

City of Albany Waste Collection & Recycling Program



Albany Recycles SingleStream

One Bin — Recycling Made Easy

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A Letter From The Mayor

Dear Resident,

The City of Albany provides one of the most comprehensive waste collection and recycling programs in New York State, and, over the years, this initiative has been successful thanks to the cooperation and dedication of residents like you. Today, we continue to work toward decreasing the amount of waste brought into our landfill by choosing to recycle, and by expanding our current program to include single stream recycling – meaning that residents no longer need to sort recyclables – to make the collection process simple and straightforward. This initiative is a positive investment in our City's future and will have a strong impact on both the economy and the environment. In addition, we offer a number of special waste collection programs and other projects to increase awareness of smart waste management and the benefits it adds to our community.

This brochure outlines these programs, as well as Albany's Trash and Recycling Guidelines. I hope you will keep it handy for future reference, and I thank you for your cooperation. Together, we can ensure that our community remains clean, and the best place to live, work and raise a family, by making recycling and waste disposal as easy and environmentally responsible as possible.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald D. Jennings". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gerald D. Jennings

Mayor, City of Albany



Introduction

The City of Albany collects weekly-generated trash from residential dwellings with (4) four or fewer units located on a single property. All others, including mixed occupancy buildings, must contract for private collection. Excessive quantities of trash are subject to a bill and a fine.

Trash should be placed curbside, not before 7:00 p.m. or dusk, but before 12:00 a.m. midnight, the evening prior to the designated waste collection and recycling day. Please see the map on the back page of this brochure to determine your collection day.

The City of Albany provides residents with a single-stream recycling "bin" at no charge. This bin is for all recyclable items.

All holidays will have normal trash and recycling pickup.

**Mayor
Gerald D. Jennings
Announces**

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**Now...
There is
No Need to Sort
Your Recyclables**

Whether you have a green or a blue bin, you can place ALL recyclables in either recycling bin.

If you do not have a bin, they are available at the

**Department of
General Services**

1 Conners Blvd., Albany, NY 12204

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You Can Include These Items in One Bin

Plastic Containers (Clean & Rinsed) Numbers 1 - 7

- Soda Bottles
- Milk & Water Jugs
- Windshield Washer Jugs
- Mustard & Ketchup Bottles
- Beverage Containers
- Butter & Yogurt Containers
- Prescription Pill Bottles
- Soap & Detergent Bottles
- Mouthwash Bottles
- Salad Dressing Bottles
- Peanut Butter Jars
- Flower Pots & Containers
- Plastic Drinking Cups
- Plastic Food Containers
- Pancake Syrup Bottles

Metal & Aluminum (Clean & Rinsed)

- Food & Beverage Cans (including metal lids)
- Deposit Cans
- "Tin" Cans & Containers
- Spray Cans (e.g. cooking spray, hair spray)
- Aluminum Foil (e.g. pie plates, foil trays)

Glass Containers (Clean & Rinsed)

Green, Blue, Brown, & Clear

- Food and Beverage Containers
- Liquor & Wine Bottles
- Deposit Bottles
- Canning & Food Jars

Food & Beverage Cartons

- Milk Cartons
- Juice Cartons & Boxes
- Paperboard Egg Cartons
- Frozen Food Cartons

Newspapers & Inserts

Magazines & Catalogs

Phone Books

Paperback Books

Soft-covered Workbooks

Brown Grocery Bags

Lightweight Cardboard

- Dry Food Boxes (Cereal, Cookie, Snack, etc.)
- Microwave Containers
- Non-Food Boxes (e.g. health care, gift)
- Toilet & Paper Towel Tubes

Corrugated Cardboard

Junk Mail

- Cards & Envelopes (plastic windows do not have to be removed)
- Letters & Enclosures

Paper

- Notebook Paper
- School Papers
- White & Colored Ledger Paper
- Computer & Fax Paper
- Shredded Paper

Note: shredded paper can be contained in a small plastic bag.



