

WASTEWISE DENVER

2020 | SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

RECYCLE RIGHT IN THE NEW YEAR!



Only about 50% of aluminum cans are recycled in Denver.



20% of Denver households place plastic bags in their recycle cart.

Plastic bags of any kind are NOT accepted in Denver's purple carts, yet they are the No. 1 contaminant.



Break down your cardboard boxes and save room in your recycle cart.

Make your resolution to recycle better in 2020 and beyond.

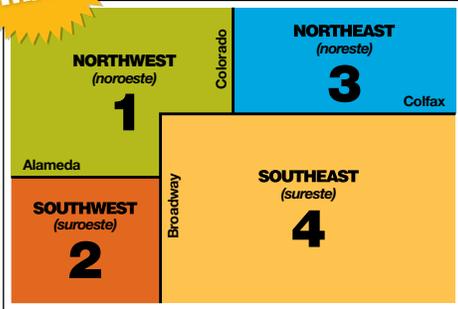
OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW TRANSLATION TOOL! You can learn more about our programs in your preferred language by visiting [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](https://denvergov.org/denverrecycles).



NEW 2020 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. A maximum of 10 bags of trash and 5 large items (furniture, etc.) will be collected from each home per Extra Trash collection (every four weeks).

(Recogeremos un máximo de 10 bolsas y 5 artículos grandes por hogar en cada ciclo de recolección. Las bolsas no deben pesar más de 50 libras (22.5 kg).)

3. Curb Customers: Place extra trash items in the same location as your trash cart.

Alley Customers: Place extra trash items behind your property.

(En la acera: coloque los artículos de basura extra en la acera delante de su propiedad.)

En el callejón: coloque los artículos de basura extra en el callejón detrás de su propiedad.)

4. Place your items out by 7 a.m. on your normal day of trash service during your scheduled Extra Trash service week.

(Saque la basura extra antes de las 7 a.m. el día de servicio normal de la semana prevista para el servicio de recolección de la basura extra.)

5. 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, incluido el carrito de la basura.)

6. Extra trash may not be set at the curb or in the alley on non-collection days.

(No guarde el exceso de basura en el callejón o en la banqueta los días que no hay de basura extra recolección.)

7. Do not set extra trash out in cardboard boxes.

(No saque la basura extra en cajas de cartón.)

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 automotores; llantas y baterías de automóviles; equipos electrónicos; residuos comerciales; residuos químicos y residuos peligrosos.)



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○ = Citywide Treecycle Collection (Reciclaje de árboles colección)

H = City Holiday (Feriado municipal)

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STAY CONNECTED



SIGN UP FOR SERVICE REMINDERS

E-mail, smartphone app, calendar updates, and phone calls. Visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 311.



PLAY OUR SORTING GAME

Denver.recycle.game



SEARCH OUR RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Denvergov.org/recyclingdirectory



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



SIGN UP FOR THE MONTHLY ELECTRONIC DENVER RECYCLES ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER

Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles



BAG YOUR TRASH **NOT** YOUR RECYCLING

Bagged recyclables **DO NOT** get recycled.



Plastic bags are Denver's No. 1 recycling contaminant!

HELP US SERVICE YOU BETTER!

SPACE YOUR CARTS OUT

Leave at least two feet between your carts and extra trash and all other objects. Obstructions such as vehicles, fences, trees, poles, overhangs, mailboxes, extra trash, and other carts can prevent automated trucks from emptying your carts.



ALLEY SET OUT

Set your cart in the flow line of the alley with the front of the cart facing into the alley.



CURB SET OUT

Set your cart in the street with the wheels against the curb. Carts should be placed on the curb when collection days conflict with designated street sweeping days.

CONGRATULATIONS DENVER!

IN **2019**, WE SENT
10,000 LESS TONS
OF TRASH TO THE LANDFILL.

LET'S
DO IT
AGAIN!

IF EACH HOUSEHOLD THREW OUT
7 FEWER BAGS OF TRASH,
WE WOULD REACH OUR 2020 GOAL!



HOW DO YOU PRODUCE LESS TRASH?

GO GREEN

SUBSCRIBE to the Denver Composts collection program for \$9.75 per month.



