

Recycling in Philadelphia How, When, and What

How can I recycle at my apartment or house?

Every apartment and house in Philadelphia is entitled to one free recycling bin from the city. These bins can be picked up at a neighborhood distribution center; find out the center nearest to you by calling 215-685-RECYCLE (7329). In University City, bins can usually be picked up at 3940 Chestnut Street (the University City District Office). Although the bins are convenient, you do not need to put your recycling out in a Philadelphia recycling bin for it to be collected; any bin that is clearly labeled as recycling will be picked up by the city. The Philadelphia Government also has free large stickers labeled "Recycling" available that you can use to clearly mark a bin for recycling.

When do I put out my recycling for collection?

Recycling is collected by the city once a week on the same day that trash is collected. Simply take your recycling out with your trash; we recommend labeling your recycling bin with your address and, if applicable, your apartment number to avoid confusion with neighbors' bins.

What can I recycle?

Recycling in Philadelphia is single stream. That means that you can put glass, cans, plastic, and paper materials in the same recycling bin. For some more exact guidelines:

- Cans: tin and aluminum, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans.
- Glass: jars and bottles.
- Mixed Paper: newspaper, magazines, mail, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper, beverage cartons, phone books. No food-soiled paper!
- Plastic Containers: #1 and #2 plastics only (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Check the number on the bottom to see if you can recycle it in Philadelphia.
- Cardboard: empty and flattened.

For more information about recycling in Philadelphia, visit:
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