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# City of Pepper Pike Recycling & Disposal Guide



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Friday Special Pick-Ups are cancelled the week of: New Year's, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

## **Holiday Rubbish Collection:**

If the City is closed on a:

*MONDAY:* Collection is delayed by one day the entire week.

*TUESDAY:* Collection is normal on Monday, then delayed by one day the rest of the week.

*WEDNESDAY:* Collection is normal on Monday and Tuesday, then delayed by one day the rest of the week.

*THURSDAY:* Collection is normal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then delayed until Friday.

*FRIDAY:* Collection is normal, but Special Pick-Ups are cancelled.

# Branch Chipping Program

## Chipping months are May, July, September & November

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. In order to ensure the safety and efficiency of our staff, we ask residents to abide by the following regulations:

1. Limbs should be placed with the cut ends toward the road, no more than 2 feet high and 3 feet wide per pile. Piles must be able to be picked up by 1 person. The quantity of debris should 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, and do not mix thorny branches with regular branches. Thorny branches should be disposed of via a landscaper, as they are not accepted through City pickups. 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 the first Monday of November. The City will not be making return trips to pick up branches that are not out on time.

## Household Hazardous Waste

The City holds a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) round up the last Friday of every month. Items must be placed in boxes with the box lids OPEN, weighing less than 40 lbs. each. Please call the Service Department to schedule a Friday Special Pick-Up. You can also drop the items off at the Service Department on the last Friday of the month.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive. Some examples of HHW are oil based paint, turpentine, wood stain, gasoline, pesticides, oil, mercury, thermostats, thermometers, furniture polish, household cleaners, chemicals, etc.

## Computers and Cell Phones

Drop off old computers (CPU's, monitors, keyboards, etc.) and cell phones at the Service Department, or call us to schedule a Friday Special Pick-Up. Computers collected will be either refurbished or scrapped, and the parts will be recycled. Complete sets of cell phones (phone, battery and charger) will be packed and donated to the Cuyahoga County Witness Protection and the Domestic Violence Project. Cell phones brought in without the battery and/or charger will be scrapped, and the parts will be recycled.

## Scrap Tires

The Service Department has one scrap tire round up per year in September. Tires must be off the rims. During the summer months, tires are a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes. Please be sure to store any unwanted tires indoors until collection.

## Ink Jet Cartridges

The City of Pepper Pike has teamed with the Orange High School PTA to help the environment by collecting empty printer ink cartridges. Simply drop them off at the Service Department. Orange High School PTA can earn anywhere from \$1.00-\$14.00 in cash for each cartridge that is recycled.

## From the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Recycling is an important part of our community. Pepper Pike residents have worked hard to make our community a leader in recycling, and the city has gained regional recognition and awards for those efforts! As communities are attempting to carefully monitor spending, recycling is important both environmentally and financially.

Diverting materials from the waste stream conserves landfill space, a rapidly depleting resource in the United States. Communities already ship their waste out of Ohio because of a lack of landfill space, which is costly and has ramifications for other regions and countries.

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Recycling also reduces the use of natural resources and saves energy. For example, plastic containers made from recycled plastic emit up to 8 times less carbon in manufacture, and steel cans made from recycled steel result in a 50% energy savings. Recycling one ton of paper conserves 17 trees.

There are so many benefits to recycling; financially for our community and for our planet and future generations. If you already actively recycle, thank you for your efforts. If you have not yet started a recycling program in your home, now is a great time to start. It is now easier than ever to recycle. You can help save dollars and maintain our premier services here in Pepper Pike. If you have any questions on recycling, please call the Service Department at (216) 896-6149. Let us all work together to stay on top for recycling!

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard Bain



# Recycling FAQs

*Why were the rules for recycling changed/updated?* The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has launched a county-wide education program. The rules for recycling have been updated to make them easier to understand. Simply put, the items that you should recycle are cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, and plastic bottles and jugs. These items should be emptied and rinsed and the caps put back on. If you recycle these items in your home, you can reduce your trash in half.

