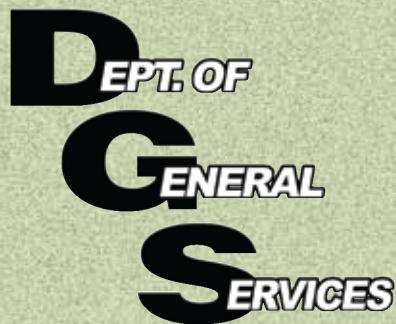




# City of Albany



## Waste Collection & Recycling Program



Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor  
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# A Letter From The Mayor



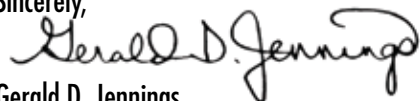
Dear Resident,

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 current collections to now include #3-7 plastic containers. 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.

Sincerely,

  
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 each resident with two (2) recycling containers a "Blue Bin" and a "Green Bin" at no charge. The blue bin is for glass, metal cans, and plastic containers. The green bin is for all types of paper and cardboard including shredded paper and phone books.

All Holidays will have normal trash and recycling pickup.

### **Exception**

During all Snow Emergencies the City of Albany will temporarily suspend collection of recyclables for the duration of the snow emergency. We now require all residents; whose normal recycling pickup falls on a day a snow emergency is in effect, to hold their recycling until the following week's pickup. Trash pickup will be collected and should be put out as usual.



# New and Exciting

The City of Albany has expanded its curb side recycling program to include 3-7 plastic containers. DGS will now collect all plastic containers with the numbers 1-7 imprinted on the bottom. With these additions most plastic containers will now be recyclable, and therefore will not end up in the landfill.

The following list is some examples of containers that are now included in the residential curb side collection program.

- Plastic Drinking Cup  
(i.e. Red, Blue and Green Cups)
- Yogurt Containers
- Butter Containers  
(i.e. Butter & Margarine Spread)
- Plastic Food Containers  
(i.e. Chinese Soup Containers & Olive Containers)
- Pancake Syrup Bottles
- Prescription Pill Bottles  
NOTE: All pills must be removed prior to disposal.
- All plastic containers with the number 1 thru 7 stamped on the bottom of the container.



## It's easy being "Green" Green Bin Program



**Have you ever wished your recycling bin was bigger? We have the solution.**

The City of Albany is now offering, free of charge, an additional "Green" recycling bin to city residents to be used for paper and cardboard only.

- This bin does not replace the blue bin provided to you by the city.
- You will still use the blue bin for your glass, cans, and plastic containers.
- You will then put your newspapers, shredded paper and cardboard loose in the green bin.

By separating your glass, cans, and plastics containers from your paper it will enable you to recycle more of each item.

*Residents who do not generate enough paper for 2 recycling bins may continue to use the blue bin.*



# Glass, Metal, & Plastic



## Include

### Glass Containers

#### Green, Blue, Brown, & Clear

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

### Plastic Containers, Codes 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 Cup
- Plastic Food Containers
- Pancake Syrup Bottles

### Beverage Cartons

- Milk Cartons
- Juice Cartons
- Juice Boxes

### Metal & Aluminum

- Food & Beverage Cans including Metal Lids
- Deposit Cans

## Preparation...

- All containers can be combined and placed loosely in blue bin.
- Do Not break glass.
- Broken Glass must be wrapped and secured and placed in 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 pills must be removed from pill bottles prior to disposal.

### ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

(See code on bottom of containers)



## Do Not Include

- |  |                                 |                            |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Broken Glass                                       | Motor Oil Bottles *             | Foil Wrap or Trays         |
| Drinking Glass                                     | Clothes Hangers                 | Silverware                 |
| Oven ware & Ceramics                               | Styrofoam Packaging             | Small Appliances           |
| Window Panes                                       | Furniture                       | (i.e. Toasters)            |
| Mirrors  | <b>Needles &amp; Syringes *</b> | Metal/Cardboard Containers |
| Windshields  | Six Pack Holders                | (i.e. Cocoa Containers)    |
| Mercury Filled Light Bulbs *<br>(i.e. Fluorescent) | Snack Bags                      | Pesticides *               |
| Dishes, Cups or Plates                             | Toys                            | Chemicals *                |
| <b>Empty Plastic Bags</b>                          | Plastic Caps & Lids             | Gasoline *                 |
| Plates & Tableware                                 | Plexiglas                       | Paint *                    |
|  | Straws & Wrappers               |                            |

\* These items must be disposed of through the City of Albany Household Hazardous Waste Program. For more information, contact the Department of General Services at 434-CITY (2489).

