



# City of Allentown

## Trash & Recycling Curbside Collection Program

**Landlords** – You must provide this information to your tenants. Call for copies.

**QUESTIONS / PREGUNTAS**  
610-437-8729

*Si necesita una explicación en Español, por favor llámenos.*

### Curbside Rules:

- ◆ Trash & recycling bins cannot be stored on the front porch or on the front of the property.
- ◆ Twice a week trash collection and once a week recycling. Call if unsure of your nights.
- ◆ Put trash & recycling out between 5pm and 10pm on your nights only.
- ◆ Trash & Bins must be placed in front of your property for collection.
- ◆ Trash must be in bags or bagged in cans. No loose trash in boxes or cans. Boxes must be recycled.
- ◆ NO TVs, computers or electronics at curb for collection.
- ◆ NO plastic bags, tires, car batteries, car parts, hazardous items, liquid paint, chemicals at curb for collection.
- ◆ Empty containers must be removed from curb within 12 hours after collection.
- ◆ Household trash may not be placed in sidewalk litter baskets or Solar Belly receptacles.

### Limits

#### Trash - Two Times Per Week

- 5 bags of trash (30 gallon bags, 40 pounds max)  
OR
- 2 trash cans (70 pounds max weight per can, 32 gallon can max)

#### Bulk Item / Construction Material

**ONLY on the Second Collection Night (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Night Zones)**

- One bulk item (furniture, mattress, carpeting, etc.)  
OR
- 40 pounds maximum of contained construction material (lumber, drywall, sheet rock, etc.)

### Mixed Recycling:

- Flattened cardboard & boxes
- Plastic bottles & containers (#1- #7)
- Food & beverage cartons (milk, juice & soup)
- Food & beverage cans (aluminum & steel)
- Aluminum foil and pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (food & beverage)
- File folders and office paper
- Mail, magazines and newspapers
- Paperboard boxes (cereal, food, tissue and boxes, paper towel rolls)

Flatten bigger boxes and place next to either the green or blue. NO loose cardboard. Containers are for recycling only. Misuse of containers is subject to SWEEP fine.

#### **Recycling Is The Law**

Every resident and tenant must have a recycling bin. They are FREE and can be picked up at 641 S. 10th st

### Allentown Recycling Drop Off Center

1400 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive next to the 15th Street Bridge  
Open 24/7 to Everyone

#### We accept:

- Corrugated cardboard Paperboard (cereal & food boxes, tissue and shoe boxes, paper egg cartons, paper drink carriers, etc.)
- Mixed color paper & magazines
- Newspapers
- Books & phone books
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cans, aluminum foil and pie plates
- Clothing, shoes, hats, drapes, etc.

**Paper Shredding Services Available**

**Please call for an appointment  
610-437-8729**

**Taking of recyclables and illegal dumping of non-recyclables is prohibited and subject to fines.**

#### **Not Accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center:**

Freon appliances, construction debris, wood, window glass, trash, mattresses, furniture, Styrofoam, etc

### Yard Waste Recycling

**Curbside** yard waste pickup on your recycling night begins in April and ends the week of Thanksgiving.

- GRASS, YARD WASTE, BRANCHES, TRIMMINGS, ETC. in a separate can from your trash or bundled. Yard waste stickers are available for your cans.

**Yard Waste Site** drop off site is open from April through Thanksgiving. Call for more information or visit our website.

### Appliance Recycling

Appliance & large metal items  
Call 610-437-8729 for pickup.  
**\$20 fee for freon appliances.**  
No charge for other appliance or large metal items.



