WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The City of Peoria contracts with PDC Services, Inc. (PDC) to handle the disposal of its residential garbage, landscape waste and recyclables. PDC is a local, family-owned company with over 80 years of experience in the waste collection and recycling business.

Many of your questions regarding these services are addressed here, but please contact PDC directly for further clarification.

Web: www.pdcarea.com/peoria
Phone: 309-674-5176, option 1
Email: peoriainfo@pdcarea.com

Hearing impaired individuals may obtain additional information through the Illinois Relay Center's toll free number, 1-800-526-0844 (TDD only) or 1-800-526-0857 (voice). Alternative formats are available for persons with vision impairments.
**GARBAGE COLLECTION**

**WHEN is garbage collected?**
Garbage is collected Monday-Friday according to where you live. You can set your garbage out any time AFTER 3:00 p.m. the day preceding pick-up, but please note that it should definitely be out BEFORE 6:00 a.m. on collection day to avoid missing the truck.

**WHERE should I place my garbage?**
Place your container(s) within 3 feet of the curb or alley line. Containers should also be 30 feet away from your street mailbox, so as not to get in the way of approaching mail delivery vehicles.

NOTE: City of Peoria ordinance requires that all emptied garbage containers must be removed from the curb or alley within 24 hours after pick-up.

**What about HOLIDAY pickup?**
There are only six holidays that will affect your pickup day:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

On these six holidays, service will be delayed by one (1) day with Saturday as a catch-up date. For PDC holiday closure information: www.pdcarea.com/peoria or call 674-5176 (M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

**What TYPE of CONTAINERS can I use?**
Every home in the City of Peoria is provided with either a 35, 65 or 95 gallon roll out waste container. You can use your own containers (45 gallons or less) with handles and tight-fitting lids. Do not overfill them - containers weighing more than 50 lbs. will not be collected.

You can also rent or purchase extra roll-out containers from PDC by calling 674-5176, option 1.

**Will LARGE or BULKY items be collected?**
Yes, bigger items are collected weekly. It is best to call PDC first for guidance on any atypical item, but you can follow these general guidelines:

- **Furniture:** You can place a furniture item with your garbage. For numerous furniture items or exceptionally large pieces, contact PDC in advance by calling 674-5176, option 1.

- **Building Materials:** Only small amounts of residential building materials are accepted. These materials must be from the property where the materials are placed for collection (Ex: Scrap lumber put out as trash at 123 Main St. must be from a project completed at 123 Main St.) Materials should be cut into 5-foot lengths, bundled with twine or rope, and not weigh more than 50 lbs.

- **Miscellaneous:** If possible, disassemble larger items like swing sets or grills, remove toilet tanks from stools, and remove concrete from poles.

**Is there anything I CAN’T put out as trash?**
Yes - the following are unacceptable items that will not be collected. Check the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency website for hazardous waste collection events in your area.

- DON’T put out freon/grease/motor oil/antifreeze.
- DON’T put out paint in LIQUID form. Paint may be collected at the curb after it has solidified (either dried out or mixed with sawdust, woodchips or kitty litter).
- DON’T put out biohazardous waste.
- DON’T put out industrial cleaners/solvents.
YARD WASTE COLLECTION

WHEN is yard waste collected?
Yard waste collection begins annually on April 1 and ends on November 30. Yard waste is collected on a weekly basis, the same day as your garbage collection. Set out containers by 6:00 a.m. to ensure collection.

WHAT is considered yard waste?
Yard waste consists of grass, leaves, tree limbs and/or brush. Limbs and brush must be in an approved container (see below) OR cut and tied in bundles no longer than 5-feet in length weighing no more than 50 lbs. Please use only non-plastic/non-metallic rope, twine or other binding string.

What SHOULDN’T go into my yard waste container?
Do not mix yard waste with household waste or animal waste. Fruit and vegetable plants with produce attached to them should NOT be put in yard waste bins. (They are OK as yard waste if all produce is completely removed from the plant.)

