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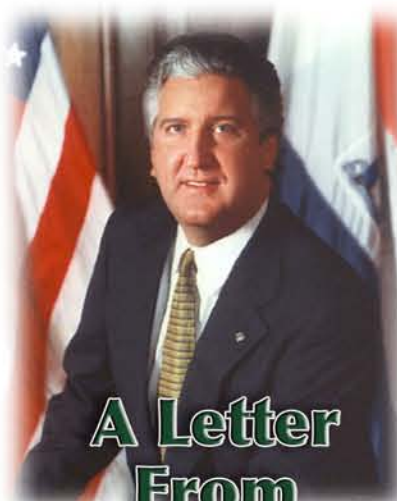
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A Letter From The Mayor

Dear Resident,

The City of Albany provides one of the most comprehensive waste collection and recycling programs in New York State. Our programs have been successful thanks in large part to the cooperation of our residents.

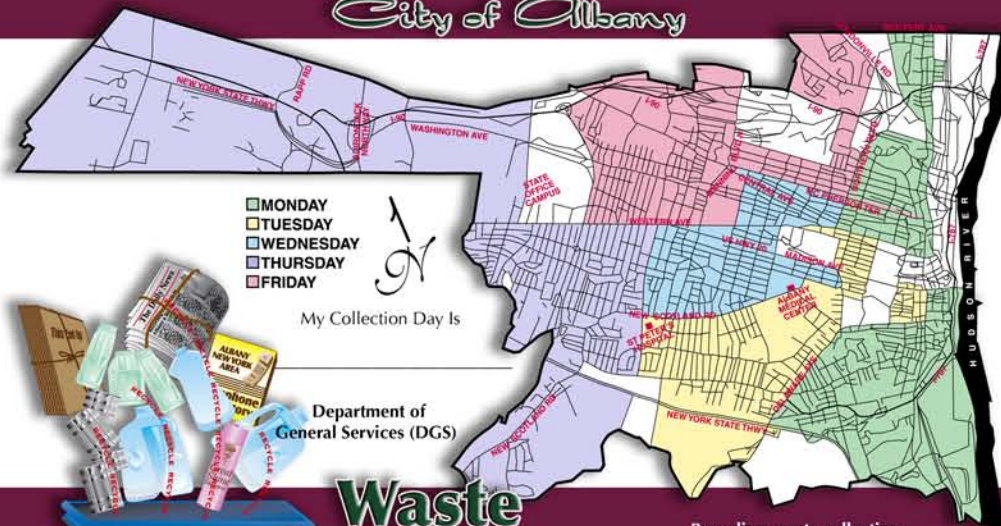
For more than ten years, we have continued to decrease the amount of waste brought to our landfill. Today, nearly one third of the waste generated within the City is recycled. We remain committed to recycling for our solid waste management. We offer a number of special waste collection programs and initiatives to increase awareness of this important program and the benefits for our community. Choosing to recycle is clearly good for our health, economy and environment.

This brochure outlines Albany's Trash and Recycling Guidelines. Please keep it handy for your reference. I thank you for your on-going participation and ask that you continue to help keep New York's Capital City a clean and environmentally friendly community.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Jennings
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- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY

My Collection Day Is

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Recycling, waste collection,
 24 hour emergency, information: 432-1144
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City of Albany Waste Collection Program



Your collection day is _____

The City of Albany only collects trash and recycling from residential dwellings with (4) four or less units located on a single property. All others, including mixed occupancy buildings, must contract for private collection.

Trash, recyclables, yard waste and bulky items must be placed curbside not before 7:00 p.m. and/or dusk but before 12 midnight the evening prior to your collection day.

The purpose of Albany's waste collection and recycling program is to collect normal weekly-generated trash and recycling. Excessive quantities of trash and recycling are subject to billing and a fine up to \$250.00.

