



City of Lakewood Division of Refuse and Recycling 2010 Newsletter

The City of Lakewood Division of Refuse and Recycling and Lakewood residents have undergone significant changes over the past year. In May 2009 we transitioned from our much loved but very expensive backyard garbage collection to automated curbside refuse collection and in July we started Mandatory Recycling. These changes were absolutely necessary to provide efficient and cost-effective collection services that are sustainable and to conserve natural resources, and **they are already paying off!**

Trash Oscar Award: In November 2009, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District honored Lakewood with a Trash Oscar for the "Best Adaptation of a Waste Management Program." Lakewood was recognized for automating our waste collection service and implementing mandatory recycling in order to improve efficiency, increase recycling and save taxpayer dollars.

Financial Benefits: More efficient collection resulted in fewer employees needed for refuse collection, City employees collecting yard waste instead of hiring temporary labor, and less trash in the landfill. \$\$\$\$

- Wages/Benefits - reduced \$402,000/year!
- Temporary Labor – saved \$95,000/year!
- Disposal fees - curbside recycling saved \$130,000!

Environmental Benefits: Products made from recycled materials use less energy, water, and natural resources, and the processes release fewer emissions!

- Lakewood's 2009 recycling programs saved over 57-thousand trees, 15-million gallons of water, 9-million kilowatt hours of electricity, 69-tons of air pollution, and 16-thousand cubic yards of landfill space!
- The City's new automated trucks meet current EPA Emission Standards, and eight 2000-2004 packer trucks will be retrofitted with diesel particulate filters to remove over 90% of fine particles and reduce carbon monoxide, toxics, and hydrocarbons.

Save the "How? Weekly Curbside Collection" insert for a handy Quick Reference Guide you can hang on your fridge. The guidelines have been updated for cart use and placement, bulk trash, yard waste, and recycling, and the other side of the insert provides numbers to call, Drop-Off Facility Information, County programs, and the 2010 Holiday Collection Schedule.

Curbside Collections changed so much over the past year we thought residents might like to know a little about how the collections are handled.

- **Automated refuse collection:** Four automated trucks collect about 90% of the City-provided wheeled carts. The efficiency of this collection depends upon carts placed out when, where, and how they should be, so we appreciate resident's efforts to set their carts out right!
- Three packer truck crews collect **furniture, bulk trash, extra bags**, and some carts on the regular collection day. Residents who fill up their wheeled carts before placing extra bags on the tree lawn really help save valuable time and labor. Thank you!
- One Division employee provides **special backyard refuse collection** to Lakewood's elderly or disabled residents who are unable to move their carts to the curb themselves and have no one to help them.
- **Public Street Can Collection** - Division employees manually collect from more than 200 curbside public street cans each week. The City recently placed new, large capacity, automated collection street cans at high-use locations to save time and reduce litter.
- **Yard Waste:** From March to December three yard waste crews collect yard waste in paper yard waste bags and cardboard boxes, and cut and tied branches on the regular collection day. Did you know **Back-Yard Composting** and **GrassCycling** can save time and money and improve the condition of your lawn?
- **Recyclables** - Two recycle crews collect mixed recyclables contained in blue or clear see-through plastic bags, and recyclable paper and cardboard contained in paper grocery bags, boxes or tied bundles. Mandatory Recycling increased recycle tonnage by 19% and helped reduce refuse fees!

How?

Weekly Curbside Collection Quick Reference Guide (hang on your fridge!)

Set all items on the curb between 6:00 p.m. the night before your collection day and 6:30 a.m. on collection day.

Automated Refuse

- Place refuse cart on or next to driveway apron within 1-foot of the curb; face lid opening and serial number toward street. Line multiple carts along curb starting at drive apron; allow 6-8" between.
- Use the refuse cart for household garbage and trash; bag and tie household garbage before placing in cart; limit overall weight to 350 lbs.
- Do not block access to refuse carts or place refuse carts where cars legally park.
- Do not use refuse cart for construction debris, yard waste, dirt, stone, or recyclables.
- Store carts at rear of building until collection day; remove emptied carts same day as collection.

