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Recycling and Waste Disposal

Rubbish Collection:

The following rules apply to weekly collection:

1. Rubbish and recycling **MUST** be placed **OUTSIDE** of the garage and ready for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. We will not return for missed rubbish.
2. All rubbish **MUST** be inside plastic refuse bags and tied. Loose rubbish in the bottom of a can or in a pile on the driveway will **NOT** be collected. Rubbish bags shall not exceed 40 pounds.
3. Rubbish bags are not required to be in containers, but it is recommended to use them to avoid attracting animals. Containers should be 30-gallon cans or smaller, and be equipped with tight-fitting lids.
4. There is a limit of eight (8) bags per household per week for collection.
5. Residents may drop off rubbish at the Service Department before 2:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, and will be asked to provide identification to verify that they are a Pepper Pike resident.

Latex Paint Disposal

Latex (water-based) paint must be dry before it can be collected. Place dried paint cans inside boxes. Boxes should weigh less than 40 pounds. The amount of cans will determine whether the resident should schedule a Friday Special Pick-up, or place them outside for normal weekly collection. According to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, drying paint by removing the lid and allowing the liquid to evaporate only works well with small amounts of paint (an inch or two in the bottom of the can), and can take several days. For full or partially-full paint cans, the Solid Waste District suggests adding an equal amount of an absorbent material; this causes the paint to solidify quickly. Some absorbent materials are: cat litter, sawdust, Plaster of Paris, oil dry, and vermiculite. It is **not** recommended to pour paint on the ground or down storm drains where it will travel to surface and/or ground waters.

Prescription Drug Disposal

A permanent Prescription Drop-Off Box is located in the Police Department lobby (entrance located next to the side parking lot on Shaker Blvd.); access is available 24-7. Only pills should be dropped into this box (needles and liquids cannot be accepted). Preferably, empty the pills into a zip-lock bag before dropping in the box and then recycle the pill bottle.

For liquid medications:

Liquid medications cannot be disposed of via the Drop Box program. Do not flush them into our sewer system or waterways. Properly dispose of liquid medication by mixing with something like coffee grounds, cat litter or sawdust to make it undesirable or unusable. Once the liquid is in unusable state, place it in the regular trash

Sharps

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Sharps* are: lancets, hypodermic needles and syringes, scalpel blades, and glass articles that have been broken. The Service Department will collect *Sharps* with the normal weekly rubbish. These items **must** be placed in a *Sharps* container, with the word “**SHARPS**” written in big block letters on all sides of the container so that it is visible to the sanitation crew. A *Sharps* container is a rigid, leak-proof, puncture-resistant container with a tight fitting lid. Common household containers that match this description are: detergent bottles • bleach bottles • 2-liter pop bottles • plastic juice containers • coffee cans (if lid is securely taped to the can).

Recycling:

The City has single-stream recycling, which means ALL recyclable materials (paper, glass, plastic, and metals) may be mixed together in the same bag. We encourage residents to drop off their recycling whenever possible. Drop-off bins for paper, comingled recycling (glass, plastic, and metals), and aluminum cans for the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program, are located at City Hall, near the service garage.

The following rules apply to weekly collection:

1. ALL recyclable materials must be placed inside 13-gallon or 30-gallon, blue or clear plastic recycle bags. Such bags may be purchased from Heinen's, Wal-Mart, or Kredo Hardware. Small grocery store plastic bags are not acceptable.
2. Recycling bags should weigh 30 pounds or less.

