

# SAINT LOUIS **CITY** RECYCLES

## **Small Steps. BIG IMPACT.**

The Ultimate Waste Disposal Guide for  
St. Louis City Residents



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[www.STLCityRecycles.com](http://www.STLCityRecycles.com)

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## Recycling is Easy!

**STEP 1—** Find out what you can recycle.

**Stick with the Six** items pictured on the next page. Scan the QR code and download the Recycle Coach app to search our database for other recyclable items.



[qrco.de/recyclecoach](http://qrco.de/recyclecoach)

**STEP 2—** Designate a space in your home for a recycling bin. Get a free in-home recycling bin from our office. Call 314-772-4646.

**STEP 3—** Empty all liquids and rinse or wipe off excess food residue. Place only clean, dry recyclables in the bin until you're ready to take them out for collection. Be sure to reattach the lid! (Tip: If you can't get any more food or drink out of the container, it's ready to recycle!)

**STEP 4—** Flatten all cardboard.

**STEP 5—** Empty recyclables loose into your blue City dumpster or rollcart, or take them to a nearby dropoff recycling site.

**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**



# RECYCLING 101

## WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLUE BIN



Paper



Flattened  
Cardboard



Plastic Bottles &  
Containers



Glass Bottles  
& Jars



Metal Food &  
Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage  
Cartons

Keep items loose, clean & dry. Always flatten your cardboard.

## AND WHAT DOESN'T



Bagged  
Recyclables



Plastic Bags  
& Film\*



Styrofoam



Food Waste



Sharps & Needles



One-Time-Use  
Disposables

\*Recycle plastic bags & film at your local grocery store.

# How to Recycle: Dumpsters

## With a Blue Alley Dumpster, Recycle at Any Time!

1. Collect recyclables and keep them separate from trash using an in-home recycling bin, paper bag, plastic tub or cardboard box.
2. Empty recyclables loose into the **blue recycling dumpster** (no plastic bags or film please). Trash goes in the **brown dumpster** and yard waste into the **green dumpster**.
3. Help keep your community clean by closing dumpster lids after each use. This protects recyclables from wind and rain.
4. Please **do not** prop lids open. Recyclables must stay dry and contained.



Recycling helps keep our alleys clean and improves public health! Cleaner alleys can also reduce crime and illegal dumping!

**Problems? (e.g. Broken lid, missed collection, etc.)**  
**Contact the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314-622-4800**  
**or online at [StLouis-MO.gov/CSB](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/CSB).**



# Collection Schedule: Dumpsters

## Dumpster Collection Schedule

**Recycling  
(Blue Dumpster)**

**Trash  
(Brown Dumpster)**

**Yard Waste  
(Green Dumpster)**

All dumpsters are picked up a minimum of once each week, or more, as needed.

You can find your bulk pickup days at [StLouis-MO.gov/my-pickup](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/my-pickup) or by calling the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314-622-4800.



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# How to Recycle: Rollcart

## Rollcart 101

1. Residents with rollcarts (primarily for streets without alleys) should have one 96-gallon **blue rollcart** for their recyclables and one 96-gallon **green rollcart** for trash and yard waste.
2. Each rollcart is assigned for the exclusive use of that household.
3. When your in-home recycling bin is full, empty its contents **loose** into the blue recycling rollcart (**no plastic bags or film please**).
4. Help keep your community clean by closing rollcart lids after each use.
5. Roll your cart to the curb by 5:30 a.m. on your regular collection day. Be sure your rollcart is on the street (not on the sidewalk).
6. Position the cart so the lid opens toward the street and is 3 feet away from all obstructions, including cars, poles, trees and other rollcarts.
7. Bring your rollcart back onto your property (e.g. garage, storage area, yard, fenced area, gate) by 11 p.m.



With a blue recycling rollcart, it's easy to see how much you recycle!

**Problems? (e.g. missing cart, damage, missed collection, etc.)**

**Contact the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314-622-4800**

**or online at [StLouis-MO.gov/CSB](http://StLouis-MO.gov/CSB).**

# Collection Schedule: Rollcart

## Rollcart Collection Schedule

	Recycling (Blue Rollcart)	Trash (Green Rollcart)	Yard Waste (Green Rollcart)
Collection Schedule A	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Collection Schedule B	Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday

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# Trash and Yard Waste

## Trash Goes in a **Brown Dumpster** or **Green Rollcart**

- **Trash includes** food waste, bagged garbage, bagged pet waste, diapers, chip bags, one-time-use disposables, etc.
- **Not permitted:** electronics, household hazardous waste\*, clean recyclables and yard waste.
- Many items can be donated or reused before sending them to the landfill. Be sure to scan the QR code or visit [qrco.de/recyclecoach](http://qrco.de/recyclecoach) to download the Recycle Coach app for more information.



\*Learn how to dispose of household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, antifreeze, paint thinners, etc. at [HHWstl.com](http://HHWstl.com)

## Yard Waste Goes in a **Green Dumpster** or **Rollcart**

- **Yard Waste includes:** grass clippings, leaves, garden trimmings, tree branches, etc.
- Sticks, limbs and branches, larger than 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet long should be bundled and put out for bulk pickup.



**Remember, green rollcarts of yard waste are collected on Wednesdays. Please do not include any trash or recyclables.**



# Bulk-E Pickup

## How It Works

**What:** City residents serviced by the Refuse Division can place up to **3 large items** per household, per month for bulk and electronics pickup (e.g. furniture, appliances, tires, electronics, automotive batteries, bundled branches).



**When:** Place items at your designated bulk pickup site by **6 a.m. on the Monday of your bulk pickup week**. To find your bulk pickup schedule call the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314-622-4800 or visit [StLouis-MO.gov/my-pickup](http://StLouis-MO.gov/my-pickup). Items will be picked up by the end of your designated bulk pickup week.

