YOU'VE ASKED FOR COMPOST AND NOW IT'S AVAILABLE!
Denver Recycles added 6 new compost collection routes in 2017 to make composting possible.

The Denver Composts program is a fee-based service that collects residentially generated organic materials like yard debris, food scraps and non-recyclable paper. Each compost program participant receives a green compost cart, a two-gallon kitchen pail, and weekly collection service.

The organic material collected through this program is sent to a commercial composting facility where it gets turned into a high-quality soil amendment known as compost.

Each of us can make Denver a greener and healthier place to live by participating. Space is limited and eligible homes are served on a first come, first served basis. **Sign up quickly before your route fills up!**

**WHY JOIN?**

1. **IT'S EASY!**
   Place your yard debris, food scraps and non-recyclable paper in the green cart and set it out for collection each week. That’s it!

2. **IT'S IMPACTFUL!**
   Denver residents throw away more food and yard debris than any other items. Do your part to help Denver reach its 2020 recycling and composting goal of 34% by composting your organic material instead of throwing it away.

3. **IT HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT!**
   By composting organic material, residents help save space in the landfill and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And the finished compost helps improve soil structure, reduces soil erosion, contributes to the growth of healthier food, and pulls carbon from the atmosphere.

**FOOD WASTE IS TOO COMMON!**

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), **40% of food in America is wasted!** And in Denver almost half of that wasted food comes from single family homes like yours. The production, distribution and wasting of food has an enormous environmental and economic impact on our country. The NRDC estimates that the average family of four throws away about $1,500 worth of food each year.

**HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE BY:**
- Cooking it before it goes bad
- Freezing it for a later date
- Sharing food you don’t need
- Composting what you can’t save

To find out more about the Denver Composts program and to sign up, visit DenverGov.org/GoGreen or call 311.
2018 EXTRA TRASH CALENDAR

EXTRA TRASH IS COLLECTED EVERY FOUR WEEKS. FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:
(LA BASURA EXTRA SE RECOGE CADA CUATRO SEMANAS. SIGA ESTAS INSTRUCCIONES.)

1. Check the map and calendar to find your scheduled collection week.
(Consulte el mapa y el calendario para averiguar la semana programada de recolección.)

2. Place your extra trash items out by 7 a.m. on your normal day of trash collection during your extra trash service week.
(Saque la basura extra a las 7 a.m. el día de servicio regular de la semana programada de recolección de basura extra.)

3. Place your extra trash items in the same location as your trash cart.
(Coloque los artículos de basura extra en el mismo lugar del carrito de basura.)

4. Make sure items are at least 2 feet away from all obstructions, including your trash cart.
(Asegúrese de que los artículos estén a por lo menos 2 pies (60 cm) de distancia de cualquier obstrucción, incluyendo el carrito de la basura.)

5. Extra trash may not be stored at the curb or in the alley on non-collection days.
(No guarde el exceso de basura en el carril o en la banqueta los días que no haya de basura extra recolección.)

6. Do not set extra trash out in cardboard boxes.
(No saque la basura extra en cajas de cartón.)

7. A maximum of 10 bags and 5 large items will be collected from each home per collection.
(Recogeremos un máximo de 10 bolsas y 5 artículos grandes por hogar en cada ciclo de recolección.)

8. Extra trash collection will not accept construction or building materials, automotive fluids or materials, car tires or batteries, electronics, commercial waste, hazardous waste or chemicals.
(La recolección de basura extra no recogerá materiales de construcción; fluidos o materiales automotrices; llantas y baterías de automóviles; equipos electrónicos, residuos comerciales, desechos químicos y residuos peligrosos.)

To learn ways to reduce your trash, visit DenverGov.org/Trash.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!
PROPERLY USE THE CART COLLECTION SERVICES

All Denver homes now have cart-based trash collection.

DO’S
• Set your carts out no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day or after 7 p.m. the night before your collection.
• Return your trash, recycle and compost carts to your property within 24 hours after collection has occurred.
• Bag all trash. Please double bag all pet waste, cold ashes and broken glass.
• Leave at least 2 feet of clearance on each side of your cart as obstructions prevent automated trucks from emptying carts. Obstructions include vehicles, fences, trees, poles, overhangs, mailboxes, and extra trash.
• Alley Set Out – Set your carts in the flow line of the alley with the front of the cart facing into the alley.
• Curb Set Out – Set your carts in the street with the wheels against the curb.

