

City of Providence
Department of Public Works

BIG GREEN CAN FAQ

Who is eligible?

All residential dwellings in buildings up to 6 living units in the City of Providence are eligible.

Who is not eligible for a City barrel or City trash/recycling service?

Commercial buildings and residential buildings with more than 6 living units are not eligible for Big Green Cans or City trash/recycling services. Nonprofit organizations, private schools, and group homes are also not eligible.

Businesses found using city-issued trash barrels will be fined and have their barrels confiscated.

How do I get a new can? How do I replace a stolen can/or fix a broken one?

The City assigned one Big Green Can per living unit to all residential dwellings in buildings up to 6 units in the City of Providence during its initial barrel distribution.

Residents must visit Public Works with valid proof of residence (or ownership) and fill out a Barrel Form. Replacement cans are \$50 each (payable by check or money order). All requests for replacement cans must be verified with the Tax Assessor's Office.

Extra barrels for excess trash or for illegal apartments are not permitted. There are no exceptions to this rule. Excess barrels found in violation of this rule will be confiscated.

Broken barrels are repaired free of charge with a Barrel Form and valid proof of residence (ownership). Stolen cans may be replaced free of charge by filing a police report and bringing the police report number with valid proof of residence (or ownership) to Public Works.