

Beginning October 3, 2005, curbside collection of recyclables is being provided on a bi-weekly basis to all Concord residential properties that use the residential curbside service. That means that one half of the City receives collection service one week, designated by blue bins, and the second half of the City receives collection service the following week, designated by green bins.

Collection of recyclables will occur by a separate truck on the same day of the week as your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day. If you are confused about which week your recycling collection occurs:

Check the calendar and map on the City's website at <http://www.onconcord.com/recycling/> or tune into Concord Cable Television.

The City's refuse and recycling collection services observes six (6) holidays – New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. As with current curbside trash service, collection of recyclables will be delayed one day, beginning the first day after the holiday. For example, if a holiday falls on a Monday, all curbside collection will be delayed one day, utilizing the Saturday of that week for the usual Friday route.

All recyclables must be placed at the curb, or edge of the road by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Recyclables missed due to late setout will not be picked up. If you prefer, recyclables can be taken to the recycling center at the Old Turnpike Road Transfer Station at no charge.

Recycling bins are the property of the City. If you move from your residence, please leave the bin at the property.

Even if you don't have a bin, you can recycle! Bins are provided as a convenience and are not necessary for participation in the program. If you find that the 18-gallon recycling bin does not have the capacity you require, even after flattening all the containers (except glass) to reduce the volume, residents may provide and place additional containers of similar size next to the provided recycling bin. The container should be clearly marked "RECYCLING".

The bin is not to be used for any other purpose than participating in Concord's curbside recycling program. If you do not wish to participate in Concord's program, please return the bin to the General Services Department, 311 N. State St., or call 228-2737 and the Department will retrieve the unwanted bin(s).



October

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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G	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
G	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
B	23 <sub>30</sub>	24 <sub>31</sub>	25	26	27	28	29

November

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
G			1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
G	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G	27	28	29	30			

December

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
G					1	2	3
B	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
G	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
B	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
G	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

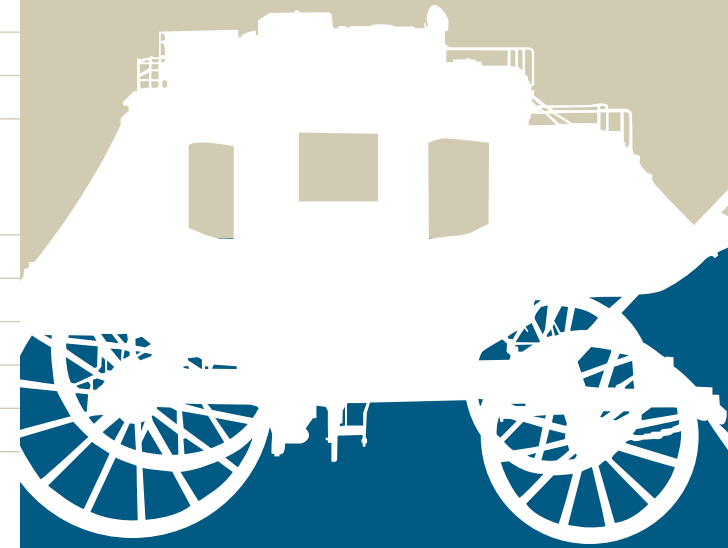
January 2006

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
B	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
G	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
B	29	30	31				

**B** Blue week  
**G** Green week  
 (indicated by the color of your container)



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**Reduce.**

**Reuse.**

**Recycle.**



Your guide to the City of Concord Curbside Recycling Program



In the United States, people generate approximately 208 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) each year. That's 4.3 pounds per person per day.

Yet, Americans are becoming much more aware of the merits of recycling. The nation's overall recycling rate has grown from 11 percent to 27 percent in the past 10 years. There are 7,500 recycling programs in the U.S. and more than 3,000 yard-waste composting programs.

Neighborhoods in the City of Concord now join the ranks of those communities across American who recycle.

Source: <http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/>

## What's Recyclable?\*

Did you know that paper products make up the largest part (approximately 40 percent) of our trash? Every day Americans recover more than two million pounds of paper, amounting to about 40 percent of the paper we use.

**MIXED PAPER:** In Concord, we recycle residential mixed paper, generally consisting of any paper that tears. Here are some examples:

- Entire newspapers, junk mail, white and colored paper including envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Paper egg cartons and cereal box cardboard (boxboard)
- Other single-layer, gray cardboards such as food boxes, tissue boxes, or paper towel spools.
- White & colored notebook paper; home office papers
- Manila folders, paper grocery or shopping bags
- Paperback books

*Unacceptable* mixed paper includes, but is not limited to: any papers not residentially generated, heavily-coated or plasticized papers, hardbound books, file folders containing metal hangers, metal or plastic spiral-bound notebooks, metal or plastic clips or fasteners, etc., anything not 100% paper.

**CARDBOARD:** Cardboard is recyclable, too. Multi-layer, corrugated material (generally brown) used primarily for packing and shipping boxes.

*Unacceptable* cardboard includes, but is not limited to: packing materials such as Styrofoam, bubble-pak or plastic bags, metal strapping or wooden carton reinforcement, heavily-waxed boxes used for commercial produce or cardboard with metal staples.

**ALUMINUM:** Aluminum recycling is so efficient that it can take as few as 60 days for a can to be collected, melted down and made into a new can sitting on a grocery store shelf. Recycled aluminum is made into cans, pie pans, house siding, small appliances, lawn furniture; in fact, almost everything aluminum.

**CONTAINERS:** We recycle empty household/residential containers. Some examples include:

- Mixed plastic bottles such as laundry, milk, soda, etc.
- Glass containers of any color
- Aluminum cans
- Tin and steel cans
- Clean aluminum foil and pie plates
- Waxed milk & juice cartons and juice boxes
- Empty/spent (non-hazardous) aerosol containers

*Unacceptable* containers include, but are not limited to: anything NOT a "food or beverage" container, broken glass, Pyrex, window glass, ceramic or pottery glass, light bulbs, plastic objects, structures or toys, all plastic film and bags.

## How to Prepare Materials for Collection

Here are some guidelines for preparing your recyclables.

**Container Preparation Guidelines:**

- Empty and rinse all containers
- Remove all caps and lids (discard unless clearly recyclable)
- It is not necessary to remove any labels
- Place all containers in the curbside bin together
- Flatten (step on) everything but glass to reduce volume and increase bin capacity.

**Paper Preparation Guidelines:**

- Place paper products together in the bin or a brown paper grocery bag or bundle together with light twine (no wire or plastic). The use of plastic bags is not allowed.
- Place the bag or tied bundle of mixed paper ON TOP of or BESIDE the recycling bin. Placing it ON TOP of the BIN on windy days will help to prevent the blowing of containers.

**Cardboard Preparation Guidelines:**

- Boxes must be broken-down and flattened, or cut if necessary to comply with a maximum overall dimension of 2 ft. by 3 ft.
- Flattened corrugated must be placed UNDERNEATH the BIN to prevent blowing away.
- Multiple corrugated boxes must be tied together into easily manageable bundles together with light twine or masking tape.
- Whole boxes, oversized or contaminated cardboard will be tagged and left at the curb on collection day.

Contaminated or unacceptable materials will be left in the bin or may cause the entire bin of recyclables to be left at the curb. A self-adhesive tag affixed to the bin will identify the problem(s).

\* For a complete list, see Program Guidelines available on the web, at City Hall, or at General Services.