Bulk Trash

- Place bulk trash on curb; set aside from refuse carts, recyclables and yard waste.
- Bulk trash includes furniture, mattresses, cut and tied carpet, televisions, excess household trash, cut and tied lumber, and bundled or contained construction debris from home improvement projects or clean-outs done by the resident or home owner. Contractors are responsible for their own disposal.
- Contain loose debris such as broken glass, plaster, lath, dirt, rocks, sod, and excess household trash: Use strong plastic bags, tie closed, cardboard boxes, or garbage cans (32-gallon capacity.) 50 lb. weight limit
- The City does not collect paint, solvents, motor oil, tires, or household hazardous materials from the curb. Contact the Division of Refuse and Recycling (216) 252-4322 for disposal information.

Yard Waste

- Place yard waste on curb; set aside from refuse carts, recyclables and bulk trash.
- Use paper yard waste bags or small cardboard boxes (2' x 2') to contain leaves, grass clippings, plant trimmings and yard debris.
- Do not use plastic or wax coated paper bags or boxes such as dog food bags and TV boxes.
- Cut brush, shrubs, and branches into 4-foot lengths and tie securely with strong twine or rope. Bundles should be less than 18-inches in diameter.
- Cut large tree limbs and stumps into logs 18-inches by 6-inches in diameter; stack neatly.
- Limit weight to 50 lb each bag, box or bundle.
- Contain trash, dog waste, dirt, rock and sod separately as bulk trash.

Recyclables

- **See reverse for *What To Recycle*.**
- Use see-through plastic bags to contain all of your glass jars and bottles, metal cans, and plastics 1-7; rinse the containers, tie bags closed, tie small bags together.
- Use paper grocery bags or cardboard boxes to contain recyclable paper, or tie into bundles; mark closed boxes "Recycle." No loose recycle on the curb.
- Flatten and tie cardboard that doesn't fit in with other recyclable paper or flatten and pack into other boxes.
- **Do not include these items with recyclables:** frozen food packaging, wax-coated or plastic lined cartons or boxes, Styrofoam, food remnants, coat hangers, broken glass, light bulbs, window glass, ceramics, pizza boxes or other food soiled items, small appliances, spiral bindings, or waxed paper. These are not recyclable, they are trash!

Set refuse carts, bulk trash, recyclables, and yard waste on the curb between 6:00 p.m. the night before your collection day and 6:30 a.m. on collection day. Collections start at 6:30 a.m.; late set-outs may not be collected and should be removed from the tree lawn until the next collection day.

Line refuse carts, bulk trash, yard waste, and recycle along curb, not sidewalk, starting with refuse carts at driveway apron. Set apart from each other so they are easily recognized and collected by the crews.

Owners can be charged a fee for improperly placed refuse carts, bulk trash, recyclables or yard waste on the curb at other times, or for leaving emptied carts or containers on the curb after the day of collection.

FAQ'S About Recycling:

Why Should I Recycle? Everyone should recycle. Recycling makes a difference. It matters. It creates jobs. It sets a good example. It helps save the environment. And, in Lakewood, it's the law.

- ☺ Aluminum cans made from recycled aluminum result in 95% energy savings and 40% less carbon emissions
- ☺ Steel cans made from recycled steel result in 50% energy savings and 4-5 times less carbon
- ☺ Paper made from recycled paper results in 64% energy savings and uses 80% less water.
- ☺ Glass made from recycled glass results in 50% energy savings and emits 4-5 times less carbon
- ☺ Plastic containers made from recycled plastics emit up to 8 times less carbon.
- ☺ Recycling saves landfill space.

Can just one person make a difference? YES!

- ☺ Recycling five pounds of paper conserves enough water to "offset" the water used in a typical shower,
- ☺ Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100 watt bulb for four hours,
- ☺ Recycling even one aluminum can saves enough power to run a TV for 3-hours,
- ☺ For every pound of materials recycled, 1 ½ pounds of CO2 is saved.

What should I recycle?

- ✓ Books (hardbound & paperback)
- ✓ Boxboard and Cardboard (flatten and tie into bundles)
- ✓ Catalogs, Magazines, Junk Mail, Phone Books
- ✓ Greeting Cards, Gift Wrap not foil
- ✓ Computer, Office, School Paper
- ✓ Newspaper and Glossy Inserts
- ✓ Shredded Paper
- ✓ Glass Bottles and Jars (brown, green, clear)
- ✓ Food/Beverage Containers (metal cans; aluminum trays)
- ✓ Plastics with a recycle symbol, numbers 1 thru 7
 - * No Styrofoam even if it has a recycle symbol on it!
 - * No plastics that do not have recycle symbols.
- ✓ Plastic Grocery Bags are OK! Tie all bags closed.

