

## Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Why was my refuse and recycling not collected?

Most likely it was one of the following reasons:

- 1) The containers were put out too late. Please have containers at the curb by 7am of your collection day.
- 2) The containers were placed too close to each other or another object (sign, pole etc). Allow 5 feet of open space around containers.
- 3) Perhaps a parked car was too close. Please call the Public Works Department at (419) 354-6227 for further assistance and for more information.
- 4) Trash in the recycling container or yard waste in either container.

Question: When should I set out and remove my containers from the curb?

Per City Ordinance 94.04 (D): Containers should be placed curbside no sooner than 5pm the evening before and no later than 7am the day of collection.

Per 94.04 (E): All containers must be removed from the right of way by 7am the day following collection.

Question: When is my trash day?

The City collects trash typically four days of the week. To find out your specific trash day you may visit [www.bgohio.org](http://www.bgohio.org) and see the Public Works Division section on refuse collection.

Question: What if my container is missing?

Call the Public Works Department at (419)-354-6227.



**For the Public Works Schedule and Holidays:**

go to: [www.bgohio.org](http://www.bgohio.org)

Click on **Public Works Division** then the **Schedule & Holidays** tab on the right.

You can also find information for other City services such as Large item, Brush and Leaf Collection.

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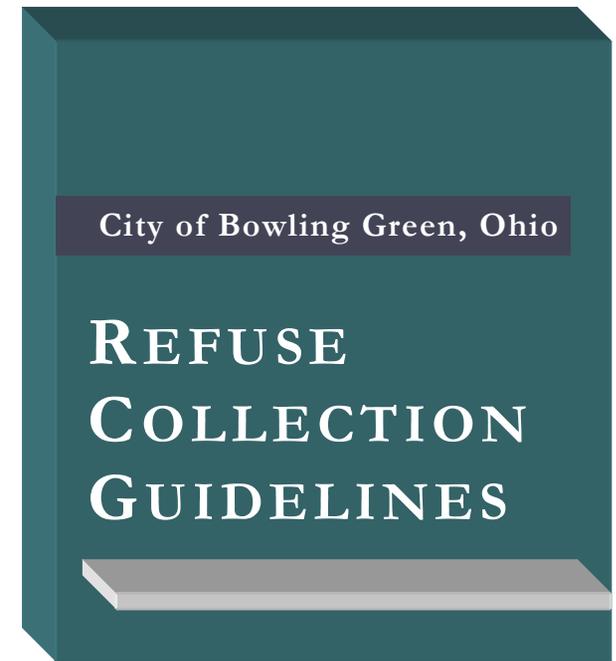


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For additional information:

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## City Refuse Collection

The City of Bowling Green utilizes an automated refuse collection system to efficiently and cleanly collect refuse from 5,500 households per week.



### Who is eligible to receive City Refuse Collection?

Per City Ordinance 94.02, the City will collect refuse from one or two family dwellings on Public Streets. The City does not collect refuse from apartments or businesses.

### Where should I store my container when not set out for collection?

#### Per City 94.05 CONTAINERS STORAGE LOCATION:

(A) On non-collection days all refuse containers, including dumpsters, whether City or privately owned, shall be stored within an enclosed area, screened from the street, or in the side or rear yard as defined by the City zoning code of the premises adjacent to the structure with the lid closed.

### Refuse & Recycling Containers

The City has issued eligible properties a green refuse container and a blue recycling container.

Per City Ordinance 94.04 (D): Containers should be placed curbside no sooner than 5pm the evening before collection and no later than 7am the day of collection.



*All containers must be removed from the City right of way by 7am the day following collection.*

- Please do not fill above the top of the container. Keep Lid CLOSED!!
- Do not place trash in the recycling container.
- Do not bag your recycling ! Place it in the container loose.
- Do not place brush or yard waste in either container.
- Do not place refuse beside the containers. It will not be collected.

Failure to comply may result in a citation or loss of City refuse collection.

94.99 (B): Whoever violates any of the provisions of 94.04 or 94.05 shall be subject to the following:

- First violation within any twelve (12) month period: Written warning affixed or mailed to the premises.
- Second violation within any twelve (12) month period: A civil citation to the occupants and a fine of \$25.00.
- Third violation within any twelve (12) month period: A civil citation to the occupants and a fine of \$50.00.
- Fourth and subsequent violation within any twelve (12) month period: A civil citation to the occupants, and a fine of \$100.00 for each violation.

## City Recycling Collection

### Paper & Cardboard

#### Accepted:

- Clean & Dry Newspaper
- Cereal & Other Paperboard Boxes
- Pizza Boxes & Other Corrugated Cardboard
  - Please flatten boxes & place in cart!
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Office Paper
- Phone Books: Tear into 1" thick sections!
- Paper Bags
- NO Shredded Paper Curbside! Please take to Drop Off.



### Plastic Bottles

#### Accepted:

- Plastic Bottles/Jars Only!
  - The opening must be smaller than the base.
  - CAPS ON! Empty, flatten and put lids back on.
- Examples:
- Milk Jugs
  - Detergent or Shampoo Bottles
  - Plastic Pop/Water Bottles
  - Plastic Jars



**Not Accepted:** Yogurt, margarine, or similar containers & plastic bags.

### Aluminum & Steel

#### Accepted:



- Aluminum Beverage Cans
  - Please drain completely.
  - May be flattened to save space.
- Steel Cans
  - Rinse clean.
  - Place lid inside can and pinch end closed.
  - May be flattened to save space.

### NO Glass Curbside

Glass is not accepted curbside!



A commingled collection operation results in broken glass, causing safety and quality problems during the sorting process.

You may still take glass to the Bowling Green Recycling Center's 24 Hour Drop Off for recycling. We suggest you use your red curbside bin to transport your glass to the center.



We appreciate your cooperation & thank you for participating in the recycling process.