services**

### **Exemptions**

Crew members will transport trash and recycling containers to and from the house to the alley or berm/curb for residents who can demonstrate special medical needs, which would dictate such a service. This service is for household waste and recycling only. A meeting will be held with the requesting party and a member of staff to discuss collection options and procedures. To establish this service, please contact the Customer Service Request Line at 740-203-1810.

### **Senior Rate Discount**

The City of Delaware offers a reduced refuse collection rate to residents who are 55 years and older and living alone. Information regarding this feature is available by contacting the City Utility Office at 740-203-1250.

### **Move in “Welcome” Service**

The City of Delaware will pick up extra bagged items of solid waste at any tipcart residence that has recently been occupied. This is a one-time service available during the first month after establishing refuse service with the city. To schedule extra solid waste collection, contact our Customer Service Request Line at 740-203-1810.

### **Tipcart Repairs**

If your City-provided trash container is lost, stolen, vandalized or defaced, please phone 203-1810. You may be required to pay for a lost or stolen container. If your container is damaged in the collection process or from normal wear and tear, it will be repaired or replaced at no cost to you. Containers are the property of the City of Delaware. They are printed with a serial number corresponding to the address of the home. If you move, leave the container on the property in a safe place.

### **Delinquent Accounts**

Accounts not in good standings will have tipcarts removed until such a time as the account is current and in good standing.