

City of Port Washington
GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DO'S & DON'TS

Bulk and Large Items:

For a bulk pickup of any larger item, please call 1-800-387-0949. There will be an additional fee. Large items can be taken to West Bend Transfer Station, 803 N River Road, West Bend, for a nominal fee, Monday thru Friday, 7:00 to 3:00, telephone number 1-800-387-0949.

Appliances and Furniture:

Large appliances, microwaves, TV's and stereos in wooden consoles, and large furniture shall be a special pick-up. Call Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949 to schedule a pick-up. 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 Veolia to rent large containers.

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

Port Washington Residents may drop off most items at no charge at Veolia Special Services at 1-800-556-5267.

Paint and Related Products:

Liquid - paint, varnish, stains, thinner/ stripper, etc. will not be collected. Call Veolia Special Services at 1-800-556-5267. 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), or at Ozaukee County Highway Department at no charge (262-284-8331).

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 and Household Batteries:

Will not be accepted by Advanced Disposal. Batteries may be dropped off at Veolia Special Services (1-800-556-5267).

Propane/ Gas Containers:

Will not be accepted by Advanced Disposal. Port Recycling accepts propane/gas containers with holes in them (262-284-4060).

Fluorescent Tube/Bulbs and Thermostats:

Will not be accepted by Advanced Disposal. Veolia Special Services has a location in Port Washington and will accept them. Please call 1-800-556-5267 for more information

Auto/Truck Tires:

Will not be collected by Advanced Disposal. Worn tires may be taken to Tires Unlimited for a minimal fee (262-284-4414).

Brush and Leaf Collection:

Brush pickup begins the middle of April and stops the end of October, (Weather Permitting). Leaf collection begins the middle of October and stops the end of November, (Weather Permitting). Brush shall consist of all "woody" material (longest possible length and 8 inches in diameter). Place brush (cut ends toward the flow of traffic) at roadside. Brush and logs cut by a contractor should be disposed of by the contractor.

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, medical 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 Association: www.dmchoice.org/consumerassistance.php to get yourself off mailing lists to reduce your mail.

DON'T RECYCLE bathroom waste paper (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 & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:

Electronics can be recycled at the following places: Best Buy, Milwaukee PC, and Veolia ES Technical Solution (262-243-8900) in Port Washington.

YOUR ELECTRONICS are processed for plastics and metals. Many electronics have hazardous metals that are banned from landfills.