

? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY WAS MY REFUSE AND RECYCLING NOT COLLECTED?

Most likely it was due to one of the following reasons:

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

WHEN SHOULD I SET OUT AND REMOVE MY CONTAINERS FROM THE CURB?

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 by 7am after collection day.

WHAT IF NO ONE FROM MY HOUSEHOLD CAN TRANSPORT CONTAINERS TO/FROM THE CURB?

The City offers eligible households carry out/back service. To learn if you may be eligible see the website at www.bgohio.org or call 419-354-6227.

WHEN IS MY TRASH DAY?

To find out your specific trash day, visit www.bgohio.org and see the Public Works Division section on refuse collection.

WHAT IF MY CONTAINER IS MISSING?

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

CAN I GET ANOTHER CONTAINER?

Residents may purchase additional containers or switch out existing containers for smaller/larger sizes. The City also offers a small dumpster container to eligible properties for a fee. Call Public Works at 419-354-6227 for more information.



For the Public Works
Schedule and Holidays go to:
www.bgohio.org

Click on Public Works Division, then
Click the Schedule & Holiday tab on the right.

You can also find information for other City Services such
as Large Item, Brush and Leaf Collection, Recycling
and more.



For More Information:

419-354-6227

THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

GUIDELINES



419-354-6227

REFUSE AND RECYCLING REGULATIONS

The City of Bowling Green utilizes an automated refuse collection system to efficiently and cleanly collect refuse from 5,500 one and two family dwellings per week. The City does not collect refuse from apartments and businesses.

Eligible properties have been issued a **green refuse** container and a **blue recycling** container. Should you not need the large containers, they may be exchange for smaller containers to make them fit in your garage. These containers should be placed curbside no sooner than 5pm the evening before collection and no later than 7am the day of collection.



- **Do not fill above the top of the container, LID MUST BE CLOSED at all times.**

The purpose of requiring container lids to be closed is to help prevent the breaking of the lid during the collection process. If the lid is open or the container is facing the wrong way at the curb, the lid can break. Also, if the lid is open during non-collection days or at the curb, the chances increase that the garbage within the container will fall out becoming loose litter.



Lid must close



Store in side or rear yard

- **Do not place trash in the recycling container.**
- **Do not place brush or yard waste in either container.**
- **Do not place refuse BESIDE the containers.** It will NOT be collected
- All containers shall be set at the curb with the **lid opening facing the street** with the lid fully closed, and **all containers shall be removed from the right-of-way by 7am the day following collection.**
The reason for this is to keep streets and curbs clear for snow removal, emergency vehicle traffic and for a cleaner appearance.
- On non-collection days, all refuse and recycling containers - including dumpsters - whether City or privately owned, shall be **stored within an enclosed area or in the side or rear yard of the premises adjacent to the structure with the lid closed.**
- **Failure to comply** may result in a citation or loss of City refuse collection.

RECYCLING

We accept curbside...

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Accepted:

- **Corrugated Cardboard** (wavy center)
- **Boxboard & Paper Cartons** (dry-food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons)
- **Clean, Dry Newspaper** (all sections)
- **Magazines and Catalogs**
- **Phone Books** (Tear into 1" thick sections)
- **Office Paper** (all colors)
- **Mail and Greeting Cards**

NO SHREDED PAPER CURBSIDE! Take to Drop Off Center.

PLASTIC



Plastic Containers

Plastic Bottles and 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.

METAL



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.

GLASS



NO GLASS

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

For more information about The City of Bowling Green's Refuse and Recycling Program, please go to:

www.bgohio.org

Follow the link to:

Updated Refuse and Recycling Regulations