GO PURPLE

RECYCLE MORE!

1. Upsize to a 95-gallon recycle cart.
2. Request a second recycle cart.



RECYCLE RIGHT!

1. Bag your trash, not your recycling. Bagged recyclables DO NOT get recycled.
2. Keep it clean! No plastic bags, paper towels, Styrofoam™, cords/hoses, clothing, or scrap metal.
3. Donate what can be **REUSED**.



REFUSE & REUSE



The number one way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place.

This means refusing disposable products, and reusing and repairing items that you already have. You can stop waste before it starts in three easy steps.

1. Bring your own **reusable water bottle** wherever you go.
2. Bring your own **reusable travel mug**. Most coffee shops will give a discount for bringing your own mug, and your drink will stay hot longer too!
3. Bring your own **reusable tote bag** every time you shop and say no thanks to plastic and paper shopping bags, including unnecessary produce bags. Most stores give a discount for each bag you bring.

Once you've reduced your trash,

GO SMALL

DOWNSIZE to a smaller trash cart.



Visit [DenverGov.org/Refuse-Reuse](https://denvergov.org/Refuse-Reuse) to learn more and take the Refuse & Reuse pledge.

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR PURPLE CART

Bottles & Cans



Aluminum and Steel Cans,
Glass Bottles, Plastic
Bottles, Aerosol Cans
empty

Boxes



Flattened Cardboard, Food
Boxes, Paper Towel Tubes,
Pizza Boxes
flatten

Paper



Food and Beverage Cartons,
Magazines, Mixed Paper,
Newspaper, Paper Cups
empty

Plastics



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath:
Bottles, Containers, Tubs
empty

COMPOST THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GREEN CART

Food Scraps



Baked Goods, Dairy,
Meat, Pasta, Produce,
Vegetables

Non-Recyclable Paper



Napkins, Non-Coated Paper
Plates, Paper Towels,
Greasy Pizza Boxes,
Tissues, Waxed Paper

Yard Debris



Branches, Brush,
Flowers, Grass Clippings,
Leaves, Weeds

Various



Coffee Grounds/Filters,
Pet Hair, Tea Bags,
Wooden Chop Sticks,
Wooden Popsicle Sticks



BPI. Look for BPI Certified compostable paper products. Items are compostable in the green compost carts.

NO!



No Bagged Recyclables
(do not bag recyclables)



No Plastic Bags
(return to store)



No Scrap Metal
(no bulky metals,
cookware, or hangers)



No Tangles
(no cords, hoses,
or chains)

For a full list of acceptable items, visit [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](https://denvergov.org/DenverRecycles).

There are Many Ways to Compost

FREE 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 landscape company material is accepted at this site.



HOURS

Tuesdays – Fridays: 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturdays: 9 AM – 3 PM

Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and City Holidays.

DENVER COMPOSTS PROGRAM



LESS THAN \$10/MONTH

Sign up for compost collection service and order your green cart today!

Denvergov.org/GoGreen

DENVER LEAF DROP

Compost your Fall leaves with LeafDrop 2020.

Weekday and Weekend drop-off sites listed at DenverGov.org/LeafDrop.



DENVER Treecycle

Turn your Christmas trees into mulch with Treecycle 2020.

Set out your tree for collection on your trash day between January 6–17, 2020.

DenverGov.org/Treecycle



There are Many Ways to Compost

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COMPOST AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY

LEARN TO *Backyard* COMPOST

**SIGN UP FOR A
FREE CLASS TODAY**

CALL 303-292-9900
VISIT DUG.ORG/COMPOST

Become a



DENVER MASTER COMPOSTER!



APPLICATIONS FOR THE
2020 PROGRAM
ARE ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH JANUARY

CALL 303-292-9900
VISIT DUG.ORG/MASTER-COMPOSTER



VERMICOMPOSTING



As composters, worms gladly recycle much of our food waste. Vermicomposting recruits red wiggler worms to convert our non-meat food scraps into a valuable resource—**compost**—that can be used to improve the health of our yards, gardens, and houseplants!



PREVENT FOOD WASTE AND COMPOST THE SCRAPS!



