



# RESIDENTIAL REFUSE & RECYCLING REGULATIONS

**Refuse & Recycling Drop-Off Facility**  
12920 Berea Road, Lakewood OH 44111

**Refuse & Recycling Division: 216-252-4322**  
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The Director of Public Safety adopts Rules and Regulations for the placement of refuse, trash, bulk waste, yard waste and recyclables in a manner that will promote collection efficiency and the protection of the quality of neighboring properties. Any violation of any rule or regulation may result in the property owner being charged for the actual cost of such work or the administrative cost incurred for the enforcement of such rule or regulation. Property owners are responsible for making sure their tenants are aware of and comply with Rules and Regulations.

**Curbside Services:** The Division of Refuse and Recycling provides once-per-week curbside collection of household garbage and trash that is contained in the City-provided wheeled refuse cart, bundled or bagged refuse that does not fit in the refuse cart, appliances, bulk trash items, recyclables, and yard waste. Municipal collection is limited to large bulk items, recyclables, and yard waste at properties with five or more household units.

**Curbside Set-out:** Place wheeled refuse carts, bulk trash, recyclables, and yard waste, on the tree lawn within one-foot of the curb between 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection day and 6:30 a.m. on the collection day. Late set-outs are prohibited; save for the next collection day or bring to the Drop-Off Facility during its operating hours. If the City collects improperly placed refuse or debris from a tree lawn, the property owner will be charged a minimum \$100.00 collection fee.

Days of collection during **holiday weeks** may change. Lakewood does not collect on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Easter Monday ( <b>New</b> )	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
President's Day	Independence Day	Christmas Day

During holiday weeks Refuse and Recycling Division employees collect five days worth of garbage and recyclables within the four remaining workdays, utilizing overtime. We do not collect on Saturday or Sunday to make up for the holiday. If a holiday is at the beginning of the week, collections may be later than normal; if the holiday is at the end of the week, collections may be earlier. Contact the Division of Refuse and Recycling at (216) 252-4322 or view the web page for scheduling information.

**Refuse Carts (City-provided wheeled refuse cart):**

- ✓ Refuse carts must be accessible to automated collection
- ✓ Use the refuse cart to contain household garbage / trash
- ✓ Fill the refuse cart before placing excess bags on curb.
- ✓ Bag and tie household garbage.
- ✓ Limit overall weight of cart to 350-pounds.
- ✓ Place carts so lid opening and serial number face street.
- ✓ Keep carts clear for collection. Nothing on top of, in front of, or leaning against refuse carts.
- ✓ Place cart next to street in driveway apron or at corner of driveway apron and tree lawn where cars cannot legally park. Use both ends of tree lawn for multiple carts.
- ✓ Store carts at the rear of building until collection day
- ✓ Remove emptied carts the same day as collection.
- ✓ Misuse and/or defacing of City-owned carts is prohibited
- ✓ Contain medical "sharps" in approved rigid covered containers before placing in refuse cart.

**Bulk Trash:** Large trash items that won't fit in the refuse cart such as couches, chairs, tables, dressers, mattresses, bookcases, house doors, storm doors, storm windows (break the glass out; contain separately), carpet (taped or tied 4' rolls), bicycles, basketball hoops (dismantled), televisions, extra bags and boxes, contained dirt, rocks, & sod, and bundled or contained construction debris emanating from work done by the resident or home owner. Cut lumber into 4'-lengths and tie securely into manageable bundles; hammer nails over for safety. Cut plywood into 4'x4' sections and stack neatly. Contain loose debris in strong plastic bags (tie closed) or garbage cans (structurally sound, with sturdy handles and detached lids, not to exceed 32-gallon capacity.) Break plasterboard into pieces and contain as loose debris. A 50-pound weight limit applies to all bundles, bags, and garbage cans. Contractors are responsible for their own disposal. The City does not collect fluorescent bulbs, hazardous materials, tires, motor oil, liquids, paint, or contractor debris. For disposal information call (216) 252-4322.

**Appliances / metals:** Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Humidifiers, Furnaces, Gutters, Metal & Cast Iron Tubs & Sinks, Metal Cabinets, Pipe & Plumbing Fixtures - **Call (216) 252-4322 to schedule collection.**

**In case of snow / ice:** Keep refuse carts, bulk trash and recyclables unburied from snow banks, clear of ice, and accessible to collectors at the curb. Place set-out carts, recyclables, and bulk trash on the cleared driveway apron, a shoveled extension next to the apron, or a cleared area by the curb. Or, set out the following week once the weather improves.