DON’Ts
• Never place items on top of cart lids or next to carts. Only items inside the cart will be collected.
• Never place your recycling or compost in plastic bags.
• Do not block access to your neighbors’ driveways, gates or garages.
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   (Coloque los artículos de basura extra en la callejón o en la banqueta los días que no hay recogida de basura extra.)

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EMAIL
Select the day and time you would like to receive your email notification.

SMARTPHONE APP
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CALENDAR UPDATES
Import your service calendars or download to print.

PHONE CALL
Select the time you would like to receive a call the day prior to your collection.

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DON’T TRASH IT. DONATE IT!

We know extra trash collection is convenient, but many times it isn’t the best solution.

By donating your unwanted items, you can:
• Keep usable items out of the landfill
• Help families in need
• Support local charity efforts
• Save money on moving costs

No time or vehicle to drop off donations?
Many charities can arrange a free pickup of your items. Search “donations” in our Recycling Directory for a list of charities that will take your reusable items.

For more information on where to donate unwanted household items, visit DenverGov.org/Reduce-Reuse.

DON’T WASTE THE GOOD STUFF

GO GREEN
• Subscribe to the Denver Composts collection program for $9.75 per month.

GO SMALL
• Downsize to a smaller trash cart.

GO PURPLE
• Increase recycling capacity by upsizing to a 95-gallon recycle cart.
• Double recycling capacity by requesting a second recycle cart.

To choose one or all of these options, visit www.DenverGov.org/PocketGov or call 311.

HELP KEEP OUR CREWS SAFE

PAY ATTENTION
• Minimize distracted driving
• Observe turn signals of collection trucks
• Give collection trucks room to turn

DRIVE CAREFULLY
• Slow down
• Do not tailgate or cut off collection trucks
• Pass safely
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**Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-Off**

The Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-Off provides a convenient and no-cost way for Denver residents to keep extra recyclables out of the landfill and to compost yard debris, food scraps, and non-recyclable paper.

The Drop-Off is open to Denver residents only. No commercial or landscaping company material is accepted at this site.

**Hours**

- Tuesdays – Fridays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- CLOSED on Sundays and Mondays, and on all scheduled City holidays.

**Help Us Reach Our 2020 Goal by Recycling and Composting More**

- 2005: 7%
- 2010: 13%
- 2015: 18%
- 2017: 21%
- 2020 Goal: 34%
- 2020 Goal: 34% is the national recycling rate.

**Recycle These Items**

- Aluminum and Steel Cans, Glass Bottles, Plastic Bottles and Aerosol Cans empty
- Flattened Cardboard, Food Boxes, Paper Towel Tubes and Pizza Boxes flatten
- Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Food and Beverage Cartons empty
- Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers empty

**Compost These Items**

- Baked Goods, Cereals/Pasta, Dairy, Meat, Produce, Vegetables
- Branches, Brush, Flowers, Grass Clippings, Leaves, Weeds
- Pet Hair, Coffee Grounds/Filter Bags, Tea Bags, Wooden Chop Sticks, Wooden Popsicle Sticks

**Non-Recyclable Paper**

- Branches, Brush, Flowers, Grass Clippings, Leaves, Weeds
- Pet Hair, Coffee Grounds/Filter Bags, Tea Bags, Wooden Chop Sticks, Wooden Popsicle Sticks

For a full list of acceptable items, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.
**CHERRY CREEK RECYCLING DROP-OFF**

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**NO!**

- No Bagged Recyclables (do not bag recyclables)
- No Plastic Bags (return to store)
- No Scrap Metal (no bulky metals, cookware or hangers)
- No Tanglers (no cords, hoses or chains)

For a full list of acceptable items, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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NO PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLE CART

PLASTIC BAGS ARE ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN PLACE IN YOUR PURPLE RECYCLE CART. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIMPLE RULES BELOW TO ENSURE YOU ARE RECYCLING PROPERLY.

1. Do NOT bag your recyclables.

   Bagged recyclables are NOT recycled. When they reach the recycling facility, they must be thrown away because it is a health and safety concern for facility workers. Please do not bag your recyclables.

2. Do NOT place loose plastic bags in your recycle cart.

   Even though some plastic bags have a recycling symbol on them, they are NOT recyclable in your purple recycle cart. They get caught in the sorting equipment at the recycling facility and can cause the entire facility to shut down. Plastic bags should be reused, taken back to grocery or retail stores for recycling, or as a last resort, placed in your black trash cart.

3. Use reusable shopping bags.

   Disposable plastic bags have negative impacts on the environment and create waste. Bring your own bags with you every time you shop. Most grocery stores will also give a discount for each reusable bag you use.

For more information, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 311.

KEEP DENVER BEAUTIFUL!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND AROUND TOWN IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK.

In as little as one hour per month, you can help keep Denver beautiful by removing graffiti and picking up litter.

Register a beautification project in your neighborhood, join a scheduled project, or participate in one of the many cleanup and graffiti removal events Keep Denver Beautiful hosts each year. Since our projects are suitable for individuals, groups and people of all ages, every one of us has the opportunity to help keep Denver beautiful.

To get involved or to register a cleanup project, visit DenverGov.org/KDB or call 311.

DENVER LEAFDROP 2018

Keep your leaves out of the landfill by composting them through Denver Recycles’ annual LeafDrop program.

WEEKDAY SITES will be open from October through November.

WEEKEND SITES will be open Saturdays and Sundays the first three weekends of November.

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GRAFFITI VANDALISM
If You See It, Report It!

GRAFFITI SPREADS! Help stop graffiti from spreading in your neighborhood by reporting it. Denver Partners Against Graffiti abatement teams are available and equipped to quickly remove graffiti after it has been reported.

If you see graffiti vandalism anywhere in Denver, REPORT IT using PocketGov or by calling 311 (you can remain anonymous).

Thanks to your efforts, graffiti in Denver has decreased. Keep up the good work!

IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU

File a POLICE REPORT!
If your property becomes vandalized, a police report lets the Denver Police Department know where and how much graffiti activity is going on in your neighborhood.

Remove It Quickly!
Pick up free graffiti removal supplies at one of our paint bank locations. Visit DenverGov.org/Graffiti for a complete list of locations.

Join the BRUSH OFF!
Adopt an area near your home and remove graffiti from poles, traffic signs, benches, and other public spaces.

Request Removal.
Residents can request removal assistance at DenverGov.org/PocketGov or 311.

For more information on Denver Partners Against Graffiti, visit DenverGov.org/Graffiti.

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED ITEMS
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries
- Caulk & grout
- Cleaners & polishes
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent lights
- Glue adhesives
- Insecticides & poisons
- Mercury
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Solvents & thinners
- Stains & varnishes

$15 copayment due at time of appointment.

Make an appointment by calling 1.800.HHW.PKUP or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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DON'T GET MISSED...

In 2018, service will be delayed one day following the holidays listed below.

- New Year’s Day: Monday, January 1
- Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 15
- Presidents’ Day: Monday, February 19
- Cesar Chavez Day: Monday, March 26 (observed)
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 28
- Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4
- Labor Day: Monday, September 3
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 22
- Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25
- Veterans Day Holiday: Normal waste services will occur on Veterans Day, Monday, November 12 (observed).

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PAINT RECYCLING
MADE easy

Find one of 13 places in Denver to drop off leftover house paint, stain and varnish for free.

www.paintcare.org • (855) 724-6809

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call 311 or visit us online for Solid Waste Management services and programs listed below.

Denver Composts
DenverGov.org/Compost

Denver Recycles
DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

Trash & Extra Trash Collection
DenverGov.org/Trash

Denver Partners Against Graffiti
DenverGov.org/Graffiti

Keep Denver Beautiful
DenverGov.org/KDB

En Español
DenverGov.org/DenverRecicla

If calling from outside Denver or from a mobile phone, dial 720-913-1311.

Para la información en Español y para copia completa de este boletín en Español llame al 311 o visite DenverGov.org/DenverRecicla.

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- Glue adhesives
- Insecticides & poisons
- Mercury thermometers
- Paint
- Pool chemicals
- Salts & burners
- Stains & varnishes

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For more information and application details, visit www.dug.org/master-composter or call 303-292-9900.

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