# City of Allentown Litter, Trash & Recycling Laws

## Neighborhood Improvement Ordinance, Article 720

- Littering, causing litter or allowing debris to scatter is prohibited. Children over the age of 10 and/or their parents can be ticketed.
- Trash and/or debris may not accumulate on the exterior of a property.
- Cannot permit or store furniture on the exterior of the property including the front porch.
- Litter must be cleaned and removed daily from the property, including sidewalks and tree wells.
- Sweeping or depositing litter in the street or storm sewer is prohibited.
- Property owners are responsible for the condition of their property.
- Grass or weeds may not exceed 10 inches on property, tree wells and planter strips.
- Illegal dumping on public or private property is prohibited. Dumping of hazardous materials, such as motor oil, is prohibited. Fine up to \$5000
- Litter baskets are for hand-held trash. Household or commercial trash is prohibited in litter baskets or Solar Belly compactors.
- Damaging a City litter basket or Solar Belly is illegal.
- Handbills and flyers cannot be posted in the public right of way or on private property without the permission of the owner.
- Advertising and newspapers must be delivered to private property so as not to cause litter and may not be delivered to property owners who decline delivery.
- Shopping carts from stores may not be used on City streets or sidewalks.
- Shopping carts shall not be removed from the store premises.
- Property owners must have graffiti removed within 10 days of notification.
- The sale to or possession of spray paint by minors is prohibited.
- The possession of spray paint or permanent markers in public parks and buildings is prohibited. Those caught in the act of graffiti are subject to arrest.
- Vehicles can not be parked on grass, dirt or stone.

## Solid Waste Ordinance, Article 1131

- Trash must be set out for collection in closed bags or containers with tight-fitting lids. Boxes may not be used as trash containers.
- No more than 5 bags of trash allowed on each night (30 gallon bags, 40 pounds maximum weight) or no more than 2 trash cans allowed (70 pounds max weight per can) may be placed out on each trash night.
- On the second trash collection night of the week (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night zones) only 1 bulk item (furniture, mattresses, etc.) or 40 pounds of maximum of construction material (carpeting, lumber, drywall, etc.) may be placed out for collection. NO TVs, computers or electronics.
- Trash and recyclables must be set out in front of the property where they are generated.
- Trash and recyclables from residences must be set out between 5 pm and 10 pm on the designated nights of collection for your area.
- Trash may not cause litter.
- Trash and recycling containers may not be stored in front of a property or on the front porch.
- Containers must be retrieved from the curb within 12 hours after collection.
- Hazardous waste, TV's, electronics, computers, batteries, liquid paint, tires and auto parts with fluids may not be set at the curb for City collection. *Call 610 437-8729 for disposal info.*
- Businesses, non-profits, organizations, etc. must pay the annual City trash fee to use City collection. Dumpsters may not overflow or cause litter.
- Trash and recyclables from businesses in City collection may not be set out before 5 pm and 10pm on the designated nights of collection for your area.
- Entities with private trash collection containers must prevent waste from overflowing, causing litter or creating a nuisance.
- Mixing recyclables with trash is prohibited.

## Residential and Commercial Recycling Ordinances, Articles 1137 and 1139

- Residents and businesses in City curbside collection must place all recycling in either their green or blue bin.
- All businesses, non-profits, schools and institutions are required to recycle cardboard, office paper, cans and bottles.
- Apartment complexes with private collection must provide recycling bins in each unit and education to the tenants.
- It is illegal to steal recyclables, including appliances, from the curb, the Recycling Center or any private property.



City of Allentown  
Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste  
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**PLEASE REPORT GRAFFITI,  
SCAVENGING, ILLEGAL DUMPING  
AND OTHER PROBLEMS  
TO 610-437-8729  
(In progress call 911)**

**SWEEP Officers and other  
City Bureaus are issuing  
Tickets for Ordinance Violations.**

The City's contracted hauler is rejecting items over the allowed limits and in violation of the rules and notifying Allentown SWEEP.

**For example, tickets are  
issued for:**

- ▶ Large piles of trash & cleanouts on the curb.
- ▶ Excess amounts of construction material.
- ▶ Illegal dumping.
- ▶ Litter accumulation on sidewalks.
- ▶ Litter, trash or debris accumulation on property.
- ▶ Not removing rejected items from curb.
- ▶ High grass and weeds over 10 inches.
- ▶ Misuse of recycling containers.