*What happens if you place non-recyclable material in the recycle bin (examples: plastic bags, plastic fruit boxes, egg cartons)?* If you put items in your blue bag that are not accepted for recycling at the MRF (Material Recovery Facility), these items could jam or slow the sortation process and may even endanger workers. Some examples include clothing, plastic film, hoses and cords that tangle in the equipment; large metal objects that damage equipment; and syringes that can harm workers. Contaminants are costly to the MRF and eventually the City because they must be sorted out and landfilled. That is why it is important to recycle properly. Many items that cannot be recycled in Pepper Pike's blue bag program may be recyclable elsewhere. If you have questions about recycling, please visit the CCSWD website. Rules for certain items have changed. [www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org).

# Composting



Compost consists of organic materials derived from plants and some animal material that has been decomposed largely through aerobic composition (with oxygen). Compost is rich in nutrients and can be used in gardens, landscaping, horticulture, and agriculture.

Please do not dispose of items such as branches, grass clippings or any other debris near small streams, creek beds or drainage culverts. Doing this can cause problems and is very harmful to our environment.

The Solid Waste District offers Compost Seminars & a bin sale program. After you attend a 60-minute seminar about backyard composting, you will have the opportunity to purchase a bin for your home. For more information, contact the Solid Waste District at (216) 443-3731.

# Container Program

This program allows residents to easily dispose of large amounts of brush and yard waste, construction debris, household debris and other items without the hassle of bagging or bundling the items beforehand. The program is run on a first-come, first-served basis, and residents must reserve their container at least one day in advance. Residents may rent a 6 or 12 cubic yard container. Residents are responsible for loading the container and having it ready to go by the time we come to collect it. Containers are dropped off the day of reservation and collected the next business day between 7:00 A.M. and noon.

### Restrictions:

In order to comply with landfill dumping requirements, residents may not mix any of the different loads together in the same container. Also, the city prohibits contractors from renting or utilizing a city-owned container. Finally, items cannot be loaded beyond the top edge of the container.

### Types of Loads:

**Household Items and/or Construction Debris:** Appliances (all Freon must be removed), furniture, clothing, toys, etc. Drywall, tiles, linoleum, insulation, aluminum siding, windows, doors, roofing materials, etc. Construction debris from do-it-yourself projects only. Please, do NOT include household hazardous waste.

**Yard Waste:** Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, hedge trimmings, plants, mulch, straw, earth, sticks, twigs, and tree branches 9" and under diameter.

**Small Trees:** Branches, trunks and stumps 10" - 12" diameter.

**Large Trees:** Branches, trunks and stumps 12" and over diameter.

### Railroad Ties

**Stones:** Rocks, bricks, cement, concrete, etc. (6-cubic yard container only.)

Payment and paperwork must be turned in before the container can be dropped off. Prices are shown below for 6 yard/12 yard containers.

Construction debris &/or household: \$135/\$160

Yard debris: \$70/\$100 Railroad ties: \$110/\$220

Stone: \$70 Small trees: \$70/\$120 Large trees: \$140/\$270

# Items Restricted in All Pick-Ups

## RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Grass clippings, logs and tree stumps, earth.
- Any construction debris left over from do-it-yourself home repair projects, such as drywall, tiles, linoleum, insulation, roofing materials, large amount of doors, window or wood, etc.
- Any construction debris left over by contractors. Contractors are responsible for disposing of their own debris.
- Railroad Ties
- Stone: rocks, bricks, cement, concrete, etc.

These items may be disposed of through our Container Drop-Off Program. Contact the Service Department for details.

**Medications:** The Service Department will not pick up any medication on a regular or Friday pick up. A prescription Drop-Off Box is located in the Police Department lobby. Access is available 24-7. Only pills should be dropped into this box (needles and liquids cannot be accepted). Empty the pills into a zip-lock bag before dropping in the box.

## Sharps

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Sharps are lancets, hypodermic needles and syringes, scalpel blades and glass articles that have been broken. The Service Department will collect Sharps with normal weekly rubbish. These items **MUST** be placed in a Sharps container, with the word **\*SHARPS\*** written in big block letters on all sides of the container so that visible to the sanitation crew. A Sharps container is a rigid, leak proof, puncture-resistant container with a tight fitting lid. Common household containers that match this description are: detergent bottles, bleach bottles, 2-liter pop bottles, plastic juice containers and coffee cans (if the lid is securely taped to the can).



# Comingled Recycling

Pepper Pike offers a comingled recycling program. All in-home recycling should be placed mixed and loose in a special blue recycling bag. No need to sort. Items should be clean, empty and dry.