Does my stuff really get recycled? YES! Just be sure to sort-out and dispose of non-recyclable materials, package properly according to the guidelines, and set-out for collection by 6:30 a.m. on the collection day.

What happens to my recycling and yard waste? Yard waste is taken to a facility where it is recycled into organic mulch, and paper, cardboard and mixed recyclables are taken to a material processing facility where they are sorted and baled for transport to a mill or manufacturer to be given a new life as something new.

Why can't I use recycling bins or garbage cans for my recyclables? Collectors are able to quickly grab bags and bundles of recyclables from the tree lawns, toss them in their vehicles, and move on down the street. Emptying and returning containers to the tree lawn would slow the collection, and raise labor costs.

Why do we have to package blue bag and paper recycle separately when I've seen both collected in the same truck? The Division may change the recycling collection method periodically to maintain economical and efficient collection. Regardless of the method of collection, materials must still be separately and securely bundled and bagged to assist the efficiency of the collection and to control the cost of processing.

First the City said I could use garbage cans for yard waste, and now it says I can't. What changed? The number of garbage cans used for yard waste increased significantly once we changed to automated refuse collection, and we found that collecting from so many garbage cans slows collection and causes overtime, and emptying yard waste that is packed into cans exposes employees to a higher risk of injury.

What's the difference between using garbage cans for garbage and using them for yard waste? Bagged garbage comes out fairly easily, and with the automated collection there are fewer cans to empty. Yard waste catches on the lips of the cans, or gets stuck in the cans; some cans are too big, heavy, or have wheels. Collectors must lift cans then pound them against the lip of the truck to loosen packed leaves and yard debris.

Has stopping the use of garbage cans for yard waste really made a difference? YES!! We've collected 320 more tons of yard waste so far this year than we did in 2009, and were able to manage the yard waste collection with little overtime and minimal injuries! Thank you!

Can I take my recyclables and yard waste someplace if I don't want to use plastic bags for recycle or paper yard waste bags for yard waste? YES! Lakewood's Drop-Off Facility is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to noon. Residents can take their recyclables and yard waste in their own containers and empty them at the facility.

What can I do with my old garbage cans if I can't use them for recycle and yard waste? Use them in the basement or garage, store them for occasional excess trash, or call the Refuse and Recycling Division to have them picked up for use as Public street can liners.

What is being done about debris set-out early, late, or on the wrong day? Regulation set-out time is between 6:00 p.m. the night before collection and 6:30 a.m. on the collection day. Anything else is a violation of City Ordinance 1777.01 which prohibits improper placement and authorizes the Division to collect improperly set-out debris and charge the property owner a collection fee. First offense is \$100, second offense \$200, etc.

Call the Refuse and Recycling Division at (216) 252-4322 or use the **Report a Problem or Concern** option at www.onelakewood.com to report improperly set-out debris and other refuse and recycling concerns.

Reduce Yard Waste Disposal Costs And Improve Lawns By Composting And GrassCycling!

Back-Yard Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of landfills. It is a good environmental practice and an inexpensive way of adding nutrients back into the soil. Applying compost to soil improves its texture, structure, aeration ability and water holding capacity. It adds-up to improved soil fertility and root development. Trees, flowers or vegetables will grow healthier with less chemicals or fertilizers. Lakewood City Ordinance 1783.12 allows composting in the rear yard, a reasonable distance from thoroughfares, kept in orderly condition, and doesn't blow around or emit objectionable odors. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has a Backyard Composting brochure to tell you how at www.cuyahogawd.org.

GrassCycling is the simple practice of leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Once cut, grass clippings dehydrate then decompose, quickly disappearing from view. GrassCycling returns nutrients to the soil, reduces work because you don't have to bag or rake and dispose of your clippings, saves you money because you don't have to buy yard waste bags for disposal of your clippings, and benefits the environment by naturally recycling the clippings. Simply put, GrassCycling is good for your lawn and can help you reduce waste and save time and money. Find **GrassCycling** information on the Refuse and Recycling web page at one.lakewood.com.

Even if you don't "GrassCycle" don't throw your grass clippings away! Grass clippings are an excellent addition to a backyard compost pile.

Lakewood Schools Recycle! Lakewood Schools started recycling in earnest in 2009, by entering into an agreement with Waste Management to collect both trash and recyclables from our public schools. Everyone is involved in the process. A Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District recycling grant paid for recycling containers for use inside the schools, teachers and students fill recycling containers in the classrooms, students set bags of recyclables in specified areas, and school custodians move the recyclables to the recycle bins. The schools are saving money on trash disposal, teaching students great recycling habits, and saving natural resources for our Earth. Lakewood High School has been so successful they added another recycle pick-up to their schedule!

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (216) 529-6602

Adopt-A-Spot - Many thanks to our fabulous group of Adopt-A-Spot volunteers who care for 59 Adopt-A-Spots around Lakewood. These men and woman weed, plant, water and tend to these gardens all over our city. How lucky we are to have such a dedicated group of people beautifying our neighborhoods!

MAKE IT A HABIT! REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

Pass It On: A Resource-Full Guide to Donating Usable Stuff The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has published its fifth edition of Pass It On: A Resource-Full Guide to Donating Usable Stuff. Since 1977 this booklet has been helping thousands of people pass on their unwanted, but usable items to those in need in our community. Listed are over 140 community service organizations that need donated items to support their work. These organizations work on behalf of youth, seniors, the homeless and others in Cuyahoga County. To order a copy today call the District's brochure request line at (216) 698-2265 or apply at the County's website www.cuyahogawd.org

Habitat for Humanity ReStore sells rescued, recycled and donated building materials, tools and household items at a fraction of standard retail costs, with proceeds supporting Habitat's operations. **Habitat's ReStore**, at 2110 West 110th Street (216) 429-3621, is seeking donations of new or used bath and kitchen cabinets, windows, doors, light fixtures, lumber, tile, tools, furniture, garden supplies and more. Donations are often tax deductible.

The **Lakewood Christian Service Center** is located at 14230 Madison Avenue, Lakewood (216) 226-6466. They address the needs of Lakewood citizens who are jobless, hungry, and/or in crisis by providing job-search assistance, emergency food, advocacy with housing, utilities and public assistance, and information and referral services. The Center is listed in the County's Pass It On guide and accepts donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

Freecycle Network™ is a grassroots and nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns, thus keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free, and everything posted must be FREE, legal and appropriate for all ages. You must be a member of the local group to view items being given away or sought in Lakewood and surrounding cities west of Cleveland:
<http://freecycle.org/group/United%20States/Ohio/Lakewood>

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Refuse and Recycling 2010 Holiday Collection Schedule

Holidays observed by the City of Lakewood may affect refuse and recycling collection schedules. The Division of Refuse and Recycling does not collect on Saturday or Sunday. If a holiday falls on Saturday, the holiday is observed on the Friday before; if a holiday falls on Saturday, the holiday is observed on Monday.

The Division of Refuse and Recycling does not collect refuse or recyclables on the following observed holidays.

Holiday	Day	Date Holiday Observed:
New Year's Day	Friday	January 1, 2010
Martin Luther King	Monday	January 18, 2010
President's Day	Monday	February 15, 2010
Good Friday	Friday	April 2, 2010
Memorial Day	Monday	May 31, 2010
Independence Day	Monday	July 5, 2010
Labor Day	Monday	September 6, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 25, 2010
Christmas Day	Friday	December 24, 2010

During these holiday weeks, set-out all collections, including Refuse Carts, Bulk Trash, Recyclables, and Yard Waste, by 6:30 a.m. on the recommended day listed below to assure collection.

