

ANC 5E09-Newsletter

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Residential Trash Collection

The Department of Public Works collects trash from single-family homes and apartment buildings with three or fewer living units. Once-a-week collections occur in Wards 5. DPW does not collect from mixed-use residential/commercial buildings or residential buildings with four or more units. Apartment buildings with four or more units, mixed-use residential/commercial buildings and commercial properties must contract for their own trash/recycling collection services.

What Goes in the Trash?

To learn about what materials belong in the trash bin and NOT in the blue recycling bin, please visit <https://zerowaste.dc.gov/page/trash-residents>

Avoiding a Sanitation Ticket

Place trash and recycling containers out for collection no earlier than 6:30 pm the night before collection and no later than 6 am on your collection day. Residents are required to remove trash and recycling containers from public space by 8 pm on your collection day. Keep the public space around your property free of litter.

How to Handle Medicine

Medicine (DO NOT FLUSH OR POUR! Take to drug take-back-site (check [National Drug Take-Back Day](#) for next date). OR Mix with dirt, cat litter or used coffee grounds, then put in trash. Recycle empty bottle after marking out personal information or removing the identification label from bottle.)

Preventing Theft of Trash and Recycling Containers

Paint your address (including street name and number) on at least two sides of your containers using a bold, bright color that attracts attention and distinguishes your containers from your neighbors' containers. Record each container's serial number and provide that information to 311 to report a missing/stolen container.

Where Your Materials Go

DPW manages the disposal of the District's solid waste materials in an environmentally-sensitive way. The majority of trash, yard waste, and associated materials collected residentially or commercially at the agency's transfer stations, are disposed at Fairfax County's Energy Resource Recovery Facility in Lorton. Recycling materials are taken to a near-by Maryland facility where they are sorted and processed to be reused as raw materials.

Request the following services by calling 311 or using 311.dc.gov.

Litter Can - Collection

Report a public space litter can that is full or overflowing and needs to be emptied.

Trash Collection - Missed

Report missed regular trash collection. If scheduled trash collection falls on a holiday, the collection will “slide” to the next day. Click on the holiday “slide” guide at the top of the page for 2015 holiday collection days.

Yard Waste

Request the collection of yard waste. DPW collects up to five bags (per week) of yard waste from residences that receive DPW trash and recycling collection services. DPW’s collection priority is trash; therefore, yard waste will be collected as space in the truck permits.

How You Can Help

- Visit collectionday.dcgis.dc.gov for your trash/recycling day(s).
- Place trash and recycling containers out for collection after 6:30 pm the night before collection or before 6 am on collection day. Residents are required to remove trash and recycling containers from public space by 8 pm on your collection day.
- Between collections, store trash and recycling containers on your property rather than in the alley or on the sidewalk. Otherwise, you may receive a solid waste ticket.
- Paint your address on your trash and recycling containers and record the number that appears on these containers to help prevent theft or loss.

Just the Facts

- The Department of Public Works removes approximately 99,000 tons of trash and about 34,000 tons of recyclables from 105,000 single-family homes and small residential buildings (with no more than three living units) each year.
- DPW collects trash separately from recycling. The trucks used for both services look the same, but the contents are not comingled. **Contact Email:** dpw@dc.gov
- ***Conference Call: New Yard Waste Program Change:***
Starting on May 4th, you must make a request to schedule yard waste pickup: Yard Wastes will only be pickup in an appropriate purchased yard waste bag. Changes:
 1. By appointment: Call 311; Use 311 online; or DPW App
 2. No more than 20 or fewer bags a one pickup (changed from 5 or fewer bags)
 3. Do not place yard waste in regular trash: Leave, grass, weeds, bundle branches, pinecone, uprooted plants, etc.

REMINDER MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM CELESTE DUFFIE, DPW

5/11/2020 – Online Home Composting Workshops

Thank you for your enthusiasm regarding waste reduction through composting. Last week the Department of Public Works (DPW) announced Online Home Composting Workshops to provide residents the opportunity to learn how to start a compost pile while staying safe at home. Compost keeps food waste from going to landfills and adds nutrients to soil.

