

BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

Collection & Disposal of Refuse – **EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2023**
Schedule, Rules and Regulations

Perkasie Borough has 2 trash collection options for residents: a **“WHEELED CART”** and a **“PAY AS YOU THROW”** trash bag option. Both are explained here.

Trash fees include RECYCLING fees and include one BULK ITEM per week. See the sections below for rules and restrictions on acceptable TRASH, RECYCLING and BULK ITEMS.

Trash is collected weekly on a schedule by the Borough. All trash must be placed out by 7am. No call backs for trash placed out late.

Trash may not remain curbside for longer than 24 hours. Toters and trash bags must be stored out of sight of the street.

Please note that RECYCLING within established rules and regulations is mandatory and failure to do so is a violation of Borough Ordinance.

WHEELED TRASH CART (“TOTER”) PLAN

TOTER LID MUST BE CLOSED. This will help keep the trash in the can and the critters out.

Additional trash may be placed in a Borough trash bag NEXT TO THE TOTER.

Borough maintains ownership of the Toter and it will be collected if service is discontinued. The cart is a 64 gallon wheeled cart & is green in color with a green lid. Each cart has a serial number, which is assigned to a specific address.

Cart should not be stored in a location that is visible to the street.

Annual fee of \$50, plus \$75 per quarter BILLED IN ADVANCE.

“PAY AS YOU THROW” TRASH BAG PLAN

All trash must be set out in securely tied Borough trash bags. Max weight limits: 20lbs (small bag); 40lbs (large bag).

Bags in violation will be stickered and picked up on the next scheduled collection day if the issue is rectified.

Bags are available at Borough Hall and at area retailers including Giant (Perkasie & Souderton locations), Landis, & the Olde Towne Convenience Store.

Annual fee of \$50 plus cost of bags: \$2.25 for a small bag; \$3.25 for a large bag. A special medium size bag is available for sale at Borough Hall only.

**Toters, trash bags and bulk items must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 6:00pm on the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 7:00am on the day of collection.
NO CALL BACKS AFTER 7:00AM.**

BULK TRASH

Annual plan fee includes the collection of one BULK TRASH item weekly with regular trash collection. Please note the following:

BULK ITEMS are collected on **WEDNESDAYS**, and must be marked by a STICKER. Stickers cost \$10 and can be purchased at Borough Hall, Mon through Fri between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Purchase your sticker by 3:00pm on Tuesday for collection that Wednesday. Place the bulk item out no earlier than 6:00pm on Tuesday and no later than 7:00am on Wednesday. Make sure the sticker is visible from the street.

Stickers are required for these items:

washers, dryers, hot water heaters, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, stoves (electric or gas), riding lawn mowers, dishwashers, air compressors, pool filters, snow blowers, electric generators, microwave ovens, water softeners.

Note that the Borough **WILL NOT** collect these items:

TVs, computers, computer accessories, multiple storm doors or storm windows, tires (on or off wheels), parts of any type of vehicle including batteries, all types of heaters (gas, wood, coal, or oil), oil tanks, remodeling materials, outbuildings (wood or metal, garages, wood sheds etc.), carpeting and padding exceeding 9’x12’.

The Borough **DOES NOT** accept any items that contain FREON, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners, even if the Freon is thought to be removed from the appliance.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION DAYS

<p>GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 7 (Recycling) Collection: ➡ Friday, April 14 (Recycling)</p>	<p>THANKSGIVING: Thursday, Nov. 23 (Trash & Recycling) Friday, Nov. 24 (Paper & Cardboard) Collection: ➡ Monday, Nov. 27 (Trash & Recycling) Friday, Dec. 1 (Paper & Cardboard)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 29 (Trash) Collection: ➡ Tuesday, May 30 (Trash)</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Mon., Dec. 25 (Trash & Recycling) Collection: ➡ Wed., Dec. 27 (Trash & Recycling)</p>
<p>INDEPENDENCE DAY: Tuesday, July 4 (Trash) Collection: ➡ Wednesday, July 5 (Trash)</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Tues., Dec. 26 (Trash & Recycling) Collection: ➡ Thurs., Dec. 28 (Trash & Recycling)</p>
<p>LABOR DAY: Monday, Sept. 4 (Trash & Recycling) Collection: ➡ Tuesday, Sept. 5 (Trash & Recycling)</p>	

