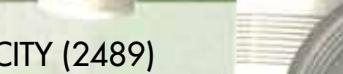


# City of Albany Waste Collection & Recycling Program



## Albany Recycles SingleStream

One Bin—Recycling Made Easy

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# 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.

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. We continue to work toward decreasing the amount of waste brought into our landfill by choosing to recycle using a Single Stream Program—meaning that residents do not need to sort their recyclables. This program 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. Please keep it handy for future reference, and thank you for your cooperation.

## TWO WAYS TO Dispose of Electronics

**Disposal of electronic items is easier than ever.  
You have a choice of two convenient options!**

### Permanent Electronic Drop Off

We now offer a permanent drop off location at the Department of General Services, One Conners Blvd. At your convenience, place your electronic items on the drop off platform adjacent to our facility parking area—**no reservations, no prior notice is necessary**.

### Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Drop Off Days

You can dispose of electronics on one of our Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Drop Off Days (see our web site for dates and details). Please see page 7 of this booklet for Acceptable and Not Acceptable  Electronic Items. **You must preregister to attend.**



**Permanent Drop Off is for  
Electronics Only.  
For all other Hazardous Waste  
please see our web site for  
event dates and times.**

**One Bin—  
Recycling  
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# Albany Recycles **SingleStream**

**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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# Albany Recycles SingleStream

## One Bin—Recycling Made Easy

### 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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# 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       | Excessive Amounts of Dirt     |
| Large Stumps | Entire Trees                  |
| Bricks       | 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

## 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

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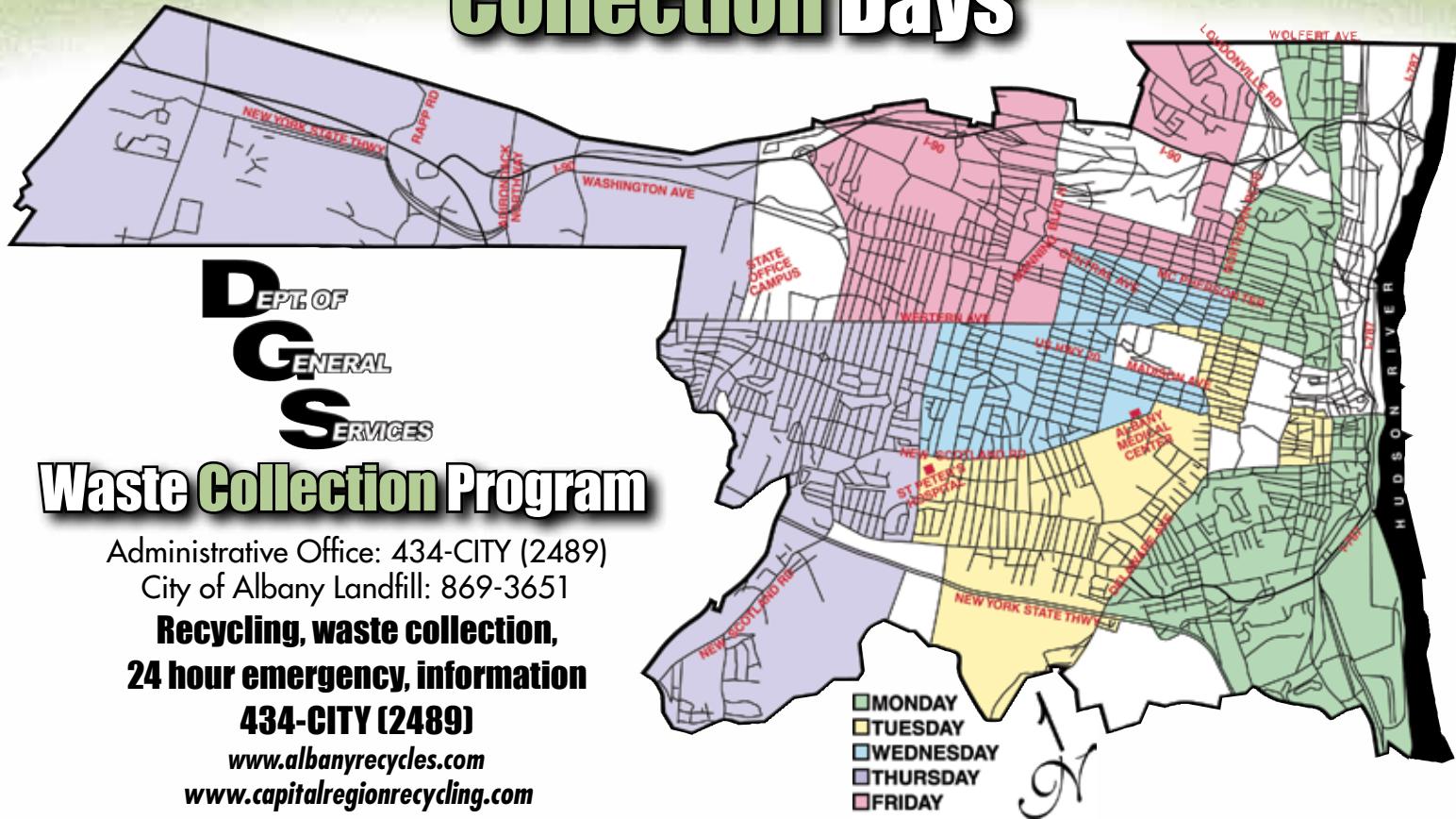
All hazardous waste days will run from 4pm to 7pm and will take place at the City of Albany Rapp Road Landfill, 525 Rapp Road, Albany, New York. For a list of dates and to preregister, contact the Department of General Services at **434-CITY (2489)** or online at [www.albanyrecycles.com](http://www.albanyrecycles.com).



## Important!

Do not include these items with your trash or recyclables.

# Collection Days



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## 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.