- ◆ **When a holiday is observed on Monday:** Monday collections will be on Tuesday. Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, and Friday collections, be ready for collection by 6:30 a.m. on the regular day.
- ◆ **When a holiday is observed on Tuesday:** Monday collection will be on Monday. Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collections, be ready by 6:30 a.m. on the regular day.
- ◆ **When a holiday is observed on Wednesday:** Monday and Tuesday collections are on the regular day. Wednesday collections will be on Thursday. Thursday and Friday collections must be ready by 6:30 a.m. on the regular day.
- ◆ **When a holiday is observed on Thursday:** Monday collection will be on Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday collections must be ready by 6:30 a.m. on the day before the regular day. Friday collection is on Friday.
- ◆ **When a holiday is observed on Friday:** Monday collection will be on Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collections, be ready by 6:30 a.m. on the day before the regular day. Friday collection is on Thursday.

Numbers to call for Collection Questions:

Refuse and Recycling Division (216) 252-4322

- Drop-Off Facility hours and information
- Refuse, Recycling, & Yard Waste Information
- Collection Schedules
- Refuse and Recycling Problems or Concerns
- Schedule Appliance / Scrap Metal Collection

Streets & Forestry Division (216) 529-6811

- Christmas Tree Collection (Dec. 27 – Jan. 31)
- Fall Leaf Collection Schedule (Nov. 1 – Dec 10)
- Storm / Wind Damage to Trees (Pull downed branches to curb within week following storm.)
- Tree Lawn Trees

City of Lakewood

Refuse and Recycling Drop-Off Facility

12920 Berea Road - Lakewood OH (216) 252-4322

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Only Lakewood residents using their personal vehicles on Saturdays)
Personal identification and vehicle registration are required.

Aluminum cans (benefit burn unit); Antifreeze**;
Appliances/Metals; Cardboard / Recyclables; Batteries (Lead-Acid & Rechargeable**); Clean/useable Clothing; Construction Debris; Motor Oil**; Trash; Yard Waste

** No Antifreeze, Batteries, Motor Oil from businesses.

Confidential document shredding: Lakewood residents and businesses only. Pre-sort and remove non-confidential papers before bringing in for shredding; limit each visit to what would fit into a paper grocery bag.

Household Hazardous Waste: Accepted year-round from Lakewood households at the Drop-Off Facility in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's programs.

Household Hazardous Waste only; hazardous waste that would not typically be found or used in a household are not accepted.

- Computers – CPU's, monitors, keyboards, software, and cell phones (reusable, recyclable)
- Household Hazardous Waste
 - Oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
 - Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
 - Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine
 - Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
 - Caustic household cleaners
 - Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
 - Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
 - Fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs
- Scrap Tires (off the rim)

Hazardous waste from non-household locations must be managed in accordance with Ohio's hazardous waste regulations. Contact the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for disposal options. (216) 443-3749 or www.cuyahogaswd.org.

MANDATORY RECYCLING: What to Recycle:

Lakewood's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 1777.03, requires that persons receiving municipal solid waste collection in the City must separate these recyclable materials from their refuse.

- ✓ Glass Bottles and Jars
- ✓ Food/Beverage Containers (metal cans; aluminum trays)
- ✓ Plastics with a recycle symbol, numbers 1 thru 7
- ✓ Plastic Grocery Bags are OK! Tie all bags closed.
- ✓ Books (hardbound & paperback)
- ✓ Boxboard and Cardboard (flatten and tie into bundles)
- ✓ Catalogs, Magazines, Junk Mail, Phone Books
- ✓ Greeting Cards, Gift Wrap not foil
- ✓ Computer, Office, School Paper
- ✓ Newspaper and Glossy Inserts
- ✓ Shredded Paper
- ✓ Yard Waste (Grass clippings, leaves, branches, bushes, etc.)

Please see the reverse side for packaging and setout instructions for curbside refuse and recycling collection.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Division of Streets and Forestry
(216) 529-6810 or (216) 529-6811 oneakewood.com

2010 Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Lakewood Division of Streets and Forestry will begin collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 1st and will continue until approximately December 10th, weather permitting.

- ♦ Between November 1st and December 10th, rake leaves to the tree lawn, close to the curb but NOT into the street. *Leaves raked into the street may cause basement flooding.*
 - Do not bag leaves during this scheduled Fall Leaf Collection.
- ♦ Leaf collection crews will start working from the EAST end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue on November 1st, November 15th, and November 29th.
- ♦ Collection crews will then collect leaves citywide working from the WEST end of Lakewood.
- ♦ The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Please rakes leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection.
- ♦ There will be no collection on November 25th and November 26th.



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