



City of PIQUA



Refuse and Recycling Update

Exciting improvements are coming in 2015 in regards to the services provided by the Sanitation Department. Beginning May 1, 2015 the Sanitation Department will begin operation of the city recycling program. For a number of years the city has contracted with Rumpke Recycling to collect curbside recyclable materials. In an effort to streamline waste pick-up and to provide outstanding customer service to the citizens of Piqua, the Sanitation Department will begin collecting the recycling materials utilizing city staff. This improvement will not increase rates to the customers!

New recycling containers will be provided to each customer. The new containers will be larger than the current red bin, have wheels, and a lid. The new containers will be delivered beginning in April, but should not be used until May 1, 2015. More information will be released closer to the time of the switch over. Look for additional information in your upcoming utility bills.

Adding recycling to the Sanitation Department operations will also provide the opportunity to be more efficient in the collection process. Collection routes will be adjusted which will mean some customers collection day may change. The new collection routes will be completed soon and shared with the customers in an upcoming utility bill. Information regarding all of the improvements will also be available on the city website.

How to put items out for collection

Place materials at the curb or alley by 6:30 AM on collection day.
Clearly separate materials for collection as follows:

Trash / Refuse: Place all trash and refuse in metal or plastic trash cans or durable plastic bags. Cans should not exceed 32 gallon capacity or weigh more than 75 pounds.

Recycling: Place only acceptable materials in the container provided for recycling. Large amounts of cardboard may be flattened and placed next to the recycling container.

Yard Waste: Brush, twigs, and tree trimmings must be tied in bundles, less than 6 feet in length. Grass, leaves, garden vegetation, etc. must be placed in paper biodegradable bags or loose in cans. No plastic bags for yard waste. Yard waste must be free of litter or trash in order to be composted.

Bulk items: Appliances, furniture, tires, and other large items will be collected when placed with the regular trash on the regular pick-up day. Two to three large items per week will be collected. Excessive amounts of bulk items will incur charges or not be collected.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR PIQUA'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Cans / Metal

Aluminum and metal beverage cans. Steel and tin food cans. Empty aerosol cans.

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse any food containers
- No paint cans



Glass

Clear, brown, green, and blue glass bottles and jars

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse any food containers
- No windows or light bulbs

Plastic

All plastic bottles

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse any food containers
- Take caps / lids off
- No plastic bags



Paper / Cardboard

Newspaper, magazines, telephone books, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, envelopes. Paperboard boxes such as cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes – no grease, waxed cartons such as milk and juice cartons.

- Staples do not need to be removed
- No tissues, used paper towels, food contaminated paper