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COMMINGLED CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Annual plan fee includes the collection of COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES. Glass, aluminum, tin & plastic containers #1-7 are collected **THE SAME DAY AS YOUR SCHEDULED TRASH DAY**. Please note the following:

GLASS (all colors): Remove lids and neckbands. Rinse. No need to remove labels. Do not crush glass. NO CERAMICS, LIGHT BULBS OR PLATE GLASS.

ALUMINUM/TIN CANS & CONTAINERS: Flatten cans and remove labels if possible. NO PAINT OR AEROSOL CANS, PROPANE CYLINDERS, BATTERIES OR ELECTRONICS.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS, # 1-7: Remove caps and rinse, to remove all contents. Crush if possible, but keep intact.

Combine these recyclables and place in an open container with drainage holes near the bottom. Containers should be max 10 gallons or 40lbs in weight. NO PLASTIC BAGS in recycling please.

RECYCLING CENTER, 311 S. 9TH ST.

Residents must display a Borough hang tag on their car in order to use the recycling center. Staff may request additional proof of residence. **Do not lend your hang tag to non-residents.**

Prepare your recyclables as you would for curbside recycling. Recycling dumpsters are marked; please make sure to use the correct one. **DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN DUMPSTERS.**

You may drop off YARD WASTE and leaves at the recycling center. YARD WASTE is defined as leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and similar material. Yard waste must be loose or in biodegradable paper bags. Waste in plastic bags must be emptied from the bag. GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NOT YARD WASTE (per Act 1988-101, Section 103).

TRASH and BULK TRASH items ARE NOT accepted at the recycling center.

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Monday – Friday

7:30am – 8:30pm

Saturdays

7:30am – 4:00pm

CLOSED SUNDAYS AND MOST HOLIDAYS

TREE BRANCHES

Clippings will be chipped curbside by Borough crews on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month.

Call for an appointment at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled appointment day.

Tree branches must be cut in lengths less than 6’ then tied with twine in bundles no greater than 18” in diameter. Branches over 8” in diameter must be placed curbside for BULK TRASH collection. The amount of branches picked up at each residence will be equivalent to the size of a freezer.

GRASS COLLECTION

Put grass clippings in a Borough trash bag and place out with household trash.

Please consider “grass-cycling”: cutting the grass before it gets too high or use a mulching mower and let the clippings remain to nourish the soil.

NEWSPAPER AND CARDBOARD

Collected **EVERY FRIDAY** during the month.

Cardboard must be flattened. Combine clean newspaper, junk mail, magazines, cereal boxes and cardboard. Tie securely or insert in durable paper bag. NO PLASTIC BAGS.

The Borough WILL NOT collect wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood, nails, or Styrofoam. Put these items in Borough toter or trash bag on your regular trash collection day.

LEAF COLLECTION (mid Oct - Nov)

Rake leaves into street along the curb line. Do not block or clog storm drains.

Check the Borough website, social media, or call the Borough office for start and stop dates for leaf collection. There is no set schedule for leaf pickup. The crews follow a set route and pick up leaves as scheduling allows.

The Borough crew will collect leaves one time in the spring. The date will be announced early in the year based on the end of winter weather. The crews will only travel the collection route one time for the spring collection.

Do not put leaves in the roadway or block storm drains during any other part of the year. Doing so can cause a very dangerous situation for drivers, and also possibly flood the roadway by clogging the storm drains.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees (without wire) are collected with brush pick-up on the first Wednesday in January, and on the second, third and fourth Fridays in January. Please check the Borough website and social media or call the Borough office for any updates to this schedule.