

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you ever wonder what is acceptable and what is not acceptable to put out for the garbage man? Well, please take a moment to review the answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding your garbage and recycling services.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Question: Does the City supply my garbage containers?

Answer: No. Residents are required to provide their own garbage containers.

Question: What is an acceptable size container?

Answer: The maximum size acceptable is a 32-gallon capacity container equipped with handles and a lid. Plastic trash bags are acceptable. Containers larger than 32 gallons will not be picked up.

Question: Is there a weight limit for each container and/or bundled trash?

Answer: Yes. No container and/or plastic trash bag shall exceed 50 pounds. Other items, such as, carpet, and building and construction materials must be containerized and/or tied and bundled in no longer than three foot lengths. Each tied and bound bundle shall not exceed 50 pounds.

Question: When should I have my garbage at the curb for collection?

Answer: Containers are to be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day and removed by midnight on your collection day.

Question: Can I get a special pick up for appliances and/or furniture?

Answer: Yes. Discarded appliances and furniture are to be placed at the curb and will be collected on the same day as your regular garbage. NOTE: A refrigerator and/or freezer must have the door removed or padlocked before it is placed at the curb for pick up.

Question: What items are unacceptable for curbside collection?

Answer: Automotive parts and hazardous wastes, such as fuel tanks, automotive batteries and fluids, explosives, poisons and various household chemicals.

Question: Whom should I contact for proper disposal information of unacceptable items?

Answer: For information regarding the proper disposal of unacceptable items, please call the Utility Billing Division at (727) 541-0711 or for Household electronics & chemical disposal information, please call (727) 464-4000 or Pinellas County Utilities, Department of Solid Waste Operations (Refuse to Energy Facility) at (727) 464-7500.

YARD WASTE

Question: Does my yard waste need to be containerized?

Answer: Yes. Larger material must be cut into no longer than three-foot lengths and no limb may exceed three inches in diameter. All bundles must be tied and bound and not exceed fifty pounds in weight.

Question: Can I recycle my yard waste?

Answer: Yes. Grass clippings should be left on the lawn. They provide valuable nutrients to the soil. Leaves can be used as mulch in flowerbeds and around trees or consider beginning a back yard compost project. Residents may also bring yard waste to the Waste Management/City brush site located at 12950 40th Street. This site is open Sunday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of residency is required. This site is available to Pinellas Park residents for free disposal of yard waste only. You may be required to produce a utility bill to show that you pay for garbage service to the City. Free mulch is available to residents. Please bring your own shovel and container and take as much as you like. Commercial use of the brush site for free disposal is not permitted. For information regarding commercial disposal, please contact the Waste Management transfer station directly at (727) 573-1358.

RECYCLING

Question: What items can I put in my recycling container?

Answer: Newspaper (including all advertising inserts), Glass food and beverage bottles and jars (green, brown and clear colors), Plastic PETE #1 and HDPE #2 (two liter soda bottles and milk and juice containers). Look for the numbers (1) and (2) within the recycling arrows on the bottom of the container. Aluminum, Steel and Tin food and beverage cans.

Question: Do I need to remove the lids from plastic and glass bottles and jars?

Answer: Yes. Please discard all lids with your regular garbage.

Question: Do I need to rinse my recyclables?

Answer: Yes. A light rinse helps remove contaminants from the recyclables.

Clean material has more value. Rinsing will also reduce odor buildup in your recycling container.

Question: How can I get the little black insert replaced?

Answer: The City has phased out the use of the insert. Please combine all your recyclables into the blue container. The recycling crews will sort the material at the curb.

Question: I am a new resident and do not have a recycling container. How can I get one?

Answer: If you should need a recycling container or if your current container is damaged and needs replacing, please call the Utility Billing Division and one will be delivered to your home. **NOTE: The recycling container is the property of the City of Pinellas Park and must remain with the property should you move or transfer your utility service.**

Question: How can I recycle if I am a commercial business?

Answer: The City strongly encourages businesses to recycle. If your business would like to begin a recycling program, please call the Utility Billing Division for detailed information.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City of Pinellas Park Utility Billing Division (727) 541-0711.

Pinellas County Utilities Department of Solid Waste Operations (727) 464-7500.

Pinellas County Household Electronics & Chemical Collections (727) 464-7500.