What TYPE OF CONTAINERS can I use for yard waste?

• 30-gallon biodegradable paper yard waste bags: These bags are available at most grocery and home stores. Do not place more than 30 lbs. of yard waste inside each one. When filled, these bags should comfortably support the weight of the materials inside (wet or dry).

• Your own covered, clearly-marked container (45 gallons or less):
Please LABEL this container with the phrase “YARD WASTE ONLY." These labels are available at local Fire Departments, City Hall, or any PDC location.

• Your 35, 65 or 95 gallon City of Peoria roll out container may also be used for yard waste. These carts should also be clearly labeled (see above). Extra containers are available for rental or purchase by contacting PDC at 674-5176 (select option 1) or visit www.pdcarea.com/peoria.
How do I START PARTICIPATING in the curbside recycling program?
Curbside recycling is available to all residents in the City of Peoria. To register call PDC at 674-5176 (select option #1) or visit www.pdcare.com/peoria.

Is there a FEE for this recycling program?
Monthly curbside recycling is free of charge to all residents in the City of Peoria. When you register, however, you will make a one-time refundable deposit of $50 to cover the cost of a 95-gallon roll-out cart. If you elect to stop recycling, this deposit will be returned to you once your cart is returned to PDC.

WHEN is recycling collected?
Once you are enrolled in the service, you will receive a calendar highlighting the once-a-month pick-up date for your area. Service areas are based on your garbage collection day and will always be on a Friday, with the exception of holidays.

What TYPE OF CONTAINERS can I use for recycling?
All recyclable materials must be placed in a PDC-provided 95-gallon roll-out cart. Recyclable items are listed on the outside lid of this cart (pictured left).

Do I have to SEPARATE my recyclable materials?
No - PDC will be collecting all recyclables using a "single stream" collection process. Materials just need to be rinsed and cleaned prior to placement in the PDC 95-gallon container. No separating is needed!

What KIND of MATERIALS can I recycle?
The following is a list of recyclable materials accepted by the City’s program. Metals, cardboard, paper and glass have relatively simple guidelines to follow. Plastic bottles, containers and packaging are more varied. On plastic bottles, look for a triangular symbol on the bottom, molded into the plastic itself as a raised impression. These symbols contain a number and usually (but not always) a lettered acronym. With this information, you can consult the information below to determine if a plastic item is recyclable.
CURBSIDE RECYCLING, continued

What SHOULDN’T be placed in my recycling bin?
These are items that CAN NOT be recycled via the City of Peoria’s current program:

• NO plastic shopping bags: regardless of the symbol/number imprinted on them, these bags should be returned to grocery or department store.
• NO motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers
• No plastic film (no plastic sheets, tarps or bubble wrap)
• No expanded foam, clear polystyrene, packing peanuts, or styrofoam

Check the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency website for collection events for these materials in your area.

Curbside recycling may not be for me, but I still want to recycle. What can I do?
PDC operates several free drop-off sites for recyclable items. For information, call PDC at 674-5176, option 1, or visit www.pdcarea.com/peoria.

ADDITIONAL INFO

E-Waste Disposal
As of Jan. 1, 2012, a new Illinois law states that landfills will no longer be able to accept electronic waste. For disposal recommendations please visit www.ilewaste.com.

Nuisance Abatements
You can do something about unsightly accumulation of junk or garbage on someone’s private property whether it’s in their yard, driveway or along the alley. Contact the City of Peoria Code Enforcement’s Nuisance Abatement Inspector at 494-8654 and state the address.

Safe Needle and Syringe Disposal - for Residential Households Only!
NEVER put needles and syringes in your garbage or recycling container. These items must be placed into a properly sealed container such as detergent or bleach bottles or proper Sharps containers before being placed in the trash. Some pharmacies will also accept Sharps containers. Please consult the Peoria County Solid Waste Management at 681-2550.

Dead Animals
PDC will pick up dead animals on city right-of-ways within 24 hours of notice during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Call 494-8850.