Curbside Recycling: What Can Be Recycled

Plastics: Recyclable plastics have a number inside a triangle on the bottom of the container. In Kirkwood, you can recycle all of the following numbers: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7. This includes soda, water, and flavored beverage bottles; milk and juice jugs; detergent and fabric softener containers. Leave the caps on.

Glass: Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, or green). NO window glass, mirrors, dinnerware, light bulbs, or ceramics.

Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans, and tins.

Paper: Newspaper, including inserts (remove from plastic sleeves); cardboard; milk and juice cartons; magazines, catalogs, and telephone books; office and computer paper; notebook (no metal clips, spirals, or binders) and gift wrap paper; chipboard (cereal boxes, cake and food mix boxes, gift boxes); carrier stock (soda and beer carrying cases); mail, junk mail, and envelopes; paper books (no hard-cover books).

When in doubt, throw it out! (In the trash!)

Please Note: All recyclables must be inside the recycling cart, not on the ground next to the cart. This includes cardboard.

What Cannot Be Recycled

• Plastic grocery or department store bags. Most grocery stores and some retail stores will accept these for recycling.
• Plastic film, sheets, or wrap.
• Paper towels, napkins, tissues.
• Styrofoam, expanded foam, or clear polystyrene (#6).
• Everything on the hazardous-waste list (inside)
• Textiles: We no longer accept these.
• NO: Pizza boxes.
• NO: Wax-covered containers, including coffee cups.
• No scrap metals of any size.
• No liquids. Everything should be dry.
• No shredded paper that’s not in paper bags.
• NOTE: Do not place recyclables in plastic bags in the recycling cart. All items should be loose in the cart.

Remember: Empty, Clean, and Dry!

Hours / Contact Info / Address

• To schedule a special pick-up or to reach the Sanitation Department with any questions, call 314-822-5828, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• For questions about billing, call the Finance Department at 314-822-5843, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
• The Scheidegger Recycling Depository is located at 350 S. Taylor Avenue and is open 24/7.

New Residents: Your Collection Day Is:

For information about this brochure or other publications of the City of Kirkwood, please contact the Public Information Officer, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122, 314-822-5894 Revised December 2018.

City of Kirkwood Sanitation & Recycling

What’s Inside:
• Information about curbside sanitation & recycling service, yard waste collection, and special pick-ups
• Hours, costs
• Contact information
• 2020 Holidays
• What can and cannot be recycled

For more information, contact the Sanitation Department at 314-822-5828.
Residential Curbside Sanitation Service

Basic Service

- The City of Kirkwood will collect all trash, recyclables, and yard waste one day per week for every single-family household. Please have all materials at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your sanitation collection day.
- The City provides each single-family household with a 65-gallon recycling cart and a 65-gallon trash cart (or a 95-gallon trash cart at an additional cost). Loose recyclables—no plastic bags—should be placed in the recycling cart, while loose or bagged trash should be placed in the trash cart. To inquire about a 95-gallon trash cart, call 822-5828.
- Cart Placement: The trash and recycling carts should be placed behind the curb, three feet apart from each other and three feet away from obstructions such as cars, trees, or mailboxes, etc. Carts should be placed with the handle on the sidewalk side.
- Any oversized cardboard that won’t fit in the recycling cart may be taken to the Scheidegger Depository, or call 822-5828 for an extra recycling pick-up.
- Please understand that weather and other unforeseen circumstances may delay collection into the evening, so please leave all materials out until they have been picked up.
- Please do not park on the street on your day of service.
- What is Not Collected: Basic curbside service does not include collection of building materials, such as lumber, dry wall, railroad ties, or carpeting (see “Special Pick-Ups” section), or yard waste (see “Yard Waste” section).
- Hazardous Materials: In accordance with federal, state, and county regulations, disposable bags, disposable containers, and disposable items may NOT be collected by City sanitation crews if they contain the following: Lead acid batteries. Paint. Biomedical Waste. Any material that is volatile, highly flammable, explosive, or infectious. Any material that is toxic, radioactive, or hazardous. Any other item not permitted in a landfill by state law. Please Note: Saint Louis County has opened a permanent site for household hazardous waste. Visit their website for information: www.hhwstl.com, or call 314-615-8958 to schedule a drop-off.

Sanitation Holidays:

On certain holidays, sanitation will not be collected, and collection will be delayed by a day for the rest of the week, e.g.: No trash on a Monday holiday means Monday routes move to Tuesday, etc.

Here is the 2020 Holiday Schedule:
- New Year’s Day, Wednesday, January 1
- MLK Birthday, Monday, January 20
- Washington’s Birthday, Monday, February 17
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7
- Thanksgiving, November 26: Thursday routes will be collected on Friday
- Christmas, Friday, December 25: No special pick-ups on this date.

Yard Waste Collection

Bags of yard waste and bundled limbs should be placed at the curb with the City logo or City sticker facing the street by 6:00 a.m. on the regular collection day. Yard waste is collected year-round.

- Size Limitations: Limbs: No larger than two inches in diameter. Bundled limbs: No larger than 18 inches in diameter and no longer than 3 feet; each bundle must have a sticker.
- What Can Be Collected: Grass, leaves, plant debris, garden residue, and brush.
- What Bags Should Be Used: 30-gallon paper yard waste bags, available at Kirkwood City Hall, Kirkwood Community Center, and from area retailers (see cost below).
- Weight Limit: 50 pounds per bag.
- Costs: Yard waste is collected, at an additional cost, in one of two ways: 1) Purchase yard waste bags at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Rd., or at the Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd., for $10.50 per pack of five. OR purchase from area retailers (visit City website for a list). 2) Purchase plain paper yard waste bags from any retailer, but these must have a Kirkwood sticker affixed. Stickers are available for $1.75 each from City Hall, the Community Center, Lowe’s in Kirkwood, or Ace Hardware in Des Peres.
- Christmas Trees: Will be picked up in January at no additional cost. Regular yard waste fees apply beginning February 1.

Special Pick-Ups: Fridays

- Includes: Major appliances, large pieces of furniture, tires, or a truck hopper load (3’ x 3’ x 6’, or two cubic yards, NOT compacted) of miscellaneous items.
- Loose material must be boxed, bundled, or bagged for pick-up. Railroad ties and lumber must be cut into three-foot lengths.
- Schedule it: To schedule a special pick-up, call 822-5828 by noon on Thursday for a Friday collection.
- What cannot be collected: Concrete, bricks, dirt, rocks, limbs, yard waste, or brush.
- Cost: There is an additional cost for the special pick-up service. Cost may be estimated at the time of appointment. You will be billed on your next utility bill.