# Paper & Cardboard

## Include

**Newspapers, & Inserts,  
Phone Books,  
Paperback Books,  
Brown Grocery Bags,  
Lightweight Cardboard,  
Corrugated Cardboard**

- Dry Food Boxes  
Cereal, Cookie, Snack, etc.
- Non-Food Boxes  
Health Care, Gift, etc.
- Toilet & Paper Towel Tubes
- Paperboard Egg Cartons


**Junk Mail**

- Cards & Envelopes
- Letters & Enclosures

**Paper**

- School Papers
- Colored Paper
- Computer Paper
- Shredded Paper

## Preparation...

- Must be tied, placed in a paper bag, or placed loosely inside of blue bin on top of the loose recyclables OR placed loosely in green bin.
- Do Not place inside of plastic bags. 
- Cardboard must be flattened and tied no longer than 3 feet x 2 feet.

## Do Not Include


- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Napkins              | Pizza Boxes          |
| Wax Paper            | Chips/Pretzel Bags   |
| Tissues              | Plastic Wrappings    |
| Paper Plates         | Carbon Paper         |
| Tissue Paper         | Construction Paper   |
| Paper Towels         | Copier Paper Wrapper |
| Frozen Food Boxes    | Wax-Coated Cardboard |
| Microwave Containers |                      |

# 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 curb side the evening prior to your collection day.
- Branches, too large for biodegradable bag, must be bundled, and tied together, should not exceed 4 feet, 4 inches long, then placed next to yardwaste bag.
- Leaves should never be raked into the street.

## Do Not Include

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



# Bulky Recyclables & Bulky Trash

**FOR BULKY ITEMS  
CALL 24 HOURS BEFORE  
COLLECTION DAY  
434-CITY**



- Bulky Recyclables, such as tires and white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, hot water tanks, etc.) must be placed curb side 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 curb side 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 curb side, 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 curb side no more than (2) two times per month on your scheduled collection day.

## 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

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 curb side for disposal.

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



**Residents must pre-register by calling 1-800- 494-CARE (2243) Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.**

## Include

- 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
- Mineral Spirits
- Mercury Filled Light Bulbs (i.e. compact fluorescent lights (CFL), fluorescent bulbs)
- Motor Oil
- Paint (Oil & Latex)
- Pet Supplies
- Photographic Chemicals
- Developers
- Thinners
- Fixers
- Varnishes
- Rodent Control Products
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- CPUs
- Computer Monitors
- Televisions
- Electronic Equipment
- Needles & Syringes

## 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 may be thrown out with regular curb side trash.
- Needles & Syringes need to be placed in a metal can or sharps container with the needles pointing down. A sealed lid should be placed over the can.



