



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
SOLID WASTE DIVISION

February 14, 2018

RE: Downtown CID Solid Waste Collection

Dear CID Customer:

I would like to thank all of the Downtown CID Solid Waste customers who help keep Downtown Columbia clean by properly using the solid waste (trash and recycling) facilities. Due to increasing instances of improper use of these facilities, I would like to clarify how the system is supposed to work by answering some frequently asked questions.

How does the CID Solid Waste Collection program work?

The City of Columbia Solid Waste Utility provides solid waste (trash and recycling) collection services to all residential and commercial customers within the Downtown CID. In January 2003, a "common use" type of solid waste service was established for the Downtown CID. The "common use" service allows ANY Downtown CID solid waste customer to utilize ANY trash and recycling dumpster and compactor that is within the Downtown CID. There are dumpsters and compactors placed throughout the CID for the purpose of separating trash from recycling materials. Trash and recycling collection service is provided to all CID customers as part of the monthly Solid Waste fee. See that attached CID flyer for more details solid waste services in the CID.

What is the requirement of the customers?

Every customer is responsible for placing their trash and recycling INTO the appropriate dumpster or compactor. Placing trash or recycling materials on the ground next to the dumpster or compactor is a violation of the City's Littering ordinance (Section 16-231) and is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Where do I place my trash?

All trash and garbage is to be secured in a plastic trash bag and placed inside a trash dumpster or trash compactor. Trash dumpsters and compactors are typically painted gray or brown in color. The dumpsters and compactors are located throughout the CID. See attached map for the approximate locations of all trash dumpsters and compactors.

Where do I place my recycling materials?

All recycling materials are to be placed inside a recycling dumpster. There are two types of recycling dumpsters (fiber and mixed containers) dispersed throughout the CID. Recycling dumpsters for fiber (cardboard) are typically painted blue and have "FIBER" stenciled across the front. Recycling dumpsters for mixed containers are typically painted green and have "CONTAINER" stenciled across the front. See attached map for the approximate locations of all recycling dumpsters.

Can cooking oil and grease be placed in the dumpster or compactor?

Section 22-161 (a) (3) of City Code states customers shall eliminate, as far as possible, all water and liquid from garbage before placing it in the dumpster or compactor. Since cooking oil and grease are liquid, placing these materials in a dumpster or compactor is a violation of City Code.

What is the proper way to dispose of cooking oil and grease?

Restaurants that utilize cooking oil should contract with a business that will collect their used oil on a regular basis.

How often are the trash and recycling containers serviced?

Trash and recycling dumpsters in the CID are serviced (emptied) six days per week (Monday through Saturday).

What is a trash compactor?

There are a number of large commercial trash compactors that are dispersed throughout the CID. They look similar to large metal dumpsters. The compactors operate in a similar manner as the small trash compactors used in residential houses. The compactors utilize a hydraulic ram to crush (or compact) the trash into the storage compartment of the compactor. Solid Waste Utility staff empty the compactors on a set schedule. Most compactors are emptied once per week, but can be emptied more frequently as necessary. The compactors are emptied by loading the entire compactor unit onto a truck and transporting it to the landfill. Once the unit is emptied, it is transported back to its location in CID and placed back in service.

How does a trash compactor work?

Compactors are very simple to operate. Customers are to place their trash bags into the compactor's hopper (open end of the compactor) and then push the green start button on the power unit adjacent to the compactor. Once the green start button is pushed, the compactor will complete a compacting cycle and then automatically stop.

What is the advantage of compactors over normal trash dumpsters?

The advantage to the compactors is that they have a much greater storage volume over dumpsters, take up less room and help reduce litter and wind-blown trash. Trash compactors will compress (compact) trash approximately 75%. The trash compactors in the CID have a 15 cubic yard storage volume and provide storage volume equivalent to 30 regular trash dumpsters.

What do I do with my trash/recycling if the dumpster/compactor is full?

Solid Waste service in the CID is based upon "common use" of all trash and recycling containers within the CID. If dumpster/compactor that you normally use is full, then please take your trash or recycling materials to ANY other trash or recycling dumpster/compactor within the CID that is not currently full.