Acceptable items for recycling include:

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| CANS: | Aluminum, steel, and tin are acceptable. Must be emptied and rinsed. |
| CARTONS: | Beverage container such as milk cartons or juice cartons, need to be emptied and rinsed. The cap must be replaced. |
| GLASS: | Food and beverage containers of any color, rinsed and without lids. Broken glass should be packaged separately and labeled as such. |
| PAPER: | Newspaper and Magazines - Corrugated Cardboard (empty boxes should be flattened) - Phone Books - Cereal Boxes (remove liners) - Junk Mail, Beer and Pop Cartons (no foil) - Tissue, Food and Detergent Cartons (remove plastics) - Shoe Boxes - Cigarette and Paper Egg Cartons - Gift and Toy Boxes - Paper Gift Wrap (no foil) - Greeting Cards - Cancelled Checks (we recommend shredding first). |
| PLASTIC: | Plastic bottles and jugs that have an opening narrower than the body are accepted. ALL containers need to be emptied, rinsed, and have cap replaced. Plastics <i>without</i> a neck/opening narrower than the body are not recyclable in our County at this time. |

Plastic Items NOT Accepted for Recycling:

Any plastics **not** shaped like a bottle should be placed in your rubbish. Only recycle plastics that have a neck/opening narrower than the body.

CFL Bulb Recycling

At each Home Depot store, customers can bring in any expired, unbroken CFL bulb and give it to the store associate behind the returns desk. For store locations, visit www.cuyahogarecycles.org.

Battery Disposal/Recycling

1. Alkaline batteries: Non-rechargeable batteries from household appliances and electronics, such as AA, AAA, C, and D batteries, may be safely disposed of in the regular rubbish.
2. Lead-acid batteries: Vehicle batteries are considered hazardous and must therefore be disposed of through the County's HHW Round-ups. Lead-acid batteries are also accepted at most automotive stores.
3. Rechargeable batteries: Cell phone, power tool, cordless phone, and lap top computer batteries are not considered hazardous but are recyclable. Rechargeable batteries may be dropped off at the Service Department.

Cleveland Furniture Bank

Established in the summer of 2006, the Cleveland Furniture Bank (CFB) relies on individuals and businesses throughout the Greater Cleveland area to donate used, in-good-condition, furniture. Donated furniture (couches, chairs, dining room and kitchen sets, dressers, mattresses and box springs) should not be broken or torn, stained or otherwise damaged. These items will be picked up from a residence at no cost. To donate furniture, call (216) 459-2265, ext. 101. The CFB will send out a team to collect the items and provide the donor with a receipt for tax purposes.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Drop off your old ink cartridges at the Service Department, and they will be recycled. Proceeds from recycled ink cartridges benefit the Orange Schools PTA.

Goodwill Donations

During the month of April, the Service Department collects unwanted items and takes them to the Goodwill trailer on Pinetree Road. Donated items may include clothing, toys, kitchenware, and blankets and bedding. No large items, such as appliances or furniture, will be accepted. All donated items must be **clean and in good condition**. Contact the Service Department to schedule a Friday Special Pick-up.

Friday Special Pick-ups:

Each home is limited to six special pick-ups annually. This does **NOT** include yard debris, which may be scheduled for collection on Friday, as often as needed. The following rules apply to Friday Special Pick-ups:

1. Friday Special Pick-ups must be called in by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
2. Be specific. The crew will need to know exactly what is out for collection.
3. Items should be neatly placed out for collection.
4. Items must be ready for collection by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, and will be collected before 2:30 p.m.
5. PLEASE BE AWARE, FRIDAY SPECIAL PICK-UPS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR AN EXTRA RUBBISH DAY.
6. Special pick-up items include:
 - a. **Appliances:** washers, dryers, microwaves, stoves, dishwashers etc. NOTE: Appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners etc., must have the chemical removed and tagged in order to be collected. Call an appliance company for assistance.
 - b. **Bagged Household Items:** Clothing, Toys and Miscellaneous Household Items: Bags and boxes should not weigh more than 40 lbs. each and should be securely closed to avoid spillage.
 - c. **Cardboard Boxes:** Collapse, stack and tie empty boxes. Stacks must weigh less than 40 lbs.
 - d. **Carpet and Carpet Padding:** No more than 10 pieces total rolled and tied. Rolls must weigh less than 40 lbs. and measure 4 feet or less in length. If you have more than 10 rolls, please have a contractor remove them from your property or rent a container.
 - e. **Wood Crates and Pallets:** Collapsed when possible and stacked. Loose pieces of wood from crates should be tied in bundles weighing less than 40 lbs. and no longer than 4 feet.
 - f. **Furniture:** Couches, kitchen/dining room tables and chairs, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, dressers and other types of wood and laminated furniture.
 - g. **Latex Paint:** NO oil-based paint. Paint must be dried, with the lids off the cans, and placed in boxes. Boxes should weigh less than 40 pounds. To dry paint, add an equal amount of an absorbent material such as cat litter, saw dust or oil dry.
 - h. **Yard Waste:** Leaves, twigs (no more than 2" in diameter), and weeds must be in Kraft paper recycling bags weighing less than 40 lbs. each. Branches must be bundled with string or twine and cut to 4 feet in length. NOTE: Kraft yard bags are available for purchase at the Service Department, local hardware or home improvement stores. Individual branches may not exceed **2 inches** in diameter. NOTE: Kraft bags are available for purchase at the Service Department.

- i. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** oil based paint, turpentine, wood stain, gasoline, pesticides, oil, mercury etc. The City holds round ups for such items the last Friday of every month. Or, you can drop items off on the last Friday of the month.

Restricted Items:

1. Grass clippings, logs and tree stumps, earth, rocks, broken concrete and cement, bricks and railroad ties. These items may be disposed of through the Container Drop-Off Program. Contact the Service Department for details.
2. Construction debris left over from do-it-yourself home repair projects, such as: drywall, tiles, linoleum, insulation, roof tiles and shingles, large amounts of doors and wood, etc. These items may be disposed of through the Container Drop-Off Program. Contact the Service Department for details.
3. Construction debris left by contractors. Contractors are responsible for disposing of all of their own debris. If they fail to do so, the resident must hire a firm to dispose of the debris.
4. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as: oil-based paint, turpentine, wood stain, pesticides, gasoline, motor oil, mercury, etc. The City holds two round-ups a year for HHW. Dates will be announced in the Service Department Newsletters.
5. Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs. At each The Home Depot store, customers may bring in any expired, unbroken CFL bulbs and give them to the store associate behind the returns desk.

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Round-Ups:

Round-up dates will be announced in the Service Department quarterly newsletters. All round-up items may either be dropped off at the Service Department, or collected with a Friday special pick-up, during the round-up dates.

1. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** is any product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive. Some examples of HHW are: mercury (thermostats, thermometers, etc.), oil-based paint (does NOT include latex paint), furniture polish, flea and tick powder, batteries (does not include alkaline batteries), metal polish, gasoline, motor oil, medications, drain cleaner, turpentine, household cleaners, pool chemicals, and bleach. To prepare these items for collection, place them in boxes (with the box lids OPEN) weighing less than 40 pounds each.
2. **Old Computers and Cell Phones:** CPU's, monitors, keyboards, and software. Computers and related equipment will either be refurbished and donated to local schools, or disassembled and the individual parts will be recycled. **Old cell phones** (phone, battery, and charger) will be packaged and donated to the *Cuyahoga County Witness Protection Program* and the *Domestic Violence Project*.
3. **Scrap Tire Round-Up:** Tires of all sizes are acceptable. Tires must be off the rims.

Container Drop-Off Program:

The Container Drop-Off Program operates from **April through November**, weather permitting. This program allows residents to easily dispose of brush and yard waste, construction debris, household debris, and other items without the hassle of bagging or bundling the items beforehand. **No contractors** are permitted to use this program. The program is first-come-first-serve, and residents must reserve their container at least one day in advance. Residents may rent a 6 or 12-cubic yard container to be left on their property overnight, or for a weekend. Residents are responsible for loading the container and having it ready to go by the time the Service Department comes to collect it. Prices vary depending on the type and size of the items to be loaded.