Online Home Composting Workshop attendees will qualify for a rebate up to \$75 toward a home composting system. The workshop is currently full however, we are working to expand this exciting opportunity. If you would like to be notified when new workshops become available email zero.waste@dc.gov. Let's work together to keep DC cleaner, greener and healthier.

5/8/2020 – Important Update on Online Home Compost

Great news! As we work together during this public health emergency, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will assist residents to continue their commitment to keeping DC cleaner, greener and healthier. DPW is thrilled to announce Online Home Composting Workshops to provide residents the opportunity to learn how to start a compost pile while staying safe at home. Compost keeps food waste from going to landfills and adds nutrients to soil.

DPW is working to meet Mayor Bowser's mission to reduce waste in the District while keeping District workers and residents safe. Online Home Composting Workshop attendees will qualify for a rebate up to \$75 toward a home composting system. The workshop is limited to 40 people a session.-Learn more and register at zerowaste.dc.gov/homecomposting. #StayHomeDC. For updates on the District's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.dc.gov. Stay well!

4/17/2020 – DPW's Food Waste Drop Off Program

Great news! DC Residents the [DPW's Food Waste Drop Off program](#) will be available this weekend at markets in our program with an approved COVID-19 operating waiver. In accordance with [Mayor's Order 2020-058](#), the District Government will only allow farmers markets to operate if operators submit and get approved a COVID-19 waiver request to operate during the COVID-19 public health emergency. **Food Waste Drop Off is available only at the markets in the program that have approved waivers. If the farmers' market where it occurs does not have an approved COVID-19 waiver and has also suspended its operations, Food Waste Drop-Off is suspended** at that location.

Approved Food Waste Drop Off Locations for Saturday April 18 and Sunday April 19.

Saturday April 18

- Uptown Farmers Market - 14th and Kennedy St., NW
- Monroe Street / Brookland Farmers Market - 716 Monroe St., NE
- Eastern Market – 635 North Carolina Ave, SE
- SW Farmers Market – 425 M Street, SW
- Columbia Heights Farmer's Market – 14th and Kenyon Streets, NW

Sunday April 19

- Dupont Circle Farmers Market - Massachusetts St and 20th St NW.

Farmer's Markets are required to have a new waiver approved to operate each week. So, please check the [DPW Food Waste Drop Off web page](#) next Friday afternoon to see which markets are granted waivers the following week.

4/7/2020 - DPW Operations & Services

With guidance from Mayor Bowser's administration, the Department of Public Works (DPW) continues to evaluate the efficacy of our operations to help maintain the health and safety of our employees during this serious public health emergency. DPW is adjusting to this rapidly evolving emergency with some changes to our operations and services through April 24. Please see details below.

Solid Waste Management Administration:

Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.

- Residential mowing continues but may be delayed.
- Residential street sweeping is suspended. Document shredding is suspended.
- Residents are encouraged to place non-sensitive documents directly in recycle bins without using plastic bags.
- Resident solid waste drop-offs, including hazardous waste and e-cycling, are suspended.
- Resident mulch pick-up is suspended.

Parking Enforcement Management Administration:

- Ticketing for safety violations (e.g., blocking a fire hydrant) continues.
- The following ticketing is suspended:
 - Emergency no parking violations (vehicles will be relocated without charge and will not be ticketed)
 - Expired district license plates and inspection stickers
 - Expired residential parking permits
 - Expired meters
- Vehicle booting and towing is suspended.

4/3/2020 - Trash and Recycling Collection Deployment

With guidance from Mayor Bowser's administration, the Department of Public Works (DPW) continues to evaluate the efficacy of our operations to help maintain the health and safety of our employees during this serious public health emergency. For many years DPW has deployed its collection crews from W Street, NE. Beginning today, DPW will deploy its collection crews from multiple sites, including W Street, NE; Benning Road, NE; Reno Road, NW; Ft. Totten and RFK Stadium. In the morning, crews are expected to arrive by 6:00 AM. and leave the yard by 6:30 AM. These measures have been implemented to ensure social distancing, increase the sustainability of collection services, and accelerate the completion of routes during this unprecedented emergency. DPW will follow the District's guidance to determine when normal operations will resume.

STAY SAFE!