

Detroit Recycles Guide



For Commercial Recycling Customers of the
City of Detroit's Department of Public Works

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Welcome

to the City of Detroit's Recycling Initiative



Together, we are reducing pollution, diverting materials from landfills, and showing our customers that we can lead by example.

Follow this checklist
to create a successful recycling program:

- Review** this guide
- Place** each recycling container next to a trash container
- Post** the enclosed “Recycle Only” and “Trash Only” signs at eye-level above respective containers
- Post** “Want to Recycle at Home?” flyer where Detroiters will see it
- Post** the “Recycling Schedule” sign where your custodial staff can easily find it
- Reach out** to your Recycling Coordinator if you have any questions or issues with your recycling service



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Setting Up Recycling Containers



Recycling Bin (18-gallons)

- Use for interior collection
- Empty contents into cart or dumpster for collection



Recycling Cart (96-gallons)

- Interior or exterior
- Roll this cart around your facility to collect materials from interior bins
- Serviced by DPW on your collection day



Recycling Dumpster (450-gallons)

- Exterior only
- Serviced by DPW on your collection day

Recycling Tips

- All recyclables should be placed **loosely inside your cart** - not on top or around it
- All recyclables **go into the same container** - our recycling is “single stream”
- **Secure your containers** properly - there may be a fee for stolen containers
- When we drop off your containers, we will show you exactly where to place the containers for service
- Ensure the **path to your recycling container is clear** - if our truck cannot access your container, we may not service it
- **Place your containers outside by 7am** on your service day. Pull them back and secure them by 9pm on your service day.
- **Questions or concerns?** Contact the Recycling Coordinator



**Empty & Clean
All Recyclables**



**No Plastic Bags
Do Not Bag Recyclables**



Avoiding Contamination

When in doubt, throw it out!

Non-recyclable materials **CONTAMINATE** our recycling.

Contamination causes problems at the recycling facility.

This is why it is critical to **RECYCLE RIGHT!**

- Train your staff and tenants on proper recycling
- Place trash and recycling bins side-by-side in a visible location
- Post the Detroit Recycles signage at eye-level
- Monitor your recycling bins, especially in the beginning



What to do if you spot contamination:

1. Empty the contents into the trash
2. Place a trash can right next to the recycling container
3. Place our helpful signage at eye-level above both containers
4. Consider moving the container to a less-public area
5. **Contact your Recycling Coordinator**, who can help you problem-solve

Recycling Schedule

Please set containers outside by 7:00 am.



Recycling Collection Location: _____

Recycling Collection Day: _____

Thank you for recycling!



Questions or concerns?
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Recycle only



Cardboard



Paper



Glass Containers



Hard Plastics (#1-7)



Metal Cans



No Plastic Bags



Empty & Clean



Trash only



Snack Wrappers



**Paper Plates &
Plastic Utensils**



**Napkins &
Paper Towels**



Plastic Bags



Styrofoam



Food





Want to recycle at home?

FREE BLUE RECYCLING CARTS FOR:

- Detroit residents
- Single-family homes or buildings with 4 or less units

Visit DetroitRecycles.org

Play the Recycling Challenge game
& request your free cart online!



*Snap a photo of the QR
code above with your
smartphone*

OR

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