**MANDATORY RECYCLING:** Effective July 1, 2009, all residential buildings that receive City of Lakewood municipal solid waste collection services are required to separate recyclable materials from their solid waste destined for disposal. The following materials must be removed from the solid waste before disposal.

**RECYCLE GUIDELINES: New! It is OK to combine paper and mixed recycle in blue or clear see-through plastic bags.**

**Mixed Recycle:** Aluminum and bi-metal cans, aluminum foil, glass jars & bottles, plastics with the recycle symbol and numbers 1 – 7, i.e. pop & water bottles, milk jugs, food & margarine tubs, shampoo, detergent, & squeezable bottles, clear carry-out packaging, ovenable food trays, DVDs & compact disc boxes.

**Paper:** i.e. newspaper, glossy inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paperback / hardbound books, junk mail, office, school, computer paper, envelopes, greeting cards, boxboard (i.e. cereal, pop, food boxes). Flatten & tie cardboard.

- Rinse containers thoroughly
- Mix paper, glass jars and bottles, aluminum and b-metal cans, and plastics together
- Use blue or clear see-through plastic bags; maximum 30-gallon capacity, 30-pound weight limit.
- Tie bags closed to prevent litter and for efficient collection
- Tie plastic grocery bags together into bunches so they don't blow around
- Flatten and tie corrugated cardboard or flatten and pack inside other boxes; maximum size 2' x 2', 30-pound weight limit.
- Do Not Use recycling bins, garbage cans, garbage or trash bags, or paper yard waste bags for recycle.
- Do Not put loose recycle out for collection

**Put these in the trash – they are not recyclable:** Broken glass, window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, toys, plastics without a recycle symbol; food soiled containers, Styrofoam cups, plates, packaging or peanuts, pizza boxes, wax-coated containers, food soiled paper, spiral bindings, waxed paper, or foil or plastic lined boxes, tissues, paper towels, small appliances.

**Yard waste:** Cut and tied branches and shrubs, small logs, and contained leaves, grass clippings, and garden debris.

- Cut branches, trimmings, and shrubs to 4' lengths and tie into secure bundles with twine or rope, no wire.
- Cut large branches, stumps, and root systems into pieces 18" x 6"; stack neatly.
- Contain leaves and other loose yard waste in paper yard waste bags or small uncoated cardboard boxes (2' x 2')
- 50-pound weight limit. Overweight bundles, bags, or boxes, and uncut, untied branches will not be collected.
- Do not use garbage cans or plastic bags for yard waste.
- Do Not Mix these materials with yard waste, they are trash: Dirt, stones, dog waste, garbage or litter.
- Do Not put loose yard debris out for collection.
- Rake leaves to the curb during the **fall leaf collection**, first Monday in November through second week in December

**Christmas tree collection** and the **fall leaf collection** are provided by the Streets and Forestry Division (216) 529-6811. The Streets and Forestry Division will collect bagged leaves during the fall leaf collection.

**DROP-OFF FACILITY, 12920 Berea Road** - Facility operating hours are for the drop-off of refuse and recycling from Lakewood residences and businesses only. Residents using their own personal vehicles (cars, passenger vans or pick-up trucks) are not charged. Personal identification showing Lakewood residence or ownership of property, vehicle registration, and building permits when applicable, are required.

**Drop-Off Facility Hours:**

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Limited to Lakewood residents using their personal vehicles.

The facility accepts the following materials from Lakewood residences and businesses except where noted:

Aluminum cans (benefit burn unit) \* Anti-freeze \* Appliances / Metals \* Batteries \* Blue Bag Mixed Recycle \* Cardboard \* Clean & useable Clothing \* Construction Debris \* Motor Oil \* Mixed Paper Recycle \* Trash \* Yard Waste \* Standard Packaging Styrofoam (EPS 6 only.) Note: Antifreeze, Batteries, Construction Debris, Motor Oil not accepted from businesses.

The facility offers year-round drop-off of computers, Fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs, Household Hazardous Waste, and tires (off the rim), to Lakewood households only, in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Hazardous wastes that would not typically be found or used in a household are not accepted.

The facility offers confidential document shredding to Lakewood residents and businesses (remove all non-confidential materials such as envelopes, folders and extra papers, and paper clips before bringing in for shredding. Staples are ok).

Residents and businesses transporting debris in trailers or in vehicles they do not own are charged a disposal fee. The facility is self-serve. Residents and businesses are responsible for the handling of the debris they bring to the facility.

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