**Where:** Residents who use rollcarts should place bulk items at the curb in front of their home and at least 3 feet away from cars. Residents who use alley dumpsters should place bulk items in the alley directly behind their home at least 3 feet from dumpsters. **Do not lean items on any dumpster.**

**Why:** Following the bulk pickup schedule helps keep our streets, alleys and dumpsters as clean as possible.



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# Recycling Beyond Your Blue Bin

**In St. Louis, we have facilities that recycle or reuse:**

- Electronics
- Lightbulbs
- Clothing and textiles
- Household hazardous waste
- Paint
- Batteries
- Furniture
- And more!



Search Recycle Coach for places that recycle or accept donations of what you have!

**Download app:** [qrco.de/recyclecoach](http://qrco.de/recyclecoach)

**Web:** [STLCityRecycles.com/#recyclecoach](http://STLCityRecycles.com/#recyclecoach)

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

What is HHW? HHW includes unusable or unwanted chemical products such as pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and stains, etc. With every visit, the first 50 pounds of material are free for city residents to recycle (latex paint costs \$0.50 per pound). City residents can visit one of two HHW facilities to dispose of materials. Appointments are required and can be made at [HHWstl.com](http://HHWstl.com)

## Tips to avoid creating further HHW:

- Use safer alternatives
- Buy only the amount needed
- Use products entirely
- Share leftovers with others
- Store products properly to extend their shelf life

**DID YOU KNOW? In Missouri,  
the recycling industry employs nearly 25,000 people!**

# Recycling Dropoff Options

## Recycling Drop Off Sites!

- Do you live in an apartment building that doesn't have recycling?
- Do you have excess recycling from a move or family gathering that won't fit in your recycling dumpster or rollcart?



St. Louis City residents have access to a number of dropoff recycling sites operated by the City's Refuse Division. These sites are for residential use only. To find a dropoff site near you, visit [STLCityRecycles.com/dropoff](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/STLCityRecycles.com/dropoff).

### Residential Refuse Drop Off

St. Louis City residents can bring up to 12 loads per year of trash, yard waste, recycling and bulk items to a City Transfer Station free of charge. You must provide proof of residency and your most recent water/trash bill showing no outstanding balance. No commercial trucks are accepted, only personal or rental vehicles.

**North Transfer Station:** 4124 North First Street, 63147

**South Transfer Station:** 4100 South First Street, 63118

For more details visit [StLouis-MO.gov](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov) and search "residential refuse drop off"

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# Multifamily Building Recycling

## Ask Your Property Owner or Manager to Offer Recycling at Your Building!

Recycling in multifamily dwellings is great for the residents and can save property managers money, too. Although the City's Refuse Division does offer service to small multifamily dwellings, many property managers choose to use private waste haulers. Ask your property manager to consider offering recycling services.



Find tips and resources for how to get started with recycling in multifamily buildings, including a list of recycling haulers at

**[STLCityRecycles.com](https://STLCityRecycles.com/multifamily)**  
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**BLUE BIN TIP—Pizza boxes are still recyclable as long as grease spots are no bigger than the palm of your hand!**



# Additional City Services

## Brightside St. Louis

Brightside St. Louis has been cleaning and greening our City for more than 40 years! Beautification programs include:

- **Graffiti removal** — at no cost to the property owner.
- **Blitz clean-ups** — City residents can borrow tools and get trash bags from Brightside for neighborhood or alley clean-up activities and flowers for public space plantings.
- **Greening** — Visit the Demonstration Garden or participate in beautification programs like Blitz Blooms and Neighbors Naturescaping.

For more information and to reserve tools visit [BrightsideSTL.org](https://BrightsideSTL.org)



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# Help Us Help You

## What If I Have a Problem with My Trash or Recycling?

Report all city service problems to the Citizens' Service Bureau.

### **Make a request to the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB):**

ONLINE: [StLouis-MO.gov/CSB](https://StLouis-MO.gov/CSB)

CALL: 314-622-4800

POST ON X: tag @STLCSB

**Examples include:** Damage to dumpster or rollcart, collection missed, missing rollcart, illegal dumping, etc.

## What About Illegal Dumping?

It's illegal for businesses and commercial trucks to use the City's residential dumpsters. City residents must not set out bulk items outside of their designated bulk pickup week.



- If you see illegal dumping, get the license plate number, description of vehicle and record the date and time
- Report it to the CSB, unless it is happening now, call 314-231-1212
  - If it's a commercial truck, call 911

**DID YOU KNOW?** Nearly **HALF** of what St. Louis City residents throw in the trash could have been easily recycled!

# Get Involved!

## Take The Pledge To Recycle

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Join your neighbors in taking small steps to make a BIG IMPACT in St. Louis! Pledge to Recycle Responsibly at [STLCityRecycles.com](https://STLCityRecycles.com).

## Become a Recycling Ambassador

Help encourage others to recycle!

Recycling Ambassadors:

- Share recycling information with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers
- Volunteer to help with recycling-related projects and events
- Share Saint Louis City Recycles social media posts



**Sign up to become a Recycling Ambassador online at**  
[STLCityRecycles.com](https://STLCityRecycles.com)

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## K-12 Outreach & Education

We offer classroom activities and presentations to all schools and youth groups located in the City of St. Louis! Call 314-772-4646 or email [recycle@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:recycle@stlouis-mo.gov) to schedule a presentation.

## Community Outreach

Invite us to present at your next neighborhood/community meeting or event! We're always happy to answer any recycling questions you and your neighbors may have. Call 314-772-4646 or email [recycle@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:recycle@stlouis-mo.gov) to schedule a presentation.

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