



# CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON REFUSE AND RECYCLING

CREATING A CLEANER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PROPER WASTE HANDLING, REDUCTION, RECYCLING, REUSE.

**ONE CART > ONE PULL?** The City provides each residential unit **one cart** for refuse and **one cart** for recycling. The City's contractor (Veolia) will service (pull) only one refuse cart each week and one recycling cart every two weeks. The following information will help guide you through the proper way to manage your refuse/waste – the Do's, the Don'ts.

## **REFUSE - DO'S**

- It is optional to place household/kitchen refuse/waste in bags, however carts will remain cleaner longer if a bag is used and less debris will blow out of the cart when emptied.
- Reduce the amount of refuse/waste you generate
  - buy in bulk when possible
  - use refillable and reusable products
  - by concentrates to reduce packaging
  - use cloth towels and not paper
  - bring your own bags to stores
  - sell or donate used goods such as clothing, furniture and toys to thrift shops, daycares, charity or second hand stores
- ashes, sawdust, construction dust, vacuum cleaner dust, etc. shall be double bagged, sealed and placed in the refuse cart
- cardboard or paper contaminated by oil, grease, or food shall be placed in the refuse cart – unstained pizza/food boxes are recyclable and go in the recycling cart
- bulk waste, such as furniture, rolled carpeting, fixtures, microwaves, lumber, etc will be collected as long as it fits in the container
- construction waste will be collected provided the resident performed their own work and the materials are placed in the cart and do not prevent the lid from being closed
- paint cans must be in a dry or hardened state, you may add floor dry or kitty litter
- **place your cart on the end of your driveway (in line with the mailbox) and more than 3' from any post, mailbox, recycling cart, or other object**

- cart shall face the road as indicated by the arrow on the cart
- Carts shall be fully accessible, 3' apart. they cannot be blocked by parked vehicles or any other object
- all containers must be curbside by 7 AM on the scheduled collection day, **DO NOT** place your cart out earlier than 7 PM the day prior to pick up or after snow plowing

## **REFUSE - DON'TS**

- **do not place electronics such as TV's, Monitors, Cell Phones, etc in refuse cart**
- do not place recyclables in the refuse cart
- do not place yard waste in the refuse cart
- do not place engine oils, anti-freeze, or any other liquid in the refuse cart
- do not place any batteries, fluorescent tubes /bulbs or thermostats in the refuse cart
- do not place any hazardous or medical supplies or medications in the refuse cart
- do not place explosive material/ammunition in the refuse cart
- do not place cart in roadway or on snow banks
- **do not place anything outside the cart – it will not be picked up**

For a bulk pickup of any larger item, please call 1-800-387-0949 – There will be an additional fee.

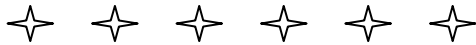
Large items can be taken to West Bend Transfer Station, 803 N River Road, West Bend, for a nominal fee. Mon –Fri 7:00 to 3:00 / 1-800-387-0949.

**QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:**

**VEOLIA – 1-800-387-0949**

**CARTS NOT PROPERLY PLACED OR CONTAINING ILLEGAL MATERIAL WILL NOT BE SERVICED (EMPTIED).**

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### **Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection:**

If the following holidays fall on a weekday, collection will be one day late after the holiday for the remainder of the week. See the yearly Recycling Calendar.

New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day



### **Appliances and Furniture:**

Large appliances, microwaves, TV's and stereos in wooden consoles, and large furniture shall be a special pick-up. Call Veolia at 1-800-387-0949 to schedule a pick-up. Try to sell some of these items first through store postings or ad's, or recycle and give to refinishers, second hand/thrift stores, or charities. College students need furniture for their apartments – list free for pick-up at the colleges.



### **Building Material (major projects):**

Debris from major remodeling, construction projects or work done by contractors will not be collected. Removal of this material is the property owner's responsibility. You may call Veolia to rent large containers.



### **Household Hazardous Waste/ Infectious Waste/Flammable Liquids/Chemicals:**

**Port Washington Residents may drop off most items at no charge at Veolia at 1-800-556-5267**



### **Paint and Related Products:**

Liquid - paint, varnish, stains, thinner/ stripper, etc. will not be collected. Call Veolia at 1-800-556-5267. Open cans of dried or hard paint can be put in the refuse cart. If the can has a small amount of liquid, use oil dry or kitty litter.



### **Waste Motor Oil:**

Waste motor oil may not be placed in the trash container. Oil may be taken to The City Street Department between the months of April - December for no charge (262-284-2600), or at **Tires Unlimited** at no charge (262-284-4414).



### **Cooking Oil: (turkey deep fryer units)**

Mix oil with floor dry or cat litter until all liquid is absorbed. Store in a double bag, seal and place in the refuse cart.



### **Vehicle and Household Batteries:**

will not be picked up. Batteries may be dropped off at **Veolia Special Services** at no charge (1-800-556-5267), or at **Tires Unlimited** at no charge (262-284-4414). **Port Recycling** also accepts them at no charge (262-284-4060).