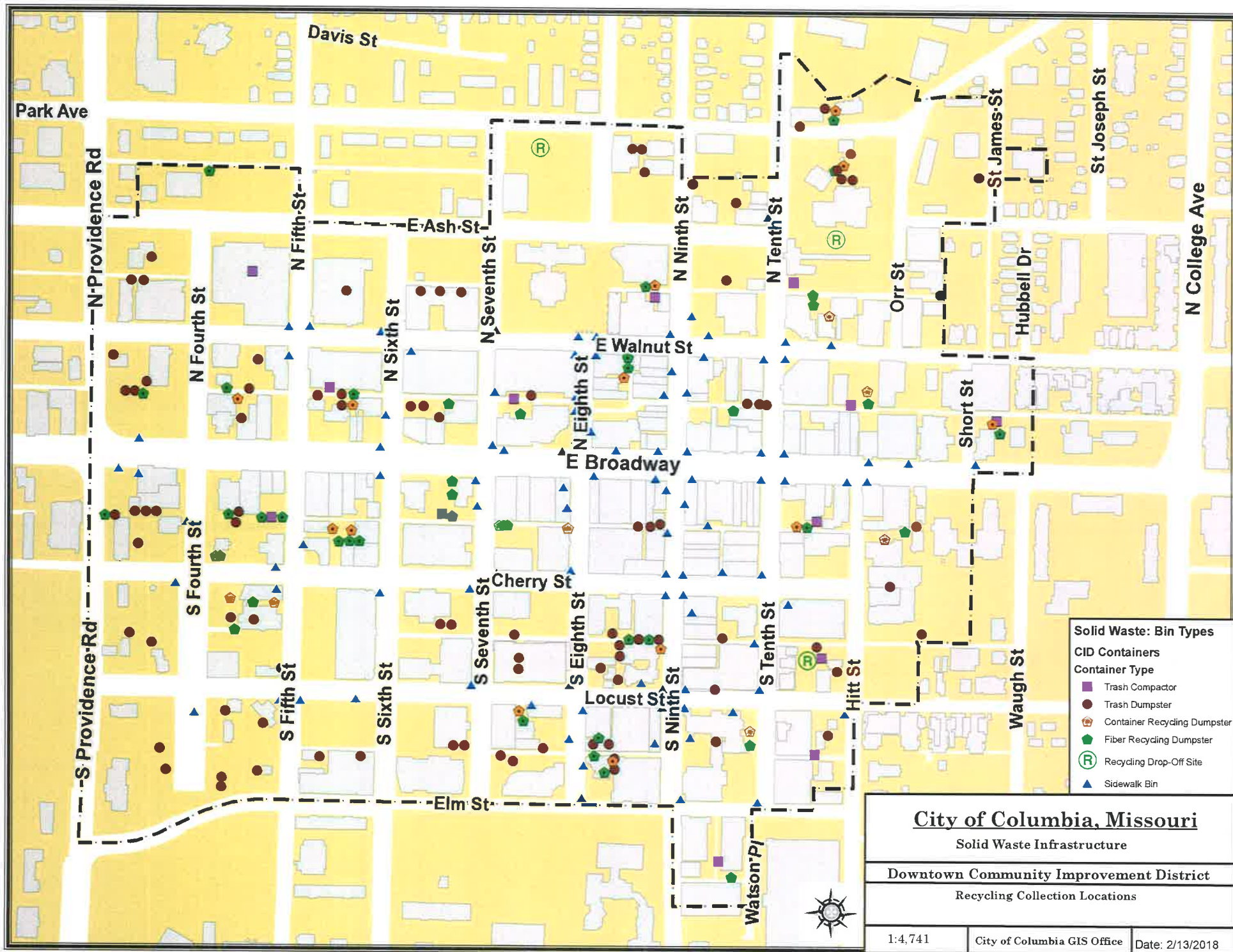
Are CID customers allowed to relocate trash and recycling dumpsters?