Preparation

- All recyclables can be combined and placed loosely in your existing blue or green bin
- Broken glass must be wrapped, secured and placed in the trash
- Labels do not need to be removed
- Rinse thoroughly
- Remove and discard all lids, caps and tops
- Squeeze juice boxes until empty
- Throw away straws
- No need to flatten cans
- All containers must be empty
- Cardboard must be flattened & tied no longer than 3' x 2'



Do Not Include

- Broken Glass
- Ovenware & Ceramics
- Window Panes, Mirrors, or Windshields
- Mercury-filled Light Bulbs* (i.e. fluorescent bulbs)
- Incandescent Bulbs
- Cups, Drinking Glasses
- Dishes/Plates, Tableware
- Carbon Paper
- Wax-Coated Cardboard
- Diapers
- Plastic Bags (e.g. grocery bags, snack bags, plastic wrappings)
- Clothes Hangers
- Styrofoam (e.g. trays, blocks, packing peanuts)
- Furniture
- Clothes & Shoes
- Needles & Syringes*
- Six-pack Holders
- Toys
- Caps & Lids
- Plexiglass
- Straws & Wrappers
- Napkins & Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Tissues & Tissue Paper
- Pizza Boxes
- Chips/Pretzel Bags
- Scrap Metal
- Silverware
- Small Appliances (e.g. toaster, blender)
- Paint Cans*
- Spray Cans* (e.g. paint cans*, insecticides*)
- Pesticides & Chemicals*
- Gasoline & Motor Oil Bottles*
- Compost & Yard Waste
- Food & Trash

* These items must be disposed of through the City of Albany Household Hazardous Waste Program.

*If you have any questions,
please call*

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434-2489

or visit our web site www.albanyrecycles.com

Bulky Recyclables & Bulky Trash



FOR BULKY ITEMS CALL 24 HOURS BEFORE COLLECTION DAY

434-CITY Monday-Friday, 7 a.m to 5 p.m.

- Bulky recyclables, such as tires and white goods (e.g. refrigerators, washing machines, hot water tanks) must be placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day.
- **BE AWARE:** Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers. **It's the law!**
- Residential construction debris will be picked up curbside as long as it is neatly containerized, manageable by 1 person, able to be loaded into a collection vehicle, and takes laborers no more than 4 trips between the pile, and the vehicle. These items should be placed curbside, not before 7 p.m. and/or dusk, but before 12 midnight the evening prior to your collection day.
- Residential construction and building debris should be placed curbside no more than (2) two times per month on your scheduled collection day.

Yardwaste

Include

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves, Branches, Bushes
- Small Stumps
- Christmas Trees
- Remove decorations, tinsel, lights, etc.
- Do not place inside of plastic bags.

Preparation

- Grass and leaves must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag, and placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day.
- Branches that are too large for the biodegradable bags must be tied together in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length and placed at the curb.
- Leaves should never be raked into the street.

Do Not



Include

- Stones
- Large Stumps
- Bricks
- Excessive Amounts of Dirt
- Entire Trees
- Decorations, Tinsel or Lights



Trash & Rubbish



- All garbage must be containerized using heavy-duty plastic bags, metal, or plastic containers. All of which, must be manageable by (1) one person.
- Such metal or plastic containers shall have a maximum volume of 50 gallons, and shall be fitted with lids.
- If you wish to dispose of a broken or damaged garbage container, please label "CONTAINER BROKEN, PLEASE DISPOSE" on the outside of the container.

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Drop Off Days



Important!

Do not include these items with your trash or recyclables.

Residents Must Pre-Register

Several times a year, the Department of General Services conducts a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics drop off event. Items such as, but not limited to, paint, batteries, antifreeze, and boric acids are considered hazardous waste, and should never be placed curbside for disposal.

All participants must pre-register to be admitted. Only residents of the City of Albany are welcome. However, small businesses that generate less than 32 gallons a month of hazardous waste may participate, but will be charged a small fee.