- All **Holidays** will have normal trash and recycling pickup.
- All garbage must be containerized using heavy-duty plastic bags, metal or plastic containers. Such metal or plastic containers shall have a maximum volume of 50 gallons and shall be fitted with lids. If you wish to dispose of a broken or damaged garbage container, please label "CONTAINER BROKEN, PLEASE DISPOSE" on the outside of the container.
- A recycling bin (provided by the city) **for containers** (glass/metal/plastic) and mixed paper must be used.
- The containers (glass/metal/ #1 & # 2 plastics) must be clean and placed loosely in the bottom of your recycling bin. Broken glass is **not** recyclable and should be independently wrapped and placed with regular household trash. Only #1 & # 2 plastic in the form of a bottle or jug can be recycled. A simple rule is to **look for the neck**; if the plastic container has a neck, it can be recycled.
- NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!**
- Mixed paper, which can include almost all types of paper (such as newspaper, magazines and phone books), must be tied, placed in a paper bag, or placed loosely inside of the recycling bin on top of the loose recyclables. **Plastic Bags are not accepted.** Papers in a paper bag can be placed on top of the recycling bin.
- Cardboard must be flattened and tied no longer than 3 feet x 2 feet.
- Yard waste for city collection must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag and placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day. Grass and leaves only. **No dirt or stones.** Branches must be bundled and tied together and should not exceed 4 feet 4 inches long. Yard waste will not be collected unless it is placed in a paper biodegradable bag.
- Absolutely no plastic bags.**
- Trash cans and recycling bins are not permitted to be stored in public view.
- Residential construction debris will be picked up as long as the following is adhered to:
 - It must be neatly containerized in boxes, bags, metal or plastic cans, or tied in bundles. All of which, must be manageable by (1) one person.
 - Loading the debris into collection vehicles should take laborers no more than (4) four trips between the debris piles and the vehicle.
 - Building debris should be placed curbside no more than (2) two times per month on your scheduled collection day.
- Bulky items, such as tires and white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, hot water tanks, etc), must be placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day. Please call the Department of General Services at 434-CITY (2489) at least 24 hours prior to setting out these materials. **BE AWARE:** Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- It's the law!**
- Household hazardous waste and medical waste is **not** accepted curbside however the City of Albany sponsors (11) eleven **FREE** household hazardous waste drop off events each year. Call the **Department of General Services at 434-CITY (2489)** for dates and a list of acceptable materials.

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FOR BULKY ITEMS
 434-CITY
 CALL 24 HOURS BEFORE COLLECTION DAY

Waste Collection Enforcement & City Code Reminders

- The purpose of Albany's waste collection and recycling program is to collect normal weekly-generated household trash and recycling. Excessive quantities of trash and recycling placed curbside are subject to billing and a fine. (Code: 313-8)
 - Residential construction debris will be picked up curbside as long it is neatly containerized, manageable by 1 person, able to be loaded into a collection vehicle and takes laborers no more than 4 trips between the pile and the vehicle. These items should be placed curbside not before 7 p.m. and/or dusk but before 12 midnight the evening prior to your collection day. Building material should not be placed curbside more than twice a month. (Code: 313-8)
 - Prior to placement for collection, all waste containers and waste stored in plastic bags for weekly pickup must be stored in areas away from front yards, sidewalks, or other public right of ways affecting the visual and aesthetic character of city streetscapes. (Code: 313-8)
 - All properties and/or adjoining public ways in the City of Albany must be maintained free of litter, debris and excessive accumulation of animal waste. (Code: 313-47)
 - All properties must be maintained free of heavy overgrowth and/or accumulation of weeds. (Code: 313-51.1)
 - At no time should leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste debris be raked into the street. These items should be placed in a biodegradable paper bag and placed curbside not before 7 p.m. and/or dusk but before 12 midnight the evening prior to your collection day. **No Plastic Bags Please.** (Code: 313-48)
 - It is the responsibility of all property owners to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. (Code: 323-21/22)
 - In no event shall snow, by anyone, be shoveled, plowed or snow blown into the city streets, carriageways, or crosswalks for removal. (Code: 323-21)
- Violators of these codes can be subject to a fine up to \$250.00 plus cost of cleanup.

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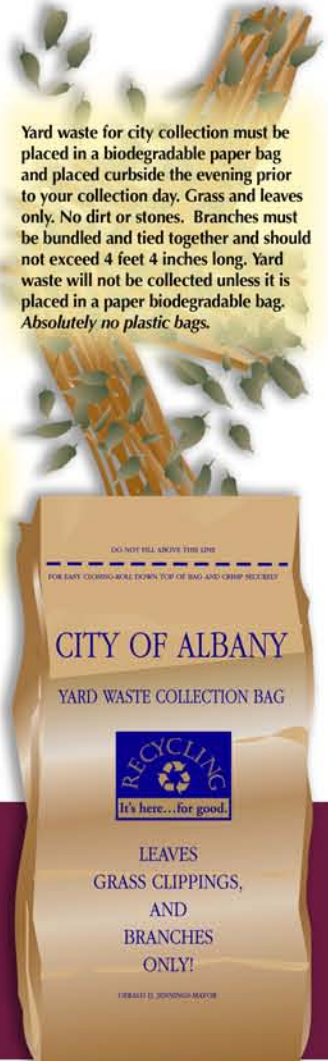
Recycling Bins



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Glass Jars & Bottles, Metal Cans, #1 & #2 Plastic Jugs & Cartons: Rinse and placed on bottom of bin

Yard Waste Bags & Bundles



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Bulky Recyclables & Bulky Trash

Bulky Recyclables: Such as tires and white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, hot water tanks, etc.) must be placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day.



Trash & Rubbish

Trash: Must be bagged & tied or placed in a trash can no larger than 50 gallons.



Important Phone Numbers

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 Administrative Office 432-1144
 City of Albany Landfill 869-3651

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