**Important!**  
**Do not include these items with your trash or recyclables.**



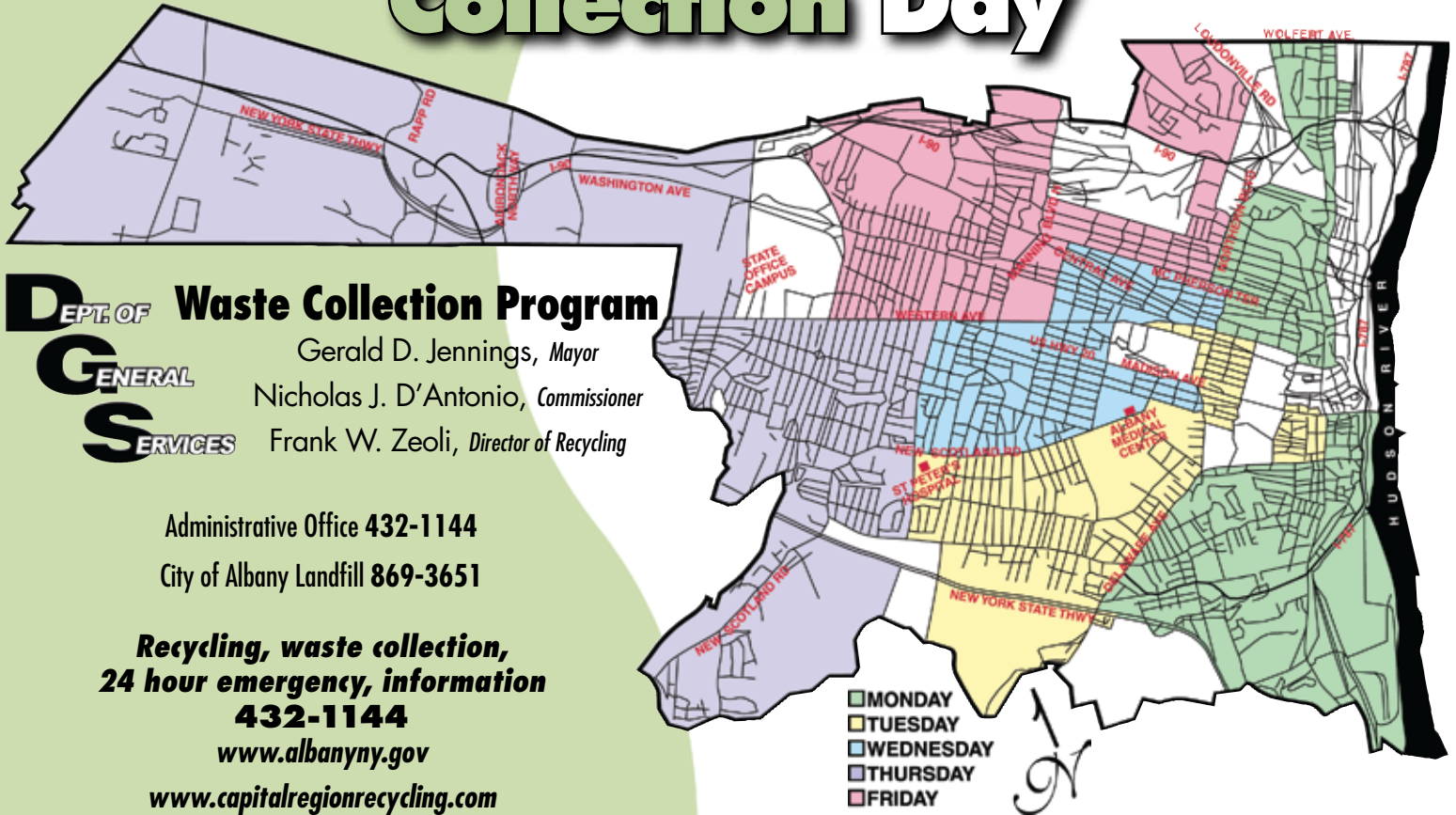
## Do Not Include

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Explosives            | Pharmaceuticals     |
| Ammunition            | All Regulated Waste |
| Biological Waste      | Infectious Waste    |
| Radioactive Materials | Unknown Substances  |



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, contact the Department of General Services at 434-CITY (2489).

# Collection Day



**DEPT OF Waste Collection Program**  
**GENERAL SERVICES**  
Gerald D. Jennings, *Mayor*  
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Administrative Office 432-1144

City of Albany Landfill 869-3651

**Recycling, waste collection,  
24 hour emergency, information  
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[www.albanyny.gov](http://www.albanyny.gov)

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

## City Code Reminders

(Code: 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 p.m. 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

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 rights of way affecting the visual and aesthetic character of city streetscape.

(Code: 313-47)

### MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

All vacant lots within the City of Albany shall be kept clean and free of litter, debris and hazards. Ground cover shall be properly established and maintained. Heavy undergrowth shall be eliminated.

(Code: 313-51.1)

### RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS

All properties and/or adjoining public ways in the City of Albany must be maintained free of litter, debris and excessive accumulation of animal waste.

(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 a biodegradable paper bag and placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day.  
**NO PLASTIC BAGS**

(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.

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