Preparation

- Do not place any hazardous waste curb side for disposal
- Asbestos must be double bagged and wetted to be accepted
- Please bring products in the originally labeled containers only
- Containers should be sealed and properly packaged for safe transportation
- Note: Regular light bulbs and dried out latex paint cans, with lids removed, may be thrown out with regular curbside trash
- Needles & syringes must be placed in a metal can or sharps container with the needles pointing down. A sealed lid should be placed over the can.

Accepted Hazardous Waste

- Aerosols
- Ant Bait or Traps
- Antifreeze
- Artist Paint
- Asbestos
- Auto Cleaning Products
- Automotive Fluids
- Automotive Paints
- Lead/Acid Batteries
- Battery Acid
- Caustic & Acidic Cleaners
- Chemistry Sets
- Drain Cleaners
- Driveway Sealer
- Fire Extinguishers
- Flammable Caulks & Adhesives
- Flammable Waxes & Abrasives
- Garden Products
- Gasoline
- Propane Cylinders
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Household Cleaning Products
- Lacquers
- Lawn Care Products
- Mercury Filled Light Bulbs (i.e. compact fluorescent lights (CFL), fluorescent bulbs)
- Mineral Spirits
- Motor Oil
- Paint (oil & latex)
- Pet Supplies
- Photographic Chemicals
- Developers
- Thinners
- Fixers
- Varnishes
- Rodent Control Products
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Needles & Syringes

Accepted Electronics

- Computers
- Monitors
- Keyboards and Mice
- Wires and Cords
- Televisions
- VCR and DVD Players
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Printers
- Electronic or Video Game Consoles
- Stereos
- Portable Digital Music Players
- Cell Phones and Chargers

Not Accepted Items

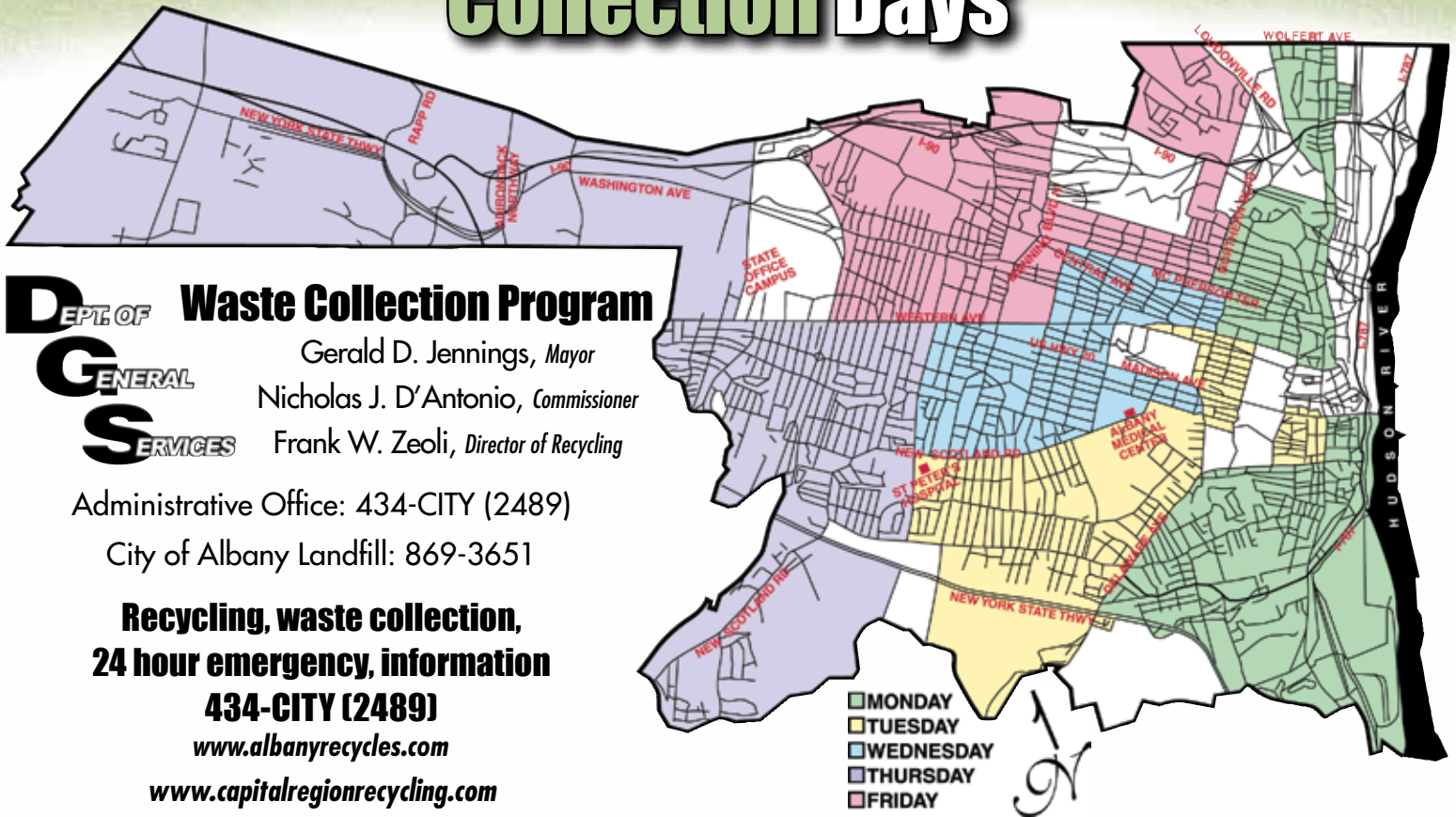
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Biological Waste
- Radioactive Materials
- Pharmaceuticals
- All Regulated Waste
- Infectious Waste
- Small Appliances
- Microwaves
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Fans

**CALL
434-CITY
(434-2489)**



All hazardous waste days will run from 4pm to 7pm and will take place at the City of Albany Rapp Road Landfill, 525 Rapp Road, Albany, New York. For a list of dates and to preregister, contact the Department of General Services at **434-CITY (2489)** or online at www.albanyrecycles.com.

Collection Days



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Administrative Office: 434-CITY (2489)

City of Albany Landfill: 869-3651

**Recycling, waste collection,
24 hour emergency, information**

434-CITY (2489)

www.albanyrecycles.com

www.capitalregionrecycling.com

City Code Reminders

(Code: 313-3, 313-5 & 313-8)

HOUSEHOLD TRASH & RECYCLING

The purpose of Albany's waste collection and recycling program is to collect normal weekly-generated household trash and recycling from residential properties with 4 units or less. Items should only be placed curbside the evening prior to your scheduled collection day not before 7 PM and/or dusk but before 12 midnight. Excessive quantities of trash and recycling placed curbside are subject to billing and a fine. Excessive is anything that is not manageable by 1 person, unable to be loaded into a collection vehicle and takes laborers more than 4 trips between the pile and the vehicle.

(Code: 313-4 & 313-8)

PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE FOR COLLECTION

All garbage must be containerized using heavy-duty plastic bags or placed in lidded metal or plastic containers not to exceed 50 gallons in volume. Prior to placement for collection all waste containers and waste stored in plastic bags for weekly pickup must be stored in areas away from front yards, sidewalks or other public right of ways affecting the visual and aesthetic character of city streetscape.

(Code 313-47 & 313-51.1)

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS

All properties, vacant lots and/or adjoining public ways within the City of Albany shall be kept clean and free of litter, debris, excessive accumulation of animal waste and other hazards. Ground cover shall be properly established and maintained. Heavy undergrowth shall be eliminated.

(Code: 313-4B)

YARD WASTE

At no time should leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste debris be raked into the street. These items should be placed in biodegradable paper bags and placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day. **NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALLOWED**

(Code: 313-4 & 313-8)

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Residential construction debris will be picked up curbside as long as it is neatly containerized, manageable by 1 person, able to be loaded into a collection vehicle and takes laborers no more than 4 trips between the pile and the vehicle. Building material should not be placed curbside more than twice a month.

(Code: 313-7)

PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

Violators of these codes can be subject to a fine plus the cost of cleanup.



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