The Solid Waste Utility disperses trash and recycling dumpsters throughout the CID in places convenient to the greatest number of customers. When CID customers move dumpsters, it creates inconvenience for other CID customers, requiring them to carry their trash and recycling a greater distance. This also leads to more misuse of trash and recycling dumpsters.

Thank you for doing your part to keep downtown Columbia a clean and pleasant place for everyone to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Steve Hunt, P.E.
Solid Waste Utility Manager



Container Recycle Bins

Place all rigid plastics, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans into bins labeled "CONTAINER"



NO plastic bags, wraps, films, aluminum foil, Styrofoam, broken glassware or ceramic dishes. These items should go in the trash.

MAKE ROOM



Run Compactor Every Time
Machine Stops Automatically

Only Press **STOP** in Case of Emergency

A Shared System

All businesses and residents within The Downtown CID boundaries may use **any** recycling bin, dumpster or trash compactor located within the boundaries.

The City of Columbia Solid Waste Utility and the CID Solid Waste Committee review and discuss all actions regarding bins, dumpsters and compactors. This includes placement, moving or adding receptacles.

To report misuse of shared dumpsters, call the non-emergency police line
(573) 442-6131

Fiber Recycle Bins

Place all cardboard boxes, office paper, junk mail, newspapers, catalogs and paper signs into bins labeled "FIBER" or "CARDBOARD"



BREAK DOWN & FLATTEN BOXES



Remove all non-fiber packing materials from boxes. These items should go in the trash.

The Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) is a political subdivision which is governed by a 15 member Board of Directors who represent property owners, business owners and residents throughout The District.

Tips for Success

KNOW THE LOCATIONS

Recycle and trash receptacles are located within a few blocks of every establishment. If bin is full, it is YOUR responsibility to find the next available bin.

Dumpster maps available at
CoMo.gov/utilities/solidwaste/downtown-cid

BREAK DOWN ALL BOXES

Unflattened boxes are the primary cause for bin overflow. This leads to bags on the ground around dumpsters or recycling bins, which is a finable offense.

COMPACTORS ARE FOR TRASH ONLY

When adding trash to compactor, **ALWAYS PRESS THE START BUTTON** located next to machine. It will stop automatically.



PRE-SORT RECYCLABLES from trash inside before transporting materials to the appropriate bin, dumpster or compactor.
It's as easy as having 2 bins inside!

USE QUALITY BAGS

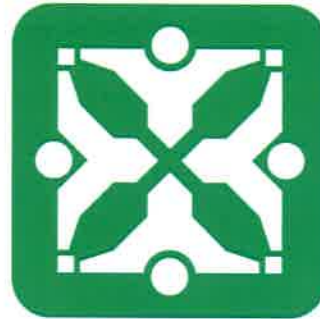
YOU are responsible for cleaning up any litter outside the dumpster resulting from broken bags during transport.



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COMO Recycle and Trash App

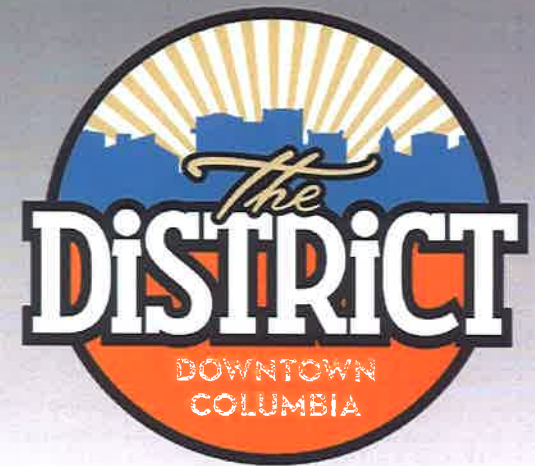
The Waste Wizard tool tells if items are recyclable and how or where to recycle them

Recycling Drop-off Centers in The District

South side of 10th & Cherry Garage
Armory parking lot at 7th & Park
Wabash Station at 10th & Ash



Solid Waste Services in



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