

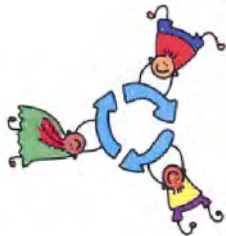


Pittsfield Recycles!



Why Should I Recycle?

- ✓ **Recycling saves resources and energy.** For each ton of paper we recycle, we save 17 trees, 500 gallons of oil, 7000 gallons of water and over 4000 kilowatt hours of electricity. Recycling an aluminum can saves 95% of the energy needed to make one from new materials!
- ✓ **Recycling returns funds to Pittsfield.** All the recycling that is collected in Pittsfield is delivered to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. Pittsfield receives money for these recyclables which is used to help pay for city services. When we recycle, we help support our city!
- ✓ **Recycling teaches our children.** When your family recycles you reinforce that you care about the environment and the future.



How Can I



- ✓ **Pick-up a free Blue Bin and recycling schedule from the Pittsfield Department of Public Works (DPW) office in Pittsfield City Hall.** Call the DPW at 499-9330 for more information, or, click the "Public Works and Utilities" link at http://www.cityofpittsfield.org/city_departments.htm to view the recycling schedule online.
- ✓ **Fill your Blue Bin with the recyclables that will be picked up that week.** Recycling pick-ups alternate each week between paper and glass/metal/plastic containers.
- ✓ **On pick-up day, put your full Blue Bin at the curb by 7am.** Your recycling gets picked up the same day as your regular trash.

Bring This Guide Home For Your Family!



Glass, Metal & Plastic Containers

What Can I Recycle?

- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Aluminum Foil & Trays
- Juice & Milk Cartons
- Drink Boxes (remove straws)
- Clear Plastic 'Clamshell' Containers
- Tin, Steel & Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles, Jars and Tubs
- EMPTY Non-hazardous Aerosol Cans are OK (i.e. whipped cream)



How should I prepare the containers?

1. Rinse out containers.
2. Remove and throw away plastic caps, lids & straws. (Labels are OK)
3. Put containers loose in bin. Don't put them in paper or plastic bags.

What CAN'T I Recycle?

Plastic Bags, Film or Wrap
(Recycle at most grocery stores)

Lids, Caps & Straws

Window, Plate or Auto Glass

Drinking or Eye Glasses

Crushed or Broken Glass

Clay or Plastic Pots

Containers Larger than 2.5 Gallons

Juice Pouches

Ceramics/Pottery

Light Bulbs

Motor Oil Bottles

Styrofoam (Polystyrene)

Black Plastic Microwave Trays

Paint Cans

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Paper Products



What Can I Recycle?

- Newspapers and Inserts
- Fax & Computer Paper
- Paper Bags
- Letters & Junk Mail
- Office & Construction Paper
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Empty, clean pizza boxes
- Telephone Books and Paperback Books
- Corrugated Cardboard (flattened, no tape, no string)
- Box Board (cereal, shoe, etc.; flatten & then remove any plastic liners)
- Used, Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper



What CAN'T I Recycle?

Detergent Boxes

Frozen Food Boxes

Soiled Pizza Boxes

Egg Cartons

Paper Plates or Cups

Food-Soiled Boxes
or Paper

Waxed Paper

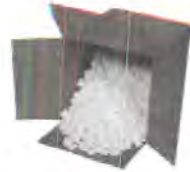
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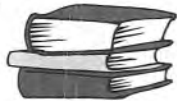


And how do I get rid of...



Polystyrene "Peanuts"

Call CET at 445-4556. Also taken at most packing and shipping stores.



Books

Donate to libraries. Some stores buy and sell used books. Check out www.adoptalibrary.org for reuse ideas.



Paint

Latex paint: Open can and let paint dry, then throw away with household trash.

Oil paint: Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Contact DPW at 499-9330 for dates.



Propane Tanks

Small empty camp stove tanks can be thrown in the trash. Bring larger grill-size tanks (20 lb.) to Pittsfield Welding, George Propane, AmeriGas, Carr Hardware and some fire stations (call first). A fee may apply.

Yard Waste



Pittsfield residents can place yard waste in clear plastic bags and bring to Covanta. Yard waste makes great compost! Call 499-9344 to purchase compost bins at City Hall. Contact CET for composting information www.cetonline.org or 445-4556.

Televisions



Contact Best Buy or Goodwill. They will accept TVs for a fee. Do not place a TV at the curb for pick-up.

Computers



For non-working and working computers, contact Goodwill at 442-0061 for free recycling. Best Buy (445-5812). A fee may apply. For working computers contact ReCompute at 496-9849.

Rechargeable Batteries & Cell Phones



There are drop boxes for these items located at City Hall and CET (112 Elm St.). Can also bring to any Staples, Best Buy or Radio Shack stores.



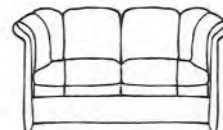
Fluorescent Bulbs

Bring compact fluorescents (cfl's) to Home Depot. All fluorescent bulbs, as well as thermostats and thermometers, bring to Covanta: 443-7373 on Hubbard Ave. for recycling.

"White Goods"



This include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, air conditioners and stoves. These can not be thrown away or left at the curb. Call Sayers Auto Wrecking at 443-1635, Perlman & Sons at 442-7127 or Covanta at 443-7373. Disposal fees may apply.



Bulky Waste

Acceptable items: automobile tires, oversize plastic toys, wooden posts or fencing, upholstered chairs & couches, broken-down wooden furniture, mattresses, box springs and carpet rolls. \$15 curbside disposal sticker required.

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