

Waste and Recycling Guide

Simple steps for a cleaner, greener city



About Recycling

The City of Cleveland encourages residents to recycle all paper, cardboard boxes, metal cans, plastic bottles and jars, and glass bottles and jars. These items are accepted in most recycling programs nationwide.

Cleveland residents must enroll in the City's "opt-in" recycling program to receive a recycling cart and recycling service. Single-family homes and multi-family homes up to four (4) units are eligible. The City of Cleveland provides one 64-gallon, blue recycling cart per enrolled household. There is no additional cost to enroll. Contact 3-1-1 to start recycling at your home.



About Waste

The City of Cleveland provides a 96-gallon, black cart for waste collection services at single-family homes and at multi-family homes up to four (4) units.

To further reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, the City encourages residents to enroll in the recycling program, and to compost household food scraps.

The black waste cart should NOT be used for:

- ✘ Hazardous waste
- ✘ Construction and demolition debris
- ✘ Electronic waste

Waste and Recycling Setout Guidelines

- All waste must be inside the cart.
- Do not place items in carts that exceed the height of the cart.
- Place carts curbside the night before collection.
- Place carts so the opening faces the street.
- Place carts at least 3 feet apart to allow room for the truck's arm to grip them.
- Do not lean items against carts, or put them in front of the carts.
- Please use off street parking on collection day, if possible.
- Weekly setout limits: all City-issued carts, up to 20 bundles of brush/tree branches, 20 bags of yard waste, and 4 tires without rims.
- During bulk pickup week, residents may set out up to 3 bulk items (furniture, appliances, wrapped mattresses).
- Larger, uncontained setouts could result in citations.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a violation notice.

Special Collection Services & Disposal Guidelines

Service for people with physical disabilities

People with physical disabilities may request smaller-sized, 64-gallon trash and recycling carts, and exemption service for individuals that qualify. Contact the City's Call Center at 3-1-1 to enroll.

Bulk Waste

The City collects up to 3 bulk items per home, on their regular collection day during the first full week of each month. Bulk waste is: appliances, televisions, furniture with fabric and mattresses that are wrapped.

Yard Waste

Tree branches must be tied in bundles no more than 3 feet long and 2 feet wide. Grass clippings and other plant debris must be bagged.

Latex Paint

Latex paint is not hazardous. But, it requires special handling before it can be put in the trash. It must be dried out before disposal, either naturally, by leaving the container open to "air dry". Or, mixed with an absorbent like kitty litter, or "oil-dri".

Construction & Demolition Debris

The Division of Waste does not collect, for trash or recycling, any waste resulting from the construction, renovation, or demolition of a building. This includes concrete, wood, brick, dirt, drywall, shingles, siding, toilets and sinks.

Household Hazardous Waste

Oil, cleaners, solvents, pesticides, and other household chemicals can be flammable, toxic, or corrosive.

The Division of Waste accepts household hazardous wastes like these on the first Friday of the month, at two locations: Carr Center (5600 Carnegie Ave.) and the Ridge Road Transfer Station (3727 Ridge Road).

Electronics Waste (e-Waste)

Discarded wired or battery-powered equipment like TV's, copiers, computers, games, and cell phones contain lead, mercury, and other compounds, that can pollute soil and water if thrown away with the regular trash.

The City accepts computers and cell phones at the Carr Center drop-off location (5600 Carnegie Ave.). Visit www.CuyahogaRecycles.org to find other places to recycle e-waste.

Your 2026 Waste Collection Schedule

Tear. Keep. Never Miss a Pickup.

Use the perforated edge to remove your 2026 Waste & Recycling Collection Calendar and keep it somewhere you'll see it all year—on your fridge, bulletin board, or inside a cabinet door. This quick-reference calendar helps you stay on schedule, avoid missed pickups, and plan ahead for holiday delays and bulk week. Keeping it handy makes recycling easier and helps keep our neighborhoods clean and clutter-free.

Cut on the dotted line and keep on your fridge. ✂

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2026 Cleveland Waste Collection Schedule

- H** One Day Delayed Collection
- B** Bulk Week
- H** Holiday with Regular Pickup
- B** BULK WEEK (3 items only)

HOLIDAYS & DELAY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 1ST - New Year's Day (1) Day Delay
- Jan. 19TH - MLK Day (1) Day Delay
- Feb. 16TH - Presidents Day No Delay
- April 3RD - Good Friday No Delay
- May 25TH - Memorial Day (1) Day Delay All Week
- June 19TH - Juneteenth No Delay
- July 4TH - Independence Day No Delay
- Sept. 07TH - Labor Day (1) Day Delay All Week
- Nov. 26TH - Thanksgiving (1) Day Delay All Week
- Dec. 25TH - Christmas Day (1) Day Delay All Week

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WASTE COLLECTION



Located at 5600 Carnegie Ave.
Call 3-1-1
Visit clevelandohio.gov



Making the Right Call

311

City Services

City non-emergency services and general information.

911

Emergency

Needs immediate attention from police, fire, or medical services. Focus on life-threatening and urgent situations.

211

Health and Human Services

Connects individuals with essential community resources like food and shelter.

988

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress. Prevention and crisis resources.

Haven't signed up for recycling? **Now's the perfect time!**



Cleveland residents must opt in to receive curbside recycling service. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to enroll too. Visit [CLERecycles.com](https://www.clevelandrecycles.com) to complete the online form or **call Cleveland 311** to get started.