

# City of Oil City



## **GARBAGE & RECYCLING PROGRAM**

All residents living in the City of Oil City are required to properly dispose of garbage and to recycle certain materials. In 1988 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed Act 101 mandating that all residential, commercial and institutional establishments recycle and that the municipality report this information to the state. In 1990 City Ordinance # 2520 was adopted to comply with this state law. Recycling is not only environmentally sound but fiscally responsible.

Residential curbside collection is contracted by the City of Oil City for all residential customers, currently through Tri-County Industries. Commercial and institutional customers may contract with Tri-County Industries for recycling, or with the hauler of their choice. The state requires that all recycling tonnage be reported to the City at year's end. These numbers are used to obtain state grant monies to promote the recycling program and purchase recycling equipment.

Oil City residents must recycle the following items: glass (clear and colored), corrugated cardboard, tin, aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans (removed ends of cans must be placed in the trash), plastics (marked #1 - #12 and "PETE" and/or "HDPE"), high grade office paper and newsprint (no colored or glossy sections - placed in a plastic bag on top of the recycling can). These items may all be placed in the recycling container provided to you by contacting the City's Utility Office (678-3002). All recycling materials must be rinsed clean but labels do not need to be removed. Please do not place broken glass, light bulbs, ceramics, crystal pieces, drinking glasses, heat-resistant ovenware, or clay flower pots in the recycling container.

### **Garbage & Recycling Collection**

All garbage and recycling is to be placed out for collection after 6:00 PM the night before the scheduled pickup. Cans are to be removed from the curbside the same day after collection has been completed. Garbage and recycling services are delayed by a day when any of the following holidays fall on a weekday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Residents are permitted 2 garbage receptacles weekly that can be no larger than 45 gallons and a maximum weight of 75 lbs. when full. Please limit larger trash items to 1 per week. Also, wood and tree limbs cannot exceed 48 inches in length and must be bundled or tied. All loose garbage and trash must be contained in some manner and placed on or near the curb. City residents are prohibited from placing leaves out for garbage collection.

There are some items that will not be picked up by the refuse collectors: car parts (mufflers are permitted), tires (collected yearly), items containing Freon such as appliances (air conditioners & refrigerators), and broken concrete and construction materials. **E-Waste** laws are now in effect. Please see below.

Recycling containers are available through the City's Utility Office.

### **E-Waste**

Effective January 2013, the following devices will no longer be accepted as refuse at the curb: computers (desktop, laptop or notebook), micro processing units, keyboards, printers, scanners, cell phones, and televisions with screens 4 inches or larger.

### **Special Collections**

The City of Oil City currently offers a leaf collection program each autumn. The leaves may be raked to the curbside for scheduled collection or may be placed in biodegradable leaf bags that will be collected upon request. Tire collection is also sponsored yearly in late autumn. Information concerning these collections is advertised on the utility bill as well as in the local newspaper. Hazardous household waste products may be disposed of on a yearly basis in July through the Venango County recycling program. Beginning Spring 2014 there will be an e-waste collection sponsored annually by the City of Oil City. Watch for details to come.

### **Further Recycling Information**

- America Recycles Day [www.americarecyclesday.org/](http://www.americarecyclesday.org/)
- Earth 911 [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com)
- Professional Recyclers of PA (PROP) [www.proprecycles.org](http://www.proprecycles.org)
- PA Material Trader [www.materialtrader.org/](http://www.materialtrader.org/)
- Batteries [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)
- Glass [www.gpi.org/recycleglass/](http://www.gpi.org/recycleglass/)
- Paper [www.paperrecycles.org](http://www.paperrecycles.org)
- Plastic [www.napcor.com](http://www.napcor.com)
- Steel [www.recycle-steel.org](http://www.recycle-steel.org)
- **E-Waste** [www.ecsr.net](http://www.ecsr.net)
- **E-Waste** ARC eRecycling 814-227-9835

### **Questions?**

Please contact the City's Utility Office at 814-678-3002