

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will my trash and yard waste be collected?

A: These items will be collected each week, on your normal trash day. However, the time of day it is collected may change as the new vendor adjusts to the routes. Yard waste and leaf waste is collected seasonally.

Q: What is “single-stream recycling”?

A: As a result of changes made last year at the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, where the City disposes of municipal refuse, residents can now mix all recyclable materials into one container. For more information on this program or recycling in general, please visit: <http://www.recycletogetherri.org/>

Q: What should I do with the cart if I move?

A: Please leave your cart at your residence. Each cart has a radio frequency identification tag (RFID) installed that registers the cart to a specific address. The RFID tags are located by GPS coordinates that can monitor cart locations and send an alert if the cart is not registered to the address where it is collected.

Q: Why should I recycle?

A: There are many benefits to recycling. Your tax dollars are spent by the City to dispose of garbage. The City pays per each ton of garbage thrown away. The State collects recyclables for free and actually reimburses the City each year according to the recycling tonnage collected.

Q: Who do I call if I have a problem, complaint, or any other issue?

A: Please call the Department of Public Works at: 401-728-0500, ext. 282. You may also e-mail us at: dpw@pawtucketri.com.

Para ver el folleto en español, por favor visite www.pawtucketri.com/departments/publicworks, y haga clic en el icono situado a la derecha. O bien, visite el Servicio de Obras Públicas a 250 boulevard Armisticio, y podemos suministrar una.

Para visualizar este folheto em Português, visite www.pawtucketri.com/departments/publicworks, e clique no ícone localizado no lado direito. Ou visite o Public Works Facilidade de 250 Armistice Boulevard, e nós podemos fornecer um.



DONALD R. GREBIEN
MAYOR

CITY OF PAWTUCKET

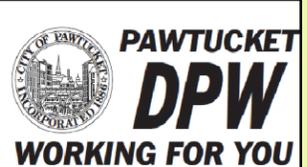
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

The Department of Public Works is pleased to supply these new wheeled recycling carts to make recycling easier and more convenient for our residents. The carts will be distributed to all residents throughout the month of July. Collection of the recyclables using the new carts will begin in August.

This pamphlet also includes useful information and a handy calendar with the city refuse and recycling schedule for the rest of 2013. Please join us in making Pawtucket a cleaner city and *Please Recycle!*

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ **Collection of recycling in these carts will begin August 5, 2013. Please resist the urge to use the carts until then, when automated truck collection will begin.**
- ✓ **Recycling will be collected in these carts *every other week*. Please see the calendar insert provided.**
- ✓ **Regular trash will continue to be collected weekly.**
- ✓ **All recyclable items need to be placed inside the carts; any items outside of the carts cannot be collected.**



A Note on the Importance of Recycling

We hear a lot these days about “going green.” What it really means is that by looking out for our environment, we are also taking responsibility for what we will hand down to our children, and safeguarding what they will be handing down to their children as well.

Taking the bit of time and effort to recycle is one of the best things we can all do as a community to help our environment. In Rhode Island, and now in Pawtucket, it has never been as easy as it is today.

Your new wheeled recycling cart will hold much more recyclable material than the green and blue bins it is replacing. Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to light a hundred-watt bulb for 20 hours, so you can see the positive effects add up quickly.

This brochure contains a wealth of information on all the items that can now be diverted from the waste stream and landfill with one toss into your cart. Please join us in making Pawtucket a cleaner place and *Please Recycle!*

Thank you,
Mayor Donald R. Grebien

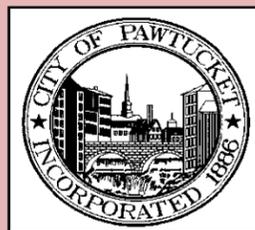
“NO BIN, NO BARREL” will continue to be in effect during recycling weeks.

Contact Information:

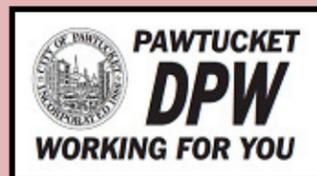
Questions?

Trash and Recycling Issues?

Bulky Waste Scheduling?



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Call Us!
Public Works Department
401-728-0500 Ext: 282
E-mail: dpw@pawtucketri.com

Help us by reporting all other DPW issues online at: www.pawtucketri.com/citizens

CART PLACEMENT

Please Do This



Please Do This

Not This



Not This

PLEASE PLACE YOUR CART AT LEAST FOUR FEET FROM OBSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS PARKED CARS, TREES, MAILBOXES, AND UTILITY POLES

Please Do This

PLEASE DO NOT PILE ANY MATERIALS AROUND YOUR CART



Not This



Please Do This



Not This



PLEASE PUT BUNDLES OF CARDBOARD UNDER YOUR LID



CITY OF PAWTUCKET

Refuse and Recycling Calendar



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WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?

www.RecycleTogetherRI.org



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

All plastic containers up to 2 gallons
Disregard the numbers and the triangle

- bottles – soda, shampoo
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- jars – peanut butter, mayo
- tubs – ice cream, margarine
- plastic take out containers
- iced coffee cups
- yogurt containers
- plastic egg cartons

GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

METAL CANS & FOIL

- aluminum – cans, foil
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener
- tin cans – soup, pet food

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- newspaper
- phonebooks
- envelopes
- flattened boxes
- junk mail
- office paper
- spiral notebooks
- paperback books
- wrapping + tissue paper
- paper bags + gift bags

- magazines
- paper towel tubes
- shredded paper (double-bag in clear or mostly see-through plastic bag)

CARTONS

- milk + juice
- soy milk
- soup + broth
- juice boxes

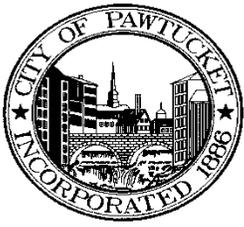
Items listed in these categories are only examples. Please recycle items similar to those listed.

- ✓ “Single Stream Recycling” means that you can now mix all of your recyclables TOGETHER in the new recycling cart.
- ✓ Your new cart is for recycling only!
- ✓ The City’s vendor, MTG, will begin collecting *recycling* every other week, beginning August 5, 2013.
- ✓ Regular trash will continue to be collected weekly.

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR
NEW CART AT THE
CURB SO THAT IT IS
NOT BLOCKED BY CARS.
THANK YOU.**

If you have questions or would like to schedule a bulky waste pickup, please call Pawtucket DPW at: 401-728-0500, ext 282.

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Refuse and Recycling Calendar



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Reminder: Regular trash will be collected weekly.
Recyclables will be collected bi-weekly in the carts.

July 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 HOLIDAY	5 TD	6 TD
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 HOLIDAY	13 TD	14 TD	15 TD	16 TD	17 TD
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 HOLIDAY	3 RTD	4 RTD	5 RTD	6 RTD	7 RTD
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 HOLIDAY	15 RTD	16 RTD	17 RTD	18 RTD	19 RTD
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 HOLIDAY	12 RTD	13 RTD	14 RTD	15 RTD	16 RTD
17	18	19	20	21 HOLIDAY	22 TD	23 TD
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 HOLIDAY	26 RTD	27 RTD	28 RTD
29	30	31				

LEGEND

	Recycling is collected
	Holiday, No Collections
TD	Trash delayed one day
RTD	Recycling and Trash delayed one day

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REFUSE AND RECYCLING
QUESTIONS?

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WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE
REMOVE METAL LIDS
+ RECYCLE BOTH



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take-out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS
NO STYROFOAM

PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- egg cartons
- shredded paper in clear plastic bags only **NEW**

NO REFRIGERATED
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH CANS
NEW NO SCRAP METAL
NEW NO WIRE HANGERS



CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE
NO JUICE POUCHES
OR STRAWS



There is so much more you can recycle. Don't worry about the #'s or triangles. Recycle ALL plastic containers 2 gallons or smaller.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts at RecycleTogetherRI.org



RECYCLING DON'TS

Don't recycle any of the following in your bin, cart, or box:



CONTAMINATED

- No containers still containing beverages or other liquids
- No containers still containing food or other solids
- No items covered in oil or grease

EMPTY CONTAINERS AT A MINIMUM; PREFERABLY RINSE
USE A NAPKIN TO WIPE OUT TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS
RIP OFF CLEAN PIZZA BOX TOPS, AND RECYCLE THE TOPS



HOT & COLD

- No refrigerated or frozen food boxes – e.g. butter, pizza, beer, soda, TV dinner
- No hot beverage cups
- No Styrofoam



HAZARDS

- No scrap metal – e.g. pots, pans, hangers, wires, appliances, chains, cables, nuts, bolts
- No broken glass or non-container glass – e.g. light bulbs, mirrors
- No sharps – i.e. injectable needles or lancets
- No Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) – e.g. propane tanks or “empty” bottles of motor fluid

CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF, OR FIND A SCRAP METAL RECYCLER IN THE PHONE BOOK
SECURE BROKEN GLASS IN A BOX AND PUT IN TRASH
SECURE SHARPS IN A HARD CONTAINER AND PUT IN TRASH
BRING HHW TO AN ECO-DEPOT EVENT
PUT “EMPTY” MOTOR FLUID BOTTLES IN TRASH



OTHER PLASTICS

- No plastic containers larger than 2 gallons and no non-container plastics – e.g. toys, furniture
- No plastic bags or recyclables in plastic bags (except shredded paper)
- No chip bags or candy wrappers
- No compostable plastic

CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF, OR BRING BULKY PLASTICS TO RIRRC
BRING PLASTIC BAGS BACK TO THE STORE FOR RECYCLING THROUGH THE RESTORE PROGRAM



HYBRIDS

- No packaging made with significant amounts of different materials (e.g. paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap, dog food bags lined with foil, canisters made of 3+ materials)



TEXTILES

- No clothing, shoes, or any other textiles

DROP OFF DRY, ODORLESS TEXTILES IN ANY CLOTHING COLLECTION BIN IN RI

Rethink Recycling! Want to know why you can't recycle these items in your bin or cart? Find out at RecycleTogetherRI.org.

