

Roxborough Reserve Proposed Trash Service Change To the City of Philadelphia Department of Streets

Proposed to Roxborough Reserve residents is to change from private trash pickup through PhillyWide to public trash/recycling through the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Streets.

This document summarizes what the change would mean for residents.

Trash & Recycling

In addition to picking up trash, the City of Philadelphia picks up recyclables whereas PhillyWide does not. Anything PhillyWide picks up is trash.

That means that residents will need to:

- Separate trash and recyclables.
- Use distinct recycling bins.

Pickup up days

As we have with PhillyWide, we would have a set trash/recycling pickup day that the City of Philadelphia would assign to Roxborough Reserve. Pickup in and around Ridge Avenue currently happens on Thursdays.

>> Link to confirm trash day and view list of City-observed holidays

<https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-your-trash-and-recycling-collection-day/#/>

If the date is ...	You should set out your trash and recycling ...
April 1 to September 30	Between 7 p.m. the night before collection day and 7 a.m. on collection day
October 1 to March 31	Between 5 p.m. the night before collection day and 7 a.m. on collection day

Guidance for separating trash vs. recyclables.

All refuse set out for City collection must be separated into trash and recyclables. Learn more about:

- What to recycle: <https://www.phila.gov/programs/recycling-program/what-to-recycle/>
- Places where you can donate items or recycle: <https://www.phila.gov/recycling-donation-finder/#/>

These items are accepted as trash as part of curbside collection but require special handling.

Item type	Disposal guidelines
Non-rechargeable batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap tape around both ends of the battery.
Compactible furniture (e.g., sofas, mattresses, box springs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit to two items per week. • Bag and seal mattresses and box springs in plastic mattress bags for curbside pickup. (They do not have to be bagged if taken to a sanitation convenience center: https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-a-sanitation-convenience-center-to-drop-off-trash-or-recycling/ .)
Wood and tree pieces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut down to four-foot pieces per item. • Bundle and tie.
Needles and syringes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal securely in plastic or metal containers so that needles cannot puncture the container.

Not accepted for curbside collection

Some materials are not accepted as part of curbside collection, but you can still dispose of them properly.

Item type	Disposal methods
Electronics (e.g., computers, televisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take to a sanitation convenience center https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-a-sanitation-convenience-center-to-drop-off-trash-or-recycling/ .
Household hazardous waste (e.g., paints, motor oil, antifreeze)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take to a disposal site https://www.phila.gov/recycling-donation-finder/#/?services=Hazardous%20waste • Take to a household hazardous waste collection event https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/dispose-of-household-hazardous-waste/
Bulk items (e.g., stoves, washing machines, air conditioners)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a private hauler. • Take two or fewer to a sanitation convenience center https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-a-sanitation-convenience-center-to-drop-off-trash-or-recycling/
Tires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take four or fewer automotive tires to a sanitation convenience center https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-a-sanitation-convenience-center-to-drop-off-trash-or-recycling/ • Take to a drop-off site for the annual Tire Round-Up Program https://www.phila.gov/programs/tire-round-up-program/
Universal waste (e.g., fluorescent light bulbs and lithium, rechargeable, and lead-acid batteries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop off in the new bulb or battery containers at a sanitation convenience center https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/find-a-sanitation-convenience-center-to-drop-off-trash-or-recycling/.

Item type	Disposal methods
Construction debris (e.g., bricks, rocks, cinder or concrete block, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take trash to a private facility https://www.phila.gov/recycling-donation-finder/#/?services=Construction%20and%20demolition%20debris for a fee.

Penalties for not properly separating recyclables

The City of Philadelphia issues \$50 fines to individual houses that do not separate. However, as long as you use a recycling bin, chances are that you will not get fined. Not a guarantee though.

Trash Containers & Recycling Bins

This will be a change for Roxborough Reserve homeowners as we will need to return our current bins to PhillyWide. We don't yet know the timing for that.

Owners are responsible for obtaining their own trash bins. Here are the requirements.

All containers must have a tight-fitting lid or be secured in some way. Trash may be set out in:

- Metal or other non-corrodible cans that are no larger than 32 gallons.
- Substantial, leak-proof, sealed plastic bags that hold between 30 and 32 gallons.

For recycling, you can [get a recycling bin https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/get-a-recycling-bin/](https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/get-a-recycling-bin/) from the City or one of our partners. You can also use any household container that is **no larger than 32 gallons**.

Weekly trash and recycling limits

- Premises with one unit/single family: four cans or eight bags
- Premises with two to six units: six cans or 12 bags
- Premises with businesses: six cans or 12 bags
- Two bags may be substituted for one can.

There are no weekly recycling limits.

Yard waste can be included with trash. During leaf season, mechanical collection and bagged drop-off services are provided as part of [leaf recycling https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/recycle-fall-leaves/](https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/recycle-fall-leaves/)

- No bag or container may weigh more than 40 pounds when filled.
- Don't put trash or recyclables in plastic bags or cardboard boxes.

Caution

As with PhillyWide, you would need to exercise caution when leaving your car parked in the street during trash pickup.