The average family of four spends \$1,800 per year on food they don't eat.

This is like walking in the door with five grocery bags and dropping two bags in the trash each time you shop!



QUICK TIPS FOR REDUCING FOOD WASTE AT HOME

STORE FOOD SMARTLY

Prep produce as soon as you bring it home for easy use during the week.

FREEZE, FREEZE, FREEZE

Freezing food is like pushing the pause button, and almost anything can be frozen.

UNDERSTAND DATE LABELS

"Sell by", "Best by", and "Enjoy by" labels are generally not expiration dates at all. They are suggestions as to when the product is at its freshest so use your senses (sight, smell, and taste) before you choose to throw food away.

A more complete list of tips can be found at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles and at SaveTheFood.com.



HELP DENVER CLOSE THE COMPOST LOOP

1 Place food scraps, yard debris, and non-recyclable paper such as paper towels and napkins in your **green compost cart** and set the cart out weekly for collection.

2 **Denver Solid Waste Management** will empty your cart and deliver the organic material to **A1 Organics**, a commercial composting facility, where it is turned into compost.



3 Buying compost closes the loop! Use the compost made from Denver's program in your yard by purchasing **Denver's Own EcoGro™ Compost** (available at Ace Hardware Stores).



Denver Recycles' Annual MULCH GIVEAWAY & COMPOST SALE

Saturday, May 2, 2020
8 AM to 2 PM (while supplies last)

ONE DAY ONLY

FREE Mulch
 Dig-your-own and loader service will be available at the **Havana Nursery** site. Multiple dig-your-own mulch sites will be open throughout the city.

Compost FOR SALE
 Pre-bagged compost and loader service for bulk compost will be available at the **Havana Nursery** site. There are **NO** dig-your-own compost sites.

Learn more at DenverGov.org/Mulch.

KEEP DENVER BEAUTIFUL POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!

Take pride in your city and help get the litter off our streets by participating in a cleanup. The **Keep Denver Beautiful program** supports beautification efforts right here in Denver, and can provide all cleanup supplies and logistical support free of charge. Plus, our projects are suitable for people of all ages, groups, or individuals who want to help make Denver a cleaner, more beautiful place to live!

Want to choose an area near and dear to your heart and keep it clean year round?
Check out our Adopt-A-Spot program!

To schedule a cleanup, request supplies, or to find out more about the Keep Denver Beautiful program, visit DenverGov.org/KeepDenverBeautiful or call **311**.



THE GREAT DENVER CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020
9 AM - 2 PM

Every year Denver Solid Waste Management offers Denver residents the opportunity to dispose of their household trash and yard debris in a responsible way at the annual **Great Denver Cleanup (GDC)**.

The GDC offers multiple drop sites around Denver for household items to be donated for reuse, recycled, composted, or taken to the landfill. **In 2019, we collected approximately 33 tons of trash, 13 tons of compost, and 22 tons of recycling.** With your help, we can collect even more in 2020!

ZERO GRAFFITI IN DENVER

Your participation in helping to **KEEP DENVER CLEAN AND GRAFFITI FREE** can be as simple as reporting graffiti vandalism on anything in Denver.

DID YOU KNOW,
that you can go online at pocketgov.org
or call **311** to report graffiti?

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT STEP!

Pick up **FREE** graffiti supplies to help keep a traffic sign, pole, traffic control box, or dumpster clean. **Denver Partners Against Graffiti** can also help you organize a graffiti cleanup with your family, friends, and neighbors.



JOIN THE LARGEST GRAFFITI "BRUSH OFF" & LITTER CLEANUP IN DENVER!

SEPTEMBER 2020

The Brush Off is a fun way to meet other people and revitalize the community.

200 volunteers of all ages are needed to help pick up litter and paint out graffiti vandalism.

Take the challenge and help **Denver Partners Against Graffiti** spruce up one of Denver's busiest streets!

Learn more about Denver Partners Against Graffiti and available services at DenverGov.org/Graffiti.