As for **plastics**, the shape of the container primarily determines if it belongs in curbside recycling. Only recycle items shaped like bottles and jugs. If it has a neck (with an opening or a neck that's more narrow than the body), it can be placed in recycling.

Empty and rinse cans and glass. For cartons, plastic bottles and plastic jugs, empty and rinse and then replace the cap. Cardboard should be flattened.

## IN-HOME RECYCLING



CANS



CARTONS



GLASS



PAPER & BOXES



PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS

## LANDFILL



STYROFOAM™ & TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS



HOSES & ROPES



DURABLE PLASTIC



CUPS, LIDS & UTENSILS



BROKEN CERAMICS

For the latest information on recycling in Cuyahoga County, visit the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's website at [www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org).

# Collection Guidelines



For weekly rubbish collection, place rubbish in plastic disposable bags and inside galvanized or plastic, 30-gallon or smaller containers.

Waste containers should be equipped with two (2) lifting handles and should not weigh more than 40 lbs. Containers that exceed 40 lbs. will not be collected, and residents will be responsible for lightening the load. The city does not provide rubbish containers to residents.

## FOR MISSED RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Contact the Service Department before 2:00 P.M. on your normal collection day, and the crew will return as soon as they can.

To avoid missing rubbish collection, we kindly ask that residents have the rubbish ready for pick up by 7:00 A.M., and keep the driveway clear of vehicles and anything else that may block the scooters from entering.

## NO LOOSE RUBBISH:

Waste containers should not exceed 40 lbs. The Service Department will not collect any rubbish that is loose in a container or that weighs over 40 lbs. The Bureau of Workers Compensation identified that lifting full rubbish containers above shoulder level is a hazard. Each Service Department worker picks up over 160 homes per day. It is safer to individually lift rubbish bags out of rubbish containers in order to place them in the back of the vehicle. Bags prevent materials from flying back at the workers, possibly causing injury. Additionally, bags prevent rubbish from scattering throughout a neighborhood.

## RUBBISH MUST BE OUTSIDE OF GARAGE:

Since we are dramatically increasing the number of homes collected by one crew each day, we must be as efficient and steadily paced as possible; every second counts. Additionally, it is a liability for the City of Pepper Pike to have employees going into a garage for rubbish. Please have your rubbish outside of your garage by 7:00 A.M. on your scheduled pick-up day.

Please keep in mind that reasonable amounts of rubbish and recycling may be dropped off at the Service Department between 7:00 A.M. Monday through 2:00 P.M. Friday, by residents only. No contractors are permitted, and the residential drop-off facility is not intended for large volumes.

# Friday Special Pick-Ups

This service is provided free of charge to all residents of Pepper Pike. Residents are allowed six (6) Special Pick-Ups per calendar year. To arrange for a Friday Special Pick-Up, contact the Service Department no later than Thursday by 2:30 P.M. at (216) 896-6149. We will need your address, phone number, and a description of the items you wish to have collected. Items must be ready for collection by 7:00 A.M. on Friday and will be collected by 2:30 P.M. PLEASE BE AWARE, FRIDAY SPECIAL PICK-UPS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR AN EXTRA RUBBISH DAY. Our definition of regular rubbish is weekly accumulation from household rubbish containers. The program is designed to assist residents with disposing of large, bulky items and yard waste. The Friday Special Pickup program is intended for approximately half of a pickup truck full of goods or less. Anything of a greater volume should be disposed of through our container rental program.

## FRIDAY SPECIAL PICK-UP ITEMS INCLUDE:

**Appliances:** Washers, dryers, microwaves, stoves, dishwashers etc. NOTE: Appliances containing Freon—such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners etc.—must have the chemical removed and tagged in order to be collected. Call any appliance company for assistance.

**Bagged or Boxed Clothing, Toys and Miscellaneous Household Items:** Bags and boxes should not weigh more than 40 lbs. each, and should be securely closed to avoid spillage.

**Cardboard Boxes:** Collapse, stack and tie boxes. Stacks must weigh less than 40 lbs.

**Carpet and Carpet Padding:** No more than 10 pieces total rolled and tied. Rolls must weigh less than 40 lbs. and measