

GREEN UP PROVIDENCE

Frequently Asked Questions

What is “GREEN UP PROVIDENCE”?

GREEN UP PROVIDENCE is a new initiative to double Providence’s recycling rate. Starting November 2, 2009, residents will need to place their recycling bins at the curb on trash day next to their *Big Green Can*. If the green and blue bins are not placed at the curb, the trash will not be picked up.

When does the program go into effect?

Starting November 2, 2009, all residents will need to place recycling bins with their Big Green Cans.

Why is this policy being implemented?

In order to save taxpayer dollars and protect the environment, everyone needs to do their part. By taking this small additional step, we can save the earth and tax dollars too.

How do I recycle?

It’s easier than you might think! The green bin is for paper products including mail, cardboard, etc. The blue bin is for cans, glass and plastic bottles, cartons (as well as any plastic marked with a small 1 or 2 in the recycling icon).

What if I don’t have recycling bins? What if the bins I have are falling apart?

There are 2 ways you can recycle:

Bins are available for purchase at the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 700 Allens Avenue. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (4:00pm in July and August). Each bin costs \$5. The City will also announce the dates, times, and locations of bin sales held on weekday evenings throughout the month of October.

You may also use your own containers for your recyclables. Simply mark “Recycling” on the containers you’d like to use for your cans/bottles or paper/cardboard and set it beside your *Big Green Can*. You still must separate the recycling as you would if you had two bins from DPW. You may pick up stickers for this purpose free of charge at Public Works or make your own marking on the containers.

Remember: There is no limit to how much you can set out for recycling! If you think you can fill more bins each week, please use additional containers.

What if I don’t have enough recyclables to fill my bins each week?

Your recycling bins don’t have to be full for your trash to be collected. All you need is to put out your bin.

The recycling truck collects before the trash truck, and I bring my bins in right away. How will they know I recycle?

The garbage collectors won't know you recycle if you bring your bins in right away, so residents need to leave their empty bins next to their trash cans and bring all containers in at the same time.

Who should I contact if I have any other questions?

Please call Environmental Services at the Department of Public Works at 467-7950 for answers to your recycling questions.