



# CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON REFUSE AND RECYCLING

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

The City provides each residential unit **one cart** for refuse and **one cart** for recycling. The City's contractor (Waste Management) will service 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 secondhand stores
- ashes, sawdust, construction dust, vacuum cleaner dust, etc. should be bagged, sealed and placed in the refuse cart
- cardboard or paper contaminated by oil, grease, or food shall be placed in the refuse 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 must face the road as indicated by the arrow on the cart**
- **carts must 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 snowbanks
- **do not place anything outside the cart – it will not be picked up**

For a bulk pickup of any larger item, please call **1-920-644-4640** – There will be an additional fee.

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
1-920-644-4640**

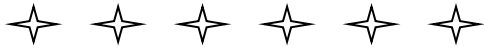
**CARTS NOT PROPERLY PLACED OR CONTAINING ILLEGAL MATERIAL WILL NOT BE EMPTIED.**

All recyclables shall be mixed together in one 96-gallon container.

**(SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING).  
RECYCLING WILL BE BI-WEEKLY.**

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED GARBAGE & RECYCLING CALENDAR.**

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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 Year's 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 **Waste Management at 1-920-644-4640** to schedule a pick-up. **Ozaukee Iron and Metal at 1-262-284-4060** also accepts these items. 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 **Waste Management** to rent large containers. **Ozaukee Iron and Metal** does accept these item (1-262-284-4060).



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

**Washington Residents may drop off most items at no charge at Veolia Special Services at 1-262-243-8998**



**Paint and Related Products:** Liquid - paint, varnish, stains, thinner/ stripper, etc. will not be collected. Call **Veolia Special Services** at 1-262-243-8998. 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). The **Ozaukee County Highway Department** accepts waste motor oil also, for no charge (262-284-9411).



**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 Batteries:** Will not be picked up. Batteries may be dropped off at **Veolia Special Services** (1-262-243-8998) or **Ozaukee Iron and Metal** (262-284-4060).



**Propane/ Gas Containers:** will not be collected roadside. **Ozaukee Iron and Metal** accepts them (262-284-4060).



**Fluorescent Tube/Bulbs and**

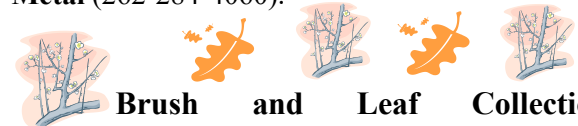
**Thermostats:** will not be collected. Veolia Special Services has a location in Port

Washington and will accept them at no cost up to 10 bulbs. 1-262-243-8998. Please 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 small fee (262-284-4414) or **Ozaukee Iron and Metal** (262-284-4060).



**Brush and Leaf Collection:**

Brush collection is made bi-weekly from April 26th – May 24th, weekly from June 7th – August 30th, and bi-weekly from September 17th – October 11th. Brush will be accepted at the Street Yard from October 18th – December 4th. Brush shall consist of all “woody” material, maximum 8 inches in diameter. Place brush (cut ends with the flow of traffic) at roadside. Brush and logs cut by a contractor must be disposed of by the contractor. **Leaves may be raked into the street October 3rd – November 22nd only, weather permitting.** **Leaves can be bagged and taken to the Street Yard.**



**City of Port Washington-Street Department**

The Street Yard is open Thursday, April 1, 2021, and closes Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6 pm  
Thursdays 3:00 pm to 6 pm  
Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Street Yard accepts grass clippings, leaves, dead plants and other small yard items. Please call 262-284-2600 for more information.



## 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.

- 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, medial 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 wastepaper (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, Televisions, and Electronics Recycling:** Electronics can be recycled at Veolia ES Technical Solution (262-243-8998) 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.

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