



RESIDENTIAL REFUSE & RECYCLING REGULATIONS

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

Refuse & Recycling Division: 216-252-4322
www.onelakewood.com

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 that must be contained in City-provided wheeled recycling cart and yard waste. Municipal collection is limited to large bulk items, recyclables, and yard waste at properties with five or more household units.

Automated Refuse and Recycling Cart Collection (City-provided wheeled carts):

Each week, every Lakewood household has the option to place a refuse and/or recycling cart out for efficient and reliable collection. Be mindful of where you place your carts at the street; automated drivers **will not** exit trucks to move carts away from obstructions or from behind parked cars.

Option 1 – Place refuse/recycling carts **in the street** (car parking side only) with wheels up against the curb no further than six inches away from the driveway apron, multiple carts at least one (1) foot apart, and at least three (3) feet away from any parked car. In essence, households can “seize” the space to allow for multiple carts to be placed in the street for efficient automated collection.

*** Upon automated collection of refuse/recycling carts from the street, drivers will attempt to place the empty containers up out of the street and on to the tree lawn with the mechanical arm after collection - provided that no obstructions exist and/or no other collection materials (such as yard waste or bulk items) are located behind where the original refuse/recycling cart placement was set out.

Option 2 – Place refuse/recycling carts in the drive apron for collection, at least one-foot apart.

Option 3 – Place refuse/recycling carts on tree lawn near the drive apron, at least one-foot apart and at least three (3) feet away from any parked car.

Option 4 – Any combination of Options 1, 2 and 3.

Failure to choose one of these options may result in your cart(s) **not being collected**.

Set out carts and other materials for curbside collection **between 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection day and 6:30 a.m. on the collection day**. Late set-outs are at the resident’s risk. Missed pick-ups will have to be saved for the next week’s collection day or the resident may bring the refuse to the Drop-Off Facility during its operating hours. If the City collects improperly placed refuse or debris, 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:

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| New Year’s Day | Easter Monday | 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.

Bulk Trash: Large trash items that won't fit in the refuse cart will also be picked up on your regularly scheduled trash day. Bulk items include things 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 and bags. Contractors are responsible for their own debris disposal. Another option is to bring to the Drop-off Facility and Recycling Center.

Note: The City does not collect fluorescent bulbs, hazardous materials, tires, motor oil, liquids, paint, or contractor debris from the tree lawn. For disposal information call (216) 252-4322 or go to cuyahogarecycles.org.

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 or bring to the Drop-off Facility and Recycling Center.**

MANDATORY RECYCLING: All residential and commercial buildings that receive City of Lakewood municipal solid waste collection services are required to separate recyclable materials (including yard waste) from their solid waste destined for disposal. If recyclable materials are discovered inside refuse cart, the property owner of record will be charged a minimum of \$50.00 for non-compliance to the City of Lakewood Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.

Use blue City-provided recycle cart; MUST place materials loose inside recycling cart – DO NOT USE BAGS. You can fit more material inside the cart when it is loose, and it is easier to process at the Materials Recovery Facility that receives our recycle materials.

DO NOT set out additional loose recyclable materials next to the recycle carts.

Mixed Recycling Materials: Residents should visit cuyahogarecycles.org for a complete and regularly updated list of what can and cannot be recycled. Here in Cuyahoga County, the best way to avoid recycling contamination in your curbside recycling is to only recycle these five core items:

- CANS: Empty and rinse.
- CARTONS: Empty and rinse. Replace the cap -- it's too small to be recycled by itself!
- 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.

While this is not a comprehensive list, please put these items in the trash or recycle by other means – they are not recyclable from curbside pickup: Frozen food boxes, wet or soiled paper or boxes, Non-CFL light bulbs, ceramics, toys, food soiled containers, Styrofoam, bubble-wrap, any and all plastic bags, plates, plastic ware, plastic single use cups, flower/packaging peanuts, food soiled paper, shredded paper, spiral bindings, waxed paper, napkins, tissues, paper towels, small appliances and electronics.

Unsure if something should be recycled or thrown away? Visit cuyahogarecycles.org to find out.

Empty Refuse and Recycle Carts must be removed from the curb by the end of each collection day. If the City notices a cart left out at the curb after the normal collection day, the property owner may be charged a minimum \$50.00 fee for the violation.

Yard Waste Recycling: Cut and tied branches and shrubs, small logs, and contained leaves, grass clippings and other yard/garden debris.

- Cut branches, trimmings, and shrubs to 4' lengths and tie into secure bundles with twine or rope, no wire.
- Contain leaves and other loose yard waste in paper yard waste bags or small cardboard boxes – No garbage cans.
- Cut large branches, stumps, and root systems into pieces 2' x 6"; stack neatly.
- 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, sod, stones, dog waste, garbage or litter.
- Do Not put loose yard debris and large/long branches 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) 529-6810. The Streets and Forestry Division will collect bagged leaves during the fall leaf collection.

DROP-OFF FACILITY and RECYCLING CENTER, 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. Residents and businesses are responsible for the handling of the debris they bring to the facility.

Drop-Off Facility and Recycling Center Hours:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ***Limited to Lakewood residents using their personal vehicles – NO TRAILERS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED ON SATURDAY.

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

Aluminum cans (benefit burn unit) * Anti-freeze * All Household Appliances / Metals * Batteries * Single Stream - Mixed Recycle * Cardboard * Clean & useable Clothing * Construction Debris * Motor Oil * Mixed Paper Recycle including all books * Yard Waste * Standard Packaging Styrofoam (EPS 6 only.) * Household Appliances/Electronics. 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 year-round 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).