**Propane/ Gas Containers:** will not be collected roadside. Port Recycling accepts them at no charge (262-284-4060).



### **Fluorescent Tube/Bulbs and Thermostats: will not be collected.**

Veolia has a location in Port Washington and will accept them at no cost up to 10 bulbs. 1-800-556-5267. Place in a sealed double bag in case of breakage.



### **Auto/Truck Tires:**

will not be collected roadside. Worn tires may be taken to Tires Unlimited for a minimal fee (262-284-4414).



### **Brush and Leaf Collection:**

Brush pickup begins the middle of April and stops the end of October, (Weather Permitting). **Leaf collection begins the middle of October and stops the end of November, (Weather Permitting)**. Brush shall consist of all "woody" material less than 10 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter. Place brush (cut ends toward the flow of traffic) at roadside. Brush and logs cut by a contractor should be disposed of by the contractor.



### **Holiday Decorations and Christmas**

**Trees:** Wreaths and garland are considered refuse and are to be placed in the refuse cart. Christmas trees will be collected curbside by the DPW several times in the month of January. Do Not Leave the tree stands, light strings, ornaments, and tree bags on the trees.



**Recycling can reduce your household garbage and save resources. It is also very costly to expand and create new landfills. But what goes in your recycling cart? Figuring out what you can and cannot recycle can be downright confusing. There are some basics that will make recycling convenient and reduce your environmental impact.**

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- Flatten boxes, bulky containers and aluminum cans.
- Play by the recycling rules. They aren't in place to keep the carts spick-and-span, there's a bigger purpose. Broken glass or wet cardboard can clog processing machines. Paper goods with food residue, like last night's greasy pizza box, can contaminate an entire bale of paper.

## RECYCLING - the DO'S, the DON'TS



### GLASS

**DO RECYCLE** unbroken glass containers such as applesauce jars, ketchup bottles, perfume bottles, wine and beer bottles. Clear, Green & Brown.

**DON'T RECYCLE** windows, mirrors, light bulbs and tubes, Pyrex and dishes, drinking glasses, chemical bottles, medical container, and laboratory glass.

**YOUR GLASS** becomes food containers, tiles, landscaping pebbles and road surfacing.



### PAPER

**DO RECYCLE** newspapers, magazines, cardboard and mixed papers such as corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, junk mail, envelopes, catalogs, telephones books, hard-covered books, soft-covered books, plain gift-wrap, books and stapled paper. Go to Direct Marketing Assoc. [www.dmchoice.org/consumerassistance.php](http://www.dmchoice.org/consumerassistance.php) to get yourself off mailing lists to reduce your mail.

**DON'T RECYCLE** bathroom waste paper (towels, toilet paper), food-stained papers, foil or glitter gift wrap, carbon paper, cellophane, cloth, cork, foil, polystyrene Styrofoam, stickers, wet paper products, and those containing plastic, wax or metal foil coatings. Remove hot melt glue used to attach ads to the front of phone books and magazines.

**YOUR PAPER** becomes newsprint, boxes, insulation and animal bedding. One Sunday paper recycled each month saves a tree a year.



### METAL

**DO RECYCLE** aluminum and steel (which includes tin) in the form of beverage and food cans.

**DON'T RECYCLE** contaminated foil wrap, pop tops and other metals curbside. Instead, donate to charity usable items such as flatware, can openers and tools. Call a scrap metal company for heavy loads such as house siding, and gutters.

**YOUR ALUMINUM** becomes beverage cans, cookware, bike parts, and tennis rackets; old steel becomes new steel and may wind up as filing cabinets, auto parts, or appliances.



### PLASTICS (1 thru 7)

**DO RECYCLE** all bottles and rigid containers, for example: beverage bottles, milk jugs, dish and laundry detergent bottles, and peanut butter jars, grocery bags (if not returned to store), shrink wrap, caps. (Note: If there is not a recycling market for any type of plastic – it still will not go to our landfill)

**DON'T RECYCLE** spray nozzles and pumps, foam packaging (note: some packing peanuts are cornstarch base and dissolve in water). Donate usable items such as toys.

**YOUR PLASTIC** turns into beverage and shampoo bottles, fleece, pipes, fencing, deck planks and gutters, refuse & recycling carts. Recycling five soda bottles yields enough material for one square foot of carpet or fiberfill for a ski jacket.



### COMPUTERS and Electronics

**Recycling:** Electronics can be recycled at the following places: Best Buy, Milwaukee PC, and Veolia ES Technical Solution (262-243-8900) in Port Washington.

**YOUR ELECTRONICS** are processed for plastics and metals. Many electronics have hazardous metals that are banned from landfills.

**Please see the new Electronics Flyer that is attached.**

**All recyclables shall be mixed together in one 96 gallon container  
(SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING)**

**RECYCLING WILL BE  
BI-WEEKLY  
SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR.**

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