



# City of Clayton

## RECYCLING GUIDE

For updated recycling information visit  
[www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us)

No need to separate glass, paper and plastic . . . the City of Clayton has implemented the “Single Stream” recycling method, which means that all cleaned, recycled items can be put into one bin. For more information, contact City Hall at 314.290.8540.

### GENERAL RECYCLING

The following is a list of items that can be recycled. (NOTE: Recycled plastics have a number inside a triangle on the bottom of the container, all but # 6 can be recycled.)

- Aluminum cans, foil and trays
- Gable top containers, such as milk and juice cartons
- Steel and tin cans
- #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 clear or colored plastic such as, **but not limited to**, detergent fabric softener, coffee containers, yogurt cups, household cleaners and beauty aids, beverage bottles and food containers
- Plastic buckets, such as kitty litter containers (5-gallon size maximum)
- Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, green); no window glass, dinnerware or ceramic

### RESIDENTIAL PAPER FIBER

- Newspaper, includes inserts (no plastic wrappers)
- Cardboard (no waxed cardboard)
- Brown paper bags
- Magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- Office computer paper, notebooks and gift wrap (no metal clips, spirals or binders)
- Chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes, gift boxes with plastic insides removed)
- Carrier stock (soda and beer can carrying cases)
- Junk mail and envelopes (no plastic cards, stick-on labels or unused stamps)
- Paperback books (no hard cover books)

### OTHER RECYCLING TIPS

1. Empty and rinse all containers
2. Leave the labels on the containers
3. Lids can be recycled
4. No motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers
5. Returned plastic bags to grocery or department stores
6. No plastic film, sheets, tarps or wrap
7. No expanded foam or clear polystyrene (#6 plastic)
8. No disposable diapers
9. Electronics such as TV's, computers or electric appliances can be recycled at special recycling events.



Please have pickups ready by 7:00 a.m.

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# Residential Waste and Recycling

As of October 1, 2004, Midwest Waste has been contracted by the City to provide the collection of residential trash, yardwaste, and recycling for the next three years. Prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, the collection of yardwaste and recycling was being provided by Waste Management. The following guidelines will help insure that your trash, yardwaste, and recycling collections are picked up on their scheduled days.

## COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- All items to be picked up are to be **set out by 7 am** on your scheduled pick up day.
- Items to be picked up are to be kept in your backyard, in the same place and visible to the haulers upon entering your backyard. The visibility and consistency in location of the items to be picked up will decrease the possibility of a missed pick up. Haulers will not enter garages.
- The hauler will not pickup if the driveway is blocked nor will they carry containers passed vehicles parked in driveways for liability reasons.
- Containers supplied by residents are limited in capacity to 32 gallons and shall not weight more than 60 pounds. If it is too heavy for you to lift, it's probably too heavy for the hauler.
- All loose items must be placed in containers or bundled.
- All loose solid waste items over four feet (4') high or long must be broken down or cut to four feet (4') or less and bundled.
- All boxes are to be broken down.
- **Bulky Trash**, solid waste that cannot be placed into a 32 gallon container, placed next to the pick up site for pick up must be marked clearly as **"TRASH"**. This helps prevent the hauler from collecting items stored near the pick up site that are not to be hauled off as trash. Bulky items do not include major appliances, automobile parts or components, or construction debris. This list is not all-inclusive.
- Waste that rots and stinks should be bagged and the bags placed in containers. The hauler cannot be held responsible for bags that are ripped open by animals or birds and spread around.
- **Major Appliance** pick ups are to be scheduled through Midwest Waste Customer Service (636) 947-5959. There is a charge of \$25.00 per appliance.
- By law only non-hazardous household solid waste can be collected. Liquid waste products cannot be collected in a liquid state. **Non-hazardous liquids** can be mixed with an absorbent such as kitty litter, but **must be completely dry & with the lid off the container** to show the driver that it is dried out.

## YARDWASTE GUIDELINES

- Yard Waste signs must be placed on **front door by 7:00 am** on your scheduled pick up day and be visible from the street.
- Yardwaste mixed with trash cannot be picked up.
- Loose yardwaste must be bagged in either a standard 30-gallon **paper** yardwaste bags, designated 32-gallon or smaller yardwaste cans, or in Midwest Waste yardwaste carts. **Yardwaste in plastic bags cannot be collected.**

- Yardwaste carts are to be used for yardwaste only.
- Resident-owned containers used for yardwaste should be marked with the letter **"X"** or the words **"Yardwaste Only."**
- Tree limbs and branches less than six inches (6") in diameter must be tied with **twine (no wire)** in bundles no bigger than four feet (4') long by twenty-four inches (24") in diameter; however, no bundle is to weigh more than seventy-five (75) pounds. Limbs and branches six inches (6") or more in diameter are considered **Bulky Trash**.
- Christmas trees will be collected at **the curb** for no additional charge throughout the month of January. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. **After January**, the tree must also be cut shorter than four feet (4') in length and placed in normal yard waste location in your backyard.

## RECYCLING

The following is a list of items that can be placed in your recycling bins. **Note that this list has expanded.**

### **Metals**

- Aluminum beverage cans, trays and foil
- Aseptic packaging such as juice boxes and cartons
- Steel/tin food & beverage cans including empty aerosol cans

### **Glass**

- Glass food & beverage bottles and jars such as soda, beer, wine, flavored drink bottles and food jars

### **Plastics (identification numbers are marked on containers)**

- **#1 PET** beverage containers such as soda, water, flavored drinks bottles (includes 1 and 2 liter soda bottles, clear and green)
- **#2 HDPE** natural containers such as milk, water, and juice jugs
- **#2 HDPE** color containers such as detergent & fabric softener bottles
- **#3 PVC narrow neck containers only**
- **#4 LDPE** such as margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings
- **#5 PP** such as yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles
- **#7 narrow neck containers only**

### **Fibers**

- Newspaper including inserts, **remove plastic sleeves**
- **Cardboard** broken down and bundled, **no wax board**
- **Kraft** such as brown bags
- Magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- Office, computer, notebook and gift wrap paper, **no metal clips, spirals or binders**
- **Chipboard** such as cereal, cake & food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc
- **Carrier Stock** such as soda & beer can carrying cases
- Junk mail and envelopes, **no plastic cards, stick on labels or unused stamps**
- Paper back books