



Summertime Fire Safety Tips



**CAN
STOP
TRASH
CART
FIRES**



Setting up your grill with charcoals and grilling all your favorite foods is a great part of summer barbecues. Please, be very careful when disposing your burnt charcoal, because it can be very deceiving. Although the ashes can seem gray and cold, a little ember can be hidden inside and last for days which will cause a fire. A fail-safe idea is scoop your ashes into tin foil and add a little water. If you hear a sizzling noise, that is the little ember we were telling you about.



The next sort of trash cart fire can be caused by accidentally disposing of "Household Hazardous Waste" in your trash cart. Some chemicals can be inert on their own, but when mixed with others they can create a chemical reaction that causes heat which starts a fire. Therefore, state law demands that all chemicals must be taken to your local Hazardous Waste Facility and not be put in your trash cart.

We give you these two very important tips because we don't want you to have a melted trash cart, but most importantly, we do not want a burning trash cart to spread to your home endangering you or your family. Have a safe and happy summer.

THE PGS TRANSFER STATION USES A NEW TEXTILE RECYCLING COMPANY CALLED RECYCLE FOR CHANGE



WHAT ITEMS DOES THE RFC BOX ACCEPT:

- Clothing: all types of clothing for adults, children and babies.
- Shoes of all types for adults, children and babies.
- Handbags, backpacks, suitcases and other accessories items
- Miscellaneous: Jewelry, toys, games, tools (in working condition), curtains, bedding, towels, books, records, CDs, movies, picture frames, hand tools (also in working condition), sports & camping equipment, cameras, knick-knacks, etc.

ITEMS THE RFC BOX CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Furniture items
- Wet donations or items that do not fit inside our drop off box
- Hazardous Waste
- Construction Waste
- TVs and other large electronics not fitting in our drop off box
- Mattresses/Box Springs
- Electronics in non-working condition

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT RECYCLEFORCHANGE.ORG

We want our service to be the best, and you can help

Garbage Carts Please place your cart at the curb edge with *at least 3 feet of clearance* from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles. Make sure your cart lid is down completely. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service. Together we can keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.

Please — no dirt, rocks, batteries, fluorescent lights, sharps or overloading — lids must be closed to prevent spills.



Recycling Cart Acceptable List Paper, cardboard, aluminum containers and foil, steel or tin cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs (such as yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese, numbers ♻️ through ♻️).

Recycling Cart Non-Acceptable List No plastic bags, wrapping film, wire and string, waxed paper containers, foam packaging, paper towels & napkins, food soiled paper & cardboard, aerosol cans and diapers.

Greenwaste Cart Acceptable List Grass and weed clippings, shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter), leaves, plants and flowers, food scraps and food soiled paper products.

Greenwaste Cart Non-Acceptable List No plastic bags, wrapping film, no household garbage. **No dirt or rocks.**
No overloading — lid must be closed to prevent spills.



The material used for this newsletter is made from 100% Post Consumer Waste and is 100% recyclable and uses Soy Based Inks.

Hydrogen Peroxide Tips That Work

Whiten & Sterilize Your Cutting Boards: Sterilize them by adding 1 part hydrogen peroxide and 2 parts water in a spray bottle, spray directly on the cutting board. Let it stand for 5 to 10 minutes before rinsing, wiping and leaving it to dry. Is your cutting board stained? You can spray the cutting board with hydrogen peroxide, sun dry for an hour before rinsing and drying.



Disinfect Kitchen Sponge: Disinfect them in hydrogen peroxide by soaking them in a mixture of 1 part hot water and one 1 hydrogen peroxide for 15 minutes. Rinse thoroughly, to kill off any germs remaining, heat the sponge in a microwave oven for a minute.

Disinfect Steel Water Bottle: Add half cup of hydrogen peroxide to bottle, close lid, shake well, and release a little through the drinking spout. Let sit for approximately 10 minutes, then rinse clean.

Get Rid of Mildew & Mold: Spray and saturate the affected area with undiluted hydrogen peroxide and allow it to sit for 40 minutes before attempting to scrub. Then, spray the area liberally with hydrogen peroxide and allow it to sit for another 15 minutes before rinsing and cleaning.

Deodorize & Clean Your Fridge: Spray some hydrogen peroxide onto the glass, allowing it to soak for 5-10 minutes before wiping off. Now your glass should be free of marks and will look clean and streak-free.



Keep your Floor Clean: Here's an easy way to keep your floor clean. Mop your floors with a gallon of hot water and a 1/2 cup of hydrogen peroxide. This mixture will sanitize and clean your floors without the need for any toxic chemicals or strong fragrances!

Clean Your Gadgets: The phone, computer keyboard, and mouse are the most prone to bacteria building up and can be a major contributor to cross-contamination. Damp a soft clean cloth with hydrogen peroxide and wipe down your keyboard, mouse and phones.

Household Decluttering Tips

Making the decision to declutter your home can feel like a huge step, but actually getting started is a much larger obstacle. If you have a big decluttering job ahead of you, knowing where to begin the process can be overwhelming — which is why coming up with a decluttering game plan is so essential.

Write a checklist and develop a plan: Make a list of your rooms that you would like to declutter, then make a sublist of each project in each room. For example, Kitchen - 1. main counter, 2. under the sink and 3. pantry. Be aware that after making such a comprehensive list you may feel overwhelmed by all the tasks that you have listed. So...

Start small: Look at all the rooms on your list and identify the easiest room, then the simplest project in that room. Do the easiest most simple project first, this will grow your confidence and help you to practice decluttering and some organizing.

Get the rights tools: A folding table can help to give you space to clear your project area. Once your project area is clear you can clean it and then only put back what you need from your folding table. The rest can be recycled, reused or put in the trash. When decluttering stored food areas be sure to check the “use by” dates and discard any food that is too old.



Tool caddies and inexpensive baskets can be helpful to organize after decluttering. If you have cleaning products under your sink tool caddies can be great to keep all your products together. Having a cleaning caddy with rubber gloves, sponges and cleaning products is convenient to carry from bathroom to kitchen.



Baskets are helpful to organize items on your counters. Moving baskets with several items off the counter to clean is much easier than moving all those items without a basket.



Go online: Search for “decluttering tips” and you will find hundreds of pages all about decluttering and organizing the spaces in your home.

Keep Our Recycling Clean

Plastic Bags, Wire and String Jam Recycling Equipment



For both recycling and greenwaste carts, please don't contaminate your load with plastic bags, wire, string or anything else that can jam up our equipment. It stops our processes and creates additional work for our employees.



Please never put hazardous waste in any cart. Chemicals, especially if they accidentally combine, cause fires, toxic fumes/gases and poison landfills. See StopWaste.org for disposal options.



Lithium batteries cause fires and are very dangerous. Please, never dispose of any electronic device that is “rechargeable.” Any battery can leak caustic chemicals, please never put batteries in the trash or recycling carts.

