

Covington Waste & Recycling Program for Businesses



**CITY OF
COVINGTON**

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAM SET UP

Whether you are renovating an existing space or newly developing a space we would like to thank you for being a part of the Covington Business Community. Our goal is to provide you with trash and recycling information and resources to establish a successful and sustainable program for your business. This brochure highlights the City's guidelines to help you better understand your waste stream, recycle right and reduce plastics and litter. Take the following steps below to ensure you are in compliance and help keep Covington clean, green and beautiful.



STEP 1

Review **City of Covington Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII - Landscaping; Section 8.03 - Trash Storage Area Screening** which can be found at www.pdskc.org by searching for **Covington zoning ordinance**. All multi-unit buildings and businesses (new construction or substantial rehab) must provide an enclosure for containers and carts on wheels. This can be done within a principal building or accessory structure, or by screening the enclosure on all sides. The enclosure should be secured with an opaque, lockable gate. When designing the structure, remember to consider equipment for the following waste streams: landfill trash, recyclables, waste oil and food waste.

STEP 2

Review **City of Covington Container Services: Generally - Section 95.08**, which can be found at www.covingtonky.gov, by searching **Code of Ordinances: Title IX - General Regulations: 95.00 Sanitation and Health**. Commercial end users that produce two or more yards of waste per week are required to use two, four, six or eight yard containers for the temporary storage and disposal of their waste and recyclables, unless the dimensions of the parcel cannot accommodate the servicing of a container as determined by the Solid Waste Coordinator. Additionally, anything less than two yards of waste can be managed with the use of carts.

STEP 3

Go to the **City's website, www.covingtonky.gov**, and search for **Solid Waste** for information regarding **service providers** to assist with setting up collection of the following waste streams: landfill trash, recyclables, waste oil, and food waste.

STEP 4

Contact the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Division by calling 859-292-4417 to submit your site plans and schedule an on-site assessment.

TRASH & RECYCLING GUIDELINES—CART SERVICE

Equipment

Businesses that produce less than two yards of waste per week, or those which cannot accommodate the servicing of a dumpster, can opt to use 35, 65 or 95 -gallon wheeled Rumpke carts for trash and recycling collection.

Storage

Carts are not permitted to be stored on the sidewalk or against the outside of the building. Predetermined space for cart storage must be allotted inside the building or in an enclosure in the rear or as near to the rear as possible.

Trash

All trash must be bagged and placed inside your cart. The cart lid should close tightly with all materials inside. Improperly filling the cart may prevent service and cause spillage. The area in front of and beside the cart should be free of obstructions.

Recycling

Recyclables should be placed inside your cart loose. We understand that placing recyclables loose inside the cart may not be practical for businesses. If you need to use a plastic bag, please make sure it is a clear plastic bag. The cart lid should close tightly with all materials inside. Improperly filling the cart may prevent service and cause spillage. The area in front of and beside the cart should be free of obstructions. See the Recycle Right tab for more details.

Collection

All trash and recycling placed at the curb for collection must be completely contained inside authorized wheeled carts. Trash and recycling placed loose at the curb or placed in unauthorized carts may result in fines or additional charges.

Bulk Items & Extra Pickups

Contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 to schedule a pickup for bulk items or extra material. Additional fees may apply. It is the business' responsibility to address and handle any large items blocking containers.

Rumpke is not permitted to accept:

- Tires
- Liquids
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Corrosive, flammable, reactive, explosive, toxic, or hazardous waste
- Items that contain CFCs
- PCB waste 50 ppm or above
- Fluorescent lamps and ballasts
- Medical, infectious, or biohazardous waste

E-waste such as computers, light bulbs, batteries and printers **should not** be placed in your trash or recycling cart. For disposal options, please email ewaste@rumpke.com. *Visit www.nkyhhw.org to learn more



TRASH & RECYCLING GUIDELINES—DUMPSTER SERVICE

Equipment

Containers are available in different shapes and sizes to accommodate your business' trash and recycling volume and parcel boundaries. Containers are available with doors and wheels or without doors and wheels. Locks are available for prevention of container abuse. Containers are built with heavy-duty materials to withstand years of usage.

