#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Unless you are notified otherwise by Republic Services, there will be no collection on the following six holidays:

- ♦ New Year's Day
- ♦ Memorial Day
- ♦ July 4<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Labor Day
- **♦** Thanksgiving Day
- ♦ Christmas Day

When the holiday falls on a weekday, there will be no collections on that day, and the rest of that week's refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection will be one day later than usual (Friday collections will occur on Saturday). If the holiday falls on a weekend, your collection day will NOT be affected.

#### **HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION**

Republic Services offers holiday tree collection for the first three (3) full weeks after Christmas. *All trees must be clear of: lights, tree stands, tree bags, and other decorations.* Maximum tree length is six feet.

#### **BULKY ITEMS**

Bulky Items are items that cannot fit into your solid waste cart such as carpet (must be bundled in three foot lengths), water heaters, mattresses & box springs, furniture, and large appliances. For these items, please contact Republic Services at (800) 878-4626 to arrange for bulky item collection. All bulky items will be collected along with your regular waste and recycling materials on your normal collection day. Republic Services must be notified of all bulky items at least 1 business day prior to your normal collection day.

#### **MOVING?**

If you move, do not take the cart with you. The cart has been assigned to the property address and will be available for the next occupant of the property. Please call the Pittsfield Township Utilities Department at (734) 822-3105 to cancel your service when you move.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trash collection can be hazardous. Make sure that children stay clear of curbside trash and the collection trucks. Curbside carts/trash should not impede pedestrian walkways or public thorough-fares.

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED (not limited to)

Republic Services will not collect the following: hazardous materials, liquids, yard waste mixed with solid waste, dead animals, large auto/truck parts, stone, dirt, rock, steel, iron, construction materials, whole tires, carbonated beverage bottles, or any other material banned by state law. For further information on how and where to dispose of these materials, please contact Republic Services or the Pittsfield Township Utilities Department.

#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

**Medical waste** - such as syringes should be placed into a plastic detergent bottle, duct taped shut, and clearly labeled "SYRINGES" on the side.

**Sharp, glass, or metal items -** that may cause injury to collection staff should be placed at the curb/in the cart in a manner so it does not cause injury. This may require taping sharp edges or potential hazards.

# Pittsfield Charter Township



# Residential Waste & Recycling Reference Guide



www.republicservices.com (800) 878-4626

#### HOW WILL THIS SYSTEM WORK?

Republic Services will provide each household with a cart for waste and a cart for recycling materials. Residents should place waste and recyclables into their carts for collection. In order to maintain a clean cart and to reduce odors, it is suggested that residents use household trash bags to contain their waste and then place the bags into the cart for transportation to the curb and disposal. This also helps reduce any residual debris that can result from the collection process.

On collection day, carts must be placed at the curb with a minimum distance of four feet away from other objects such as: mailboxes, parked cars, yard waste materials, and also other carts.

Automated collection trucks will pick up the cart, empty it, and return it to its original location.

#### WASTE COLLECTION

Carts should be placed at the curb NO LATER than 7:00 A.M. on your collection day. Waste must be placed at the curb in the cart provided (solid blue cart). It is recommended that residents bag their trash prior to placement into your cart. If you have more waste than the cart can accommodate, please place bagged waste next to your cart for collection. If you continuously need more room, please contact the Pittsfield Township Utilities Department at (734) 822-3105 and ask about getting an extra cart. Please leave four feet between your cart and other objects so we can service you safely and efficiently.

#### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The recommended way to dispose of your grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste is to mulch your grass. When these materials are mulched and left on the lawn, the mulch acts as a natural fertilizer.

However, if you wish to bag your grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste, it will be collected weekly beginning with the first full week in April until December 15<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled collection day.

Grass, leaves, weeds, and garden waste must be placed into biodegradable Kraft paper bags or placed loosely in a container no larger than 35 gallons and clearly marked "YARD WASTE". Yard Waste labels are available at Township Hall. Yard waste bags/containers cannot weigh more 50 lbs. Twigs, brush, and shrubs must be tied in bundles not more than four feet in length and not more than three feet in diameter per bundle. Tree limbs must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter.

# **CART CARE**

With the right care your new cart will last you many years without needing maintenance. Your new cart is cleaner since it does not allow odors to escape and its smooth surfaces allow it to be cleaned using a regular garden hose and dishwashing soap. Do not place hot ashes, construction debris, and/or hazardous waste in the cart. Also, do not paint or write on the cart. Each cart is labeled with a serial number. Residents should take note of the serial number of their specific cart.

#### **RECYCLING COLLECTION**

Recycle collection will be EVERY WEEK.

Please place recyclables in the recycle cart (blue cart with grey lid) and place curbside on your designated collection day. If you cannot fit all items in the recycle cart, please place items in plastic garbage bag(s) and set them next to the recycle cart.

#### **GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**

# (Food & Beverage Containers Only)

- ♦Clear and color glass is acceptable. Rinse out
- ♦ NO Pyrex, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, or broken glass.

#### METALS - TIN, STEEL, & ALUMINUM

- ♦ Metal food and beverage cans and lids
- ♦ Rinse clean; labels are okay.
- ♦ Kitchen pots, pans, and utensils are acceptable



# HOUSEHOLD PLASTICS #1,#2,#3 & #7



- ♦ Plastics #1,#2,#3 & #7
- ♦ Rinse well; labels are OK.
- ♦ Plastic grocery bags are acceptable
- ♦ NO motor oil containers.

### **PAPER PRODUCTS**

- ♦ Newspapers & magazines including color comic sections and glossy inserts.
- ♦ Junk Mail
- ♦ Office Paper
- **♦** Phone Books



# **CARDBOARD PRODUCTS**

- ♦ Corrugated cardboard & paperboard products
- ◆ Materials must be broken down to loosely fit into the cart