

WE'RE ON A ROLL



WHY IS THE CITY OF PORTLAND USING RECYCLING CARTS?

Portland residents are great recyclers. The blue bins the city's been using since 1999 are too small to contain all of the material people set out every week. This leads to overflowing bins that contribute to litter. The new carts hold more material and have a lid to keep the contents inside and dry.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD BIN?

You can keep your old bin and use it how you see fit. If you use it in your home to store recyclables between collections, be sure to empty it into your cart on recycling day.

DO I HAVE TO PUT MY RECYCLABLES IN MY CART?

Yes. Crews will only collect recyclables placed in the cart. Do not place material loose on the ground or in a blue bin.

SHOULD I BAG MY RECYCLING BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE CART?

No. All material should be loose in the cart. Bagged material cannot be processed by the machines at the recycling facility.

HOW DO I SET MY CART OUT PROPERLY ON COLLECTION DAY?

Please place your cart curbside before 6:30 am on your collection day. Make sure the cart is accessible to the collection crew. Do not place it behind trees, mailboxes, lamp posts, or other obstructions. If many people in your neighborhood park on the street, be sure to put your cart near a curb cut so the crew can reach it efficiently.

DO I NEED TO SET MY CART OUT EVERY WEEK?

No. If your cart is less than half full you should keep it for another week. Crews are more efficient if they are collecting full carts.

CAN I TAKE MY CART WITH ME IF I MOVE?

No. Carts are registered to an address and are the property of the City of Portland. Please leave the cart if you move.

WHAT IF MY CART IS STOLEN OR DAMAGED?

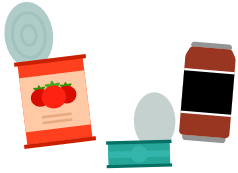
If your cart is stolen or damaged, contact Public Works at 207-874-8801. **Additionally, a police report should be filed immediately upon vandalism or theft.**

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS.

Visit portlandmaine.gov/recycling or call 207-874-8801

City of Portland IT'S TIME FOR AN UPGRADE!

PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR CART



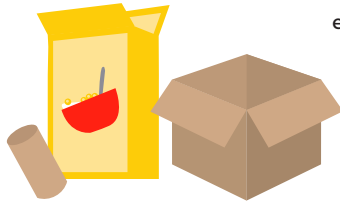
metal cans, pots
and pans



paper, newspaper, paper bags, magazines,
envelopes, flyers and books, paper coffee cups
and milk, juice and broth cartons



jars and bottles



cardboard, paperboard
and tubes



rigid plastic
containers #1-7

LEAVE THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR CART



bagged recyclable
or trash



Plastic bags, bubble
wrap or plastic wrap



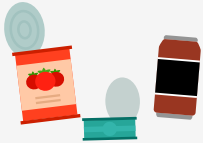
Sharps, knives and
propane tanks



hoses, ropes and
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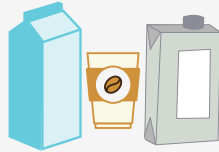
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