Trash

All trash must be bagged and placed inside your container. The container lid should close tightly with all materials inside. Improperly filling the container may prevent service and cause spillage.

Recycling

Recyclables should be placed inside your container loose. We understand that placing recyclables loose inside the container may not be practical for businesses. If you need to use a plastic bag, please make sure it is a clear plastic bag. The container lid should close tightly with all materials inside. Improperly filling the container may prevent service and cause spillage. The area in front of and beside the container should be free of obstructions. See the Recycle Right tab for more details.

Collection

The area in front of and beside the container should be free of obstructions, including parked cars, which may prevent service. Interrupted service can contribute to overflowing containers and result in additional fees and/or citation. Overflowing and unsanitary containers are targets for illegal dumping. You are responsible for the cleanliness of your container. We recommend a facilities personnel monitor the container area regularly and after service times to ensure area is kept clean.

Bulk Items & Extra Pickups

Contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 to schedule an extra pickup for bulk items or extra material. Additional fees may apply. It is the business' responsibility to address and handle any large items blocking containers.

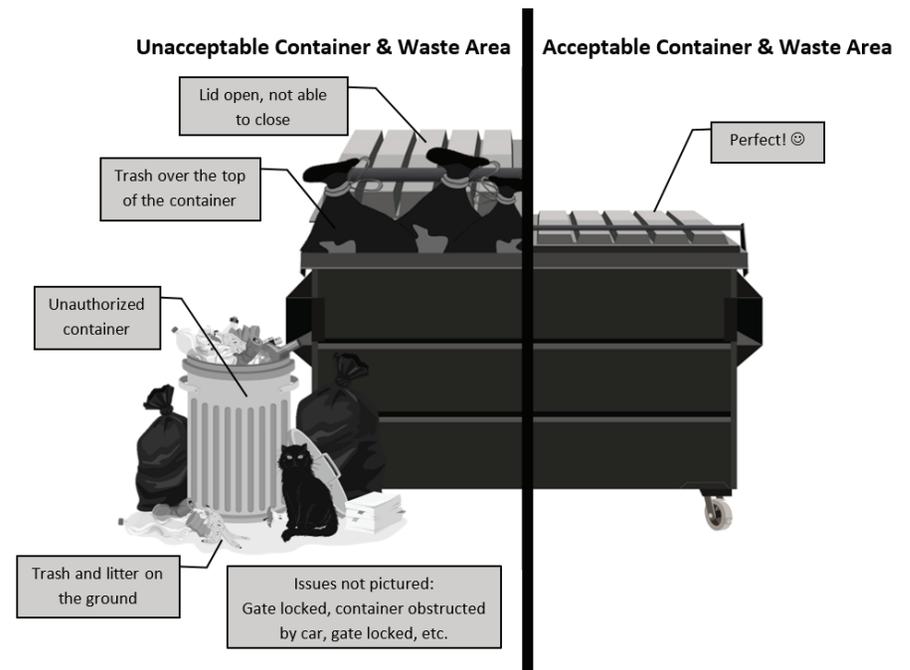
Shared Waste Stations

Businesses with limited outdoor storage space can share waste equipment with neighboring businesses. Contact the City's Solid Waste & Recycling Division to find out more about shared waste stations. Contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 to set-up billing arrangements.

Rumpke is not permitted to accept:

- Tires
- Liquids
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Items that contain CFCs
- PCB waste 50 ppm or above
- Corrosive, flammable, reactive, explosive, toxic or hazardous waste
- Fluorescent lamps and ballasts
- Medical, infectious, or biohazardous waste

E-waste such as computers, light bulbs, batteries and printers **should not** be placed in your trash or recycling container. Please email ewaste@rumpke.com for disposal options. *Visit www.nkyhww.org to learn more



TRASH & RECYCLING GUIDELINES— COMPACTION SYSTEMS

Equipment

A compaction system is a great solution to prevent scavenging, save space, control odors, prevent litter and reduce fire hazards. Compactors can also ease waste costs by reducing collection frequency.