HARD TO RECYCLE



MEET OUR ELECTRONICS RECYCLER: BLUE STAR RECYCLERS



FOUNDER, **BILL MORRIS**, WAS INTERVIEWED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND BLUE STAR RECYCLERS' UNIQUE SUCCESS STORY.



What sets the company apart?

We employ people with disabilities because of their assets and potential, and for the past ten years, our workforce has proven to be superior for work tasks involved in the recycling, testing, and refurbishing of electronics. They have also posted industry-leading metrics for productivity, attendance, and safety. Their performance has enabled Blue Star to grow and thrive when many recyclers struggle to survive.

Why is recycling electronics important?

As consumers, we need to change the way we look at unwanted electronics. Not as something to dispose of, but something to invest back into the community. When you bring your unwanted electronics to Blue Star you not only trigger a positive environmental outcome, but a social and economic impact by helping people with disabilities become more independent through employment.

How many pounds of electronics have been recycled from the City and County of Denver since working with Blue Star Recyclers?

301,000 lbs. This is equal to 418,167 lbs. of greenhouse gas reductions and 8,626 lbs. of hazardous waste diverted from landfills. Additionally, that material created 327 days of employment for our employees with disabilities, which in turn reduced taxpayer burden by \$24,000. A true win-win-win!

RECYCLE



Do you have broken, burned-out, or impossibly tangled sets of holiday lights stored with last year's decorations? Don't throw them out — recycle them for **FREE** instead!

November 29, 2019 to January 18, 2020

DROP OFF YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT CHERRY CREEK RECYCLING DROP-OFF

S. Quebec St. and E. Cherry Creek South Drive
Tuesdays – Fridays: 10 AM – 5 PM | Saturdays: 9 AM – 3 PM
Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and City Holidays.

ACCEPTED:

Light strings and wires for incandescent, LED, and "icicle" lights. Attached bulbs okay.

NOT ACCEPTED:

Bubble (liquid-filled) or neon lights. Please remove light strings from packaging material and bags.

For more information, contact Denver Recycles at **311** (720-913-1311) or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

FREE APPLIANCE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Upon request, we collect appliances that contain Freon (such as air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators) and other large metal appliances. We ensure that the metals from your appliances are recycled and that the Freon is handled in an environmentally friendly manner. There is no direct charge for this service.



ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE

- Air Conditioners*
- Freezers*
- Refrigerators*
- BBQ Grills
- Furnaces
- Stoves/Ovens
- Dishwashers
- Hot Water Heaters
- Swamp Coolers
- Dryers
- Microwave Ovens
- Washers

**Contains Freon gas*

Schedule a pick up by calling **1-800-479-4159** or visiting DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DON'T GET MISSED...

In 2020, service will be delayed one day following the holidays listed below:

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

César Chávez Day

Monday, March 30 *(observed)*

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

CONTACT INFORMATION



Call **311** or visit us online for more information on the 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

PocketGov

DenverGov.org/PocketGov

Join the Solid Waste Management team and work for

the city you love.



DENVERGOV.ORG/JOBS

Explore Careers at the City and County of Denver.
#WhereDenverWorks



INDEPENDENCE DAY:

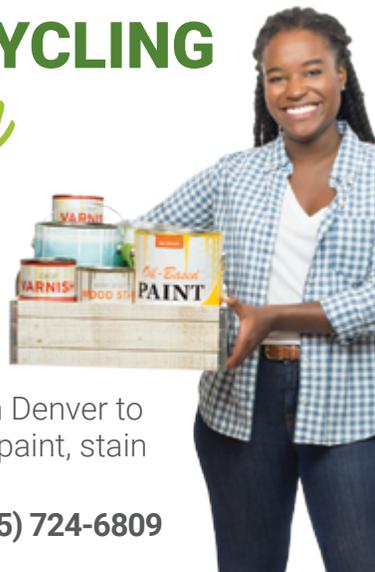
Normal waste services will occur on **Friday, July 3** *(observed)*.

VETERANS DAY:

Normal waste services will occur on **Wednesday, November 11** *(observed)*.

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

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

MAKE YOURS A HEALTHY HOME



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 thermometers
- ▶ Paint
- ▶ Pool chemicals
- ▶ 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.

A program of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management and Wastewater Management Divisions