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Pekin Illinois Garbage, Yardwaste and Recycling Programs

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Garbage

Please cut wood, carpet and pad into 4 foot length pieces and tie or tape into bundles.

Contain all garbage in proper (35 gallon or 95 gallon) wheeled garbage containers that can be emptied with the City of Pekin garbage trucks. These containers are available from the City of Pekin or Lowe's.

Weight not to exceed 50 pounds, unless using a wheeled garbage container that can be emptied with the City of Pekin garbage trucks.

All items must be at the curb to be picked up unless otherwise set up with the city.

All garbage, yardwaste and recycling must NOT be blocked by vehicles or any other item.

All cardboard must be broken down and bundled or taped when at the curb, includes Christmas and holiday boxes. Boxes with refuse placed in them will not be collected.

All garbage, yardwaste and recycling containers must not be at the curb

longer than a 24-hour period on your garbage day.

Paint in liquid form will NOT be collected. To dispose of paint, remove the lid off of the can and allow it to dry completely. Once the paint has completely dried, place the can with the lid off, with your weekly garbage for collection.

Appliances are classified as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners and water heaters. To have an appliance collected, place it at curbside and call the Solid Waste Department at 478-5444 to have the address and type of appliance put on the collection list.

Refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed.

No food or any type of bulk waste may be inside an appliance that is placed out for collection. Appliances must be separate from all other garbage.

Needles should be disposed of in a container such as a coffee can or plastic laundry detergent container. The lid must be tapped securely to the container and clearly mark the container as containing needles.

Yardwaste

A Little History...in 1989 the State of Illinois enacted a law stating that all yardwaste was to be separated from garbage. This law was brought about because of rapidly declining space in our landfills. Yardwaste in plastic bags does not decompose as quickly as it should. We need to continue to concentrate on increasing more involvement in the use of the yardwaste program. All of the yardwaste materials are recycled.

Season For Collection Weekly pick -up April 1st through January 15th.

What Is Considered Yardwaste?

Grass, leaves, and branches (maximum length 5 feet). Christmas trees, mulch, garden plants and straw. Tree branches in cans should not stick out of the can more than 1 foot.

Christmas Trees may be set out for

yardwaste pick-up December 25th through January 15th, after this date they can be set out for garbage pick-up. Christmas trees are the only trees allowed in the landfill

What Type of Container Should Be Used For Yardwaste?

Garbage cans (no larger than 35 gallon), 95 gallon wheeled garbage containers (rented or purchased from the City of Pekin or rented from Waste Management), and paper yardwaste bags (available at hardware and grocery stores). Can weight is not to exceed 50 pounds, unless using a wheeled garbage container that can be emptied with the City of Pekin garbage trucks.

What Is Not Considered Yardwaste?

Animal feces, plastic flowerpots, plastic plant trays, dirt, rocks, bricks, concrete, treated

lumber, sod and building materials (2' x 4's, plywood and drywall).

What Type Of Containers are Not To Be Used For Yardwaste?

Plastic bags, paper grocery sacks, chemical barrels, cardboard boxes and cans over 35 gallon in size.

Helpful Hints: Cans, bags and bundles should not exceed 50 pounds. Yardwaste cans and wheeled yardwaste containers must have the C-A-R-E stickers on them, facing the curb so drivers can distinguish between yardwaste and garbage.

The C-A-R-E stickers may be purchased at the Service Center, 1130 Koch Street or City Hall, 111 S. Capitol Street

If you have any questions, call (478-5444), or visit us at Pekin Service Center
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Recycling

QUICK FACTS PEKIN RECYCLES WITH PRIDE!

Recycling is not mandatory, but is encouraged! All items must be as follows or your recyclables will not be picked up.

Materials to be collected are:

Newspapers & Phone Books: Any flyers and advertisements that comes with your newspaper, office paper or school paper.

Shredded or Wadded Paper: In paper bags only. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

Small Cardboard: Cake boxes, soda containers, cereal boxes, etc. Cardboard no larger than 3'x3' broken down. Large amounts of cardboard may be taken to the Recycling Center near McDonald's Restaurant, 1013 Court Street.

Aluminum Beverage Cans & Aluminum Foil Trays: Just rinse.

Steel (bi-metal to tin) Food and Beverage Cans: Remove paper, rinse and flatten.

Plastic Marked #1 and #2: Just rinse; throw lids away. Examples are 2-liter soda bottles, bleach, detergent, milk, juice, shampoo, cooking oil and salad dressing etc.

Excludes: Motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide or solvent bottles and wide-mouth containers such as margarine, ice cream and cottage cheese etc. Mix all the above items in your recycling bin. The driver will separate materials for you.

The red bin is what identifies recyclables. Recyclables will be picked up once a week, at curbside, the same day as garbage and yardwaste are collected.

Where?

Once a week, year round, the same day garbage is picked up, curbside collection is provided to residents living in The City of Pekin.

Questions Frequently Asked

Do You Take Colored Plastic?

Yes, soap and detergent bottles are #2 plastic.

Should I Separate Plastic and Tin?

No, plastic, aluminum and tin are co-mingled in the truck and are separated at the Recycling Center.

Do I Need To Prepare The Recyclables In Any Way?

Simply rinse all the items, remove the lids from the glass and plastic containers.

Do I Need To Separate Cans From Bottles, etc.?

No, simply mix all the materials to be recycled together in the bin. The driver separates them at curbside.

What Items Cannot Be Recycled In This Program?

Plastic oil and antifreeze containers or wide-mouthed plastic containers such as margarine, ice cream, etc. Magazines, junk mail, plate glass, paint cans, aluminum foil or trays

What Should I Do If My Newspapers Won't Fit Into The Bin?

Place them in a brown paper bag or tie them in a bundle with string and set them next to your bin at the curb; this will also prevent blowing. Newspapers should be placed on the bottom. Placing a small brick in the bottom of your bin on windy days will keep it from blowing away.

How Can I Get A Recycling Container?

If you are moving into an existing residence, a recycling bin should have been left by the previous owner or tenant for your use. If this is not the case, you may purchase new containers from the City of Pekin for \$7.50. If you are moving into a newly constructed home, 1 free bin may be picked up at the City of Pekin Service Center, 1130 Koch Street. Feel free to write your address (not name) on the bin in permanent marker. If you have any questions, call 478-5444. All other items excluding paint, chemicals and tires are considered garbage and will be picked up weekly at your designated pick-up area.