Rumpke designs and builds compactors to fit your needs. Performance and quality is guaranteed with a one-year warranty. Each compactor is equipped with programmable controls for easy operation. Reinforced stress points and greater compaction force are featured on all equipment.

“Switching from the traditional dumpster to a mini compactor has reduced the number of service pickups, eliminated overflow issues and unsightly trash piles and improved the overall cleanliness of the site.”

—Keystone Bar & Grill



Compactor shown at Panorama Apartments.



Compactor at Rumpke's Industrial Equipment Service Center ready for installation.

RECYCLE RIGHT—MAKE IT COUNT!

Recycling can reduce your weekly trash volume and may be able to lower your monthly bill. Learn about acceptable items and how to recycle properly.

Tips for Recycling Right

Tip #1: Place recyclables inside of containers loose or in clear plastic bags

Plastic bags are not accepted in recycling program because they impede the recycling process. Ideally, recyclables should be placed loose inside of recycling containers; however, we understand that may not always be practical for businesses. Place recyclables loose in your container whenever possible and use a clear plastic bag only when needed. Plastic bags and films can be taken to many area grocery/retail stores for recycling.

Tip #2: Maximize dumpster space by breaking down recyclables

Breaking down recyclables saves space in your container for more material, which can save you money by reducing the need for additional pickups. Break down cardboard boxes and crush and reattach lids of plastic bottles.

Tip #3: Make sure recyclables are empty

Food and liquid left inside of a recyclable material can prevent the material from being recovered in the recycling process. Please empty containers and remove all plastic film and packaging from cardboard boxes before recycling. Do not worry about removing lids or labels from bottles and cans.

More Waste Reduction Options

Food waste collection and plastic film recycling are other ways to reduce your trash volume and may be able to lower your monthly bill. Visit www.CovingtonKy.gov and search for the Solid Waste page to learn more.

Acceptable Items



Unacceptable Items

Only include items specified on your equipment. Placing items not accepted in program can hinder the recycling process, this includes: plastic bags, bed sheets, hangers, metal chains, garden hoses, batteries, needles, syringes, electronics, polystyrene foam, buckets, dairy tubs, car parts, food, yard waste, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, pots, pans, scrap metal, red and clear plastic (Solo) cups, straws, office furniture.



CLEAN, GREEN & BEAUTIFUL

Be an influencer not an offender. The City wants to help you clean, green and beautify your business and maximize your profitability while always ensuring compliance.

Businesses with clean storefronts have a higher rate of return customers and contribute to the overall cleanliness of our City.

Be Clean

- Sweep sidewalks, street gutters, and parking areas daily
- Owners/operators are required to provide, place, and empty private litter receptacles for their customers
- Provide adequate trash and recycling containers for your customers, employees and vendors
- Service trash and recycling containers regularly and clean them as needed
- Keep dumpster area free of litter and debris by visiting and monitoring after each service collection

Businesses committed to recycling and waste reduction can have lower waste management costs while improving your image and increasing brand loyalty.

Be Green

- Offer recycling to your customers
- Reduce plastic packaging and reduce your landfill waste

Businesses that are socially aware and participate in community outreach can vastly improve team morale and the quality of life for all that live work and play in Covington.

Be Beautiful

- Schedule regular store front maintenance i.e. weed removal, tree well beautification
- Participate in Keep Covington Beautiful programs or donate: www.KeepCovingtonBeautiful.com
- Sponsor an annual Cleanup Event
- Coordinate regular scheduled volunteer outings with your employees

Please remember that Covington's Sanitation and Health ordinance exists for the **benefit of all**. Your commitment to litter prevention, recycling and beautification will make Covington a cleaner, greener community in which to live, work, and play.