

CITY OF PEPPER PIKE  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
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# Service Department Newsletter

## Fall/Winter 2020-2021

### 2020 Holiday Schedule

The Service Department will be closed on the following days, in observance of the holidays listed:

**Thanksgiving Day:**  
Closed Thursday,  
Nov. 26, and  
Friday, Nov. 27.

Rubbish collection  
will be:

**NORMAL:** If your day is  
Monday, Tuesday, or  
Wednesday

**ONE DAY EARLY:** If  
your day is Thursday.  
No Friday special  
pickups.

**Christmas Day:**  
Closed Friday, Dec. 25  
No change to rubbish  
collection. No Friday  
special pickups.



### SHRED DAY

Shred Days are free to Pepper Pike residents, including the events at Orange Village. **LIMIT 5 bags** per event. No binders, no plastic, no boxes, and no newspaper, please. Confidential documents only.

Shred Days are largely funded by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District through the organization's Community Recycling Awareness Grant.

Friday, October 16  
Orange Village  
9 a.m. to noon

Friday, December 11  
Pepper Pike  
9 a.m. to noon

Location Details:  
Orange Village:  
4680 Lander Road

Pepper Pike:  
28000 Shaker Blvd.

Due to COVID-19, all other City-sponsored social events are temporarily suspended.

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### DROP-OFF HOURS

Due to excessive dumping that has continued to occur at the Pepper Pike City Complex, rubbish and recycling drop-offs are now prohibited after 2:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 a.m. Monday each week.

As a Pepper Pike resident, you are permitted to drop off reasonable amounts of rubbish and recycling from 7:00 a.m. Monday until Friday at 2:00 p.m. The area is closed and fenced off each Friday at 2:30 p.m. and will re-open every Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Please bring a photo ID whenever engaging in drop-offs, as you may be asked to provide identification. Drive slowly when coming into the City complex.

The drop-off facility is for residential use only and cannot be used for commercial, contractor or business purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Community Roundups

**Computer and Cell Phones:** First Monday of each month

**Scrap Tires:** Sept. 1-Sept. 18 (Tires must be off rims)

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** Last Friday of every month *HHW is anything that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, etc. Some examples are oil-based paint, furniture polish, batteries (does not include alkaline) and so forth. Items must be in boxes, weighing less than 40 pounds. Please do not mix chemicals together in the same container.*

**Waste Oil:** Please bring labeled containers filled with used motor oil to the Service Department.

Bring your items to the Service Department Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or call for a Friday special pickup. (Limit of six special pickups per calendar year.)

## 2020 Roadside Chipping Program

Remaining chipping months are September and November

*Holidays will not change chipping week. A color-coded calendar is available on our website.*



The branch chipping program was started to assist residents in yard cleanup of fallen branches and trimmings. The program is for residential use only and is not intended for the use of contractors to remove entire trees from one's property.

To ensure the safety and efficiency of our staff, we ask residents to make sure their brush, tree trimmings and other related debris are handled by following these mandatory regulations:

1. Limbs should be placed with the cut ends toward the road. Piles should be no more than 2 feet high and 3 feet wide. Limbs can be any length, so long as they are manageable by 1 person. We request the quantity of debris take no more than 15 minutes to collect. Anything exceeding this limit should be disposed of by resident.

2. Limbs should be no larger than 6" in diameter; anything larger will have to be disposed of by the resident or landscaper. Smaller material shorter than 2 feet in length should be placed in paper yard bags and scheduled for a Friday special pickup.

3. No foreign material; e.g., rope, metal, wood post, construction wood, split rail fence, railroad ties or any material that could contain nails or metal. This could damage our chipper or injure our employees. Stumps and root balls are not acceptable items.

4. Do not mix leaves or yard material with branches. Thorny branches are not permitted. Do not make large piles or place limbs in different directions in the piles.

Branch pickup begins the first full week of the chipping month and correlates with your rubbish pickup schedule. To illustrate, if you are a Monday rubbish route, your brush will be picked up for chipping the first full week of the chipping month; Tuesday, the week after, and so forth.

Branches need to be placed curbside the weekend prior to your scheduled pickup week. Please do not place branches out any earlier. If you place branches out after 7:00 a.m. the Monday of your chipping week, they will not be picked up. **Due to inclement weather in the month of November, please have branches out no later than November 2.** The City will not be making return trips to pick up branches that are not out on time.

## WINTER FAQs

Pepper Pike does not permit snow from a private driveway to be pushed out of the driveway and across a City street. Make sure your contractor has a snow plow permit from the Building Department.

Now is an ideal time to check your mailbox's integrity. Mailboxes in poor condition may not be able to sustain winter weather conditions. Check your post for any signs of rotting prior to the first snowfall. The City will only replace mailboxes free of charge if the plow comes into direct contact with the mailbox. All other mailbox replacements can be made with a Standard Step 2 mailbox for \$125, which includes installation, materials, and removal and disposal of the old unit.

## FLOODING TIPS

The most common cause of flooding is blockage in the storm sewer lateral lines from the house to the street, which is the resident's responsibility. Make sure your lateral line is checked every two years by a contractor registered with the City's Building Department.

Keep gutters and downspouts clean and free-flowing. Make sure landscaping mounds and planting beds are sloped away from your house. This will help avoid ponding near the foundation of your house. Keep all exterior drain covers clean of leaves and other debris. Clean out driveway drains at least once per year. Do not pile leaves, branches or other yard waste in the swale ditches around your property or along the edge of the roadway.

## COMINGLED RECYCLING

In Pepper Pike, residents can recycle these **five core items**, comingled in a specially designed blue recycling bag:

- CANS: Empty and rinse.
- CARTONS: Empty and rinse. Replace the cap.
- GLASS BOTTLES & JARS: Empty and rinse.
- PAPER & BOXES: Flatten cardboard items, like cereal boxes, to save space.
- PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS: Empty and rinse. Replace the cap. Only plastic with a neck (an opening narrower than the body) is recyclable at this time.

## Recycling Contamination, and How to Avoid It: Plastics



**When recycling plastic, only recycle items shaped like a bottle or jug. For example, plastic goods that qualify for recycling in our county include milk jugs, water and soda bottles, shampoo bottles, juice containers, and laundry bottles. Plastic items that are not recyclable in Cuyahoga County include items such as yogurt cups, takeout containers, and other plastic goods that do not have an opening narrower than the body. The numbers on plastic containers are resin codes used by the plastics industry to identify the type of chemicals used to make the container. They are no longer used to determine whether an item should be recycled.**

Learn more at [www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org)

## Container Program

The Container Drop-Off Program is currently active. For a fee, this program allows residents to easily dispose of large volumes without the hassle of bagging or bundling goods. No contractors are permitted to use this program. The program will conclude when weather becomes wintry, and resume around mid-April time frame.

## Friendly Reminders

No leaves shall be placed at the curb. Please place all leaves in Kraft paper yard bags and call for a Friday special pickup, or you may use them for backyard composting. When packing biodegradable yard waste bags, do not mingle trash in these bags. These are only for yard debris. Please ensure you or your landscaper does not blow leaves into creeks, culverts, swales or ditches.

We will make automatic rounds after Christmas to collect trees at the curb. No need to call.

Please be mindful when placing sprinkler systems, shrubs, trees and rocks in public right-of-ways, to not create a public obstruction.