

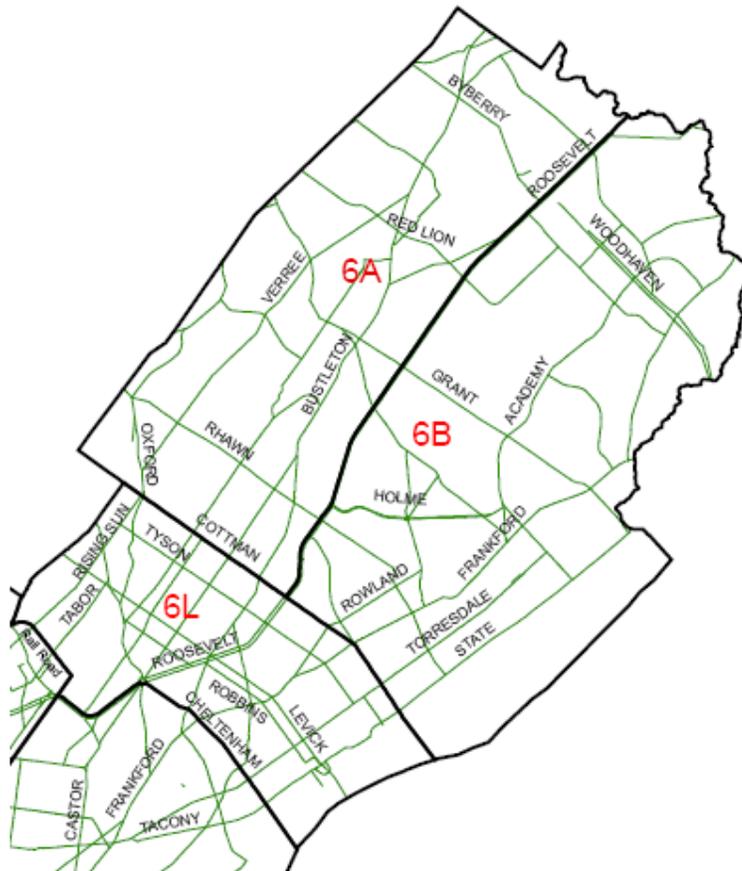
**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA • STREETS DEPARTMENT
SANITATION DIVISION
Area 6 Recycling Program Change
July 2006**

Recycling is about to get easier for nearly 123,000 Northeast Philadelphia households in Sanitation Area 6 (Districts 6A, 6B, 6L).

**Single Stream Recycling Area
Sanitation Districts 6A, 6B, 6L**

Starts July 10, 2006

(Adds Cardboard and #1 and #2 Plastic Containers)



Beginning on Monday, July 10th with their first regularly scheduled bi-weekly recycling collection day, residents here will be able to put all recyclables together in one container for curbside collection. And, they will be able to recycle empty and flattened cardboard along with #1 and #2 plastic containers.

This change will make it even easier for residents to participate in the recycling program. They will no longer need to sort and separate recyclables into different collection containers. Residents may continue to use their blue recycling bins for curbside collection. If one bin is not enough to hold all recyclables, all residents need to do is add another container and mark it "recycling."

Please read the "Frequently Asked Questions" section for more information about this change.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the recycling program changing?

This change will make it even easier for residents to participate in the recycling program. You will no longer need to sort and separate cans (bi-metal and aluminum) and glass jars and bottles from mixed paper recyclables before setting them out at the curb for collection.

How are residents being notified of this change?

The Streets Department is using several means of communication to get our message to all affected residents, including:

- Postcards mailed directly to each affected residence



Coming July 10: Recycle like you've never recycled before.

Beginning with your first regularly scheduled recycling collection day after 7/9, you can put cans, glass and mixed paper out at the curb in the same recycling bin. And, for the first time, add **plastic containers*** and **cardboard** to the mix!

If one recycling bin isn't enough to hold everything, just add another container.



Whether you're a regular recycler or a first-timer, keep this new information handy:

Metal: Tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

Glass: Jars and bottles

Mixed Paper: Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), soda and beer cartons (no food-soiled paper, please!)

***Plastic Containers:** Recycle #1 and #2 plastics ONLY (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Look for the number on the bottom of the container to see if it's acceptable.

Cardboard: Empty and flattened

To find out when your Recycling Day is, visit recyclingpays.phila.gov or call 215-685-RECYCLE (7329).

- News release sent to major and targeted local media
- Community print ads in Northeast (*Times, News Gleaner, Citizen Sentinel*)
- Automated telephone message
- Community meetings
- Street Teams
- Web site

Is this the only area in the city where the recycling program will change?

At this time, only Sanitation Area 6 (Districts 6A, 6B, 6L) is affected by this change.

How many households are impacted by this change?

Nearly 123,000 households will be affected by this change.

Is the recycling collection schedule changing?

No. The frequency of recycling collection is not changing.

Where can I go online for more information?

The City of Philadelphia's Web address is www.phila.gov.

For recycling information, log on to recyclingpays.phila.gov.

The Streets Department's Web address is www.phila.gov/streets.

What recyclable items are being added?

Cardboard (empty and flattened) and #1 and #2 plastic containers.

What are #1 and #2 plastic containers?

Plastics come in many different types and the two most abundant are referred to with a #1 and #2. The #1 plastic containers are things like soda bottles and water bottles. The #2 plastic containers are things like detergent and fabric softener bottles. To find out if a plastic container is acceptable, look for a recycling symbol with the number 1 or 2 imprinted on or near the bottom of the container.



What things can be recycled?

Metal – bi-metal cans (like food cans), aluminum cans (like soda cans), empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

Glass – jars and bottles (clear, brown, green)

Mixed Paper – newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, advertising inserts, telephone books, food boxes (like cereal and cracker boxes – remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, soda cartons

—and—

Cardboard

Plastic Containers #1 and #2 – mostly beverage and detergent containers

How should recyclables be prepared for collection?

Recyclables need to be "clean, dry and empty." After finishing with a recyclable item, rinse as necessary to remove food. Separate metal lids from glass jars and bottles. Throw away plastic liners from food boxes. Cardboard needs to be empty and flattened.

What time should I place my recycling out for collection?

Recycling must be placed out for service by 7 a.m. on collection day but no earlier than 7 p.m. on the previous day.

What type of container should I use for recycling?

Any rigid container marked "recycling" may be used. Do not use cardboard boxes or plastic bags. If one bin is not enough to hold all recyclables, all residents need to do is add another container.

How much recycling can I set out for collection?

There is no limit per collection for recyclable materials but no container filled with recyclable materials may weigh more than 25 pounds.

Who do I notify if my recycling is not collected?

Call Customer Service at 215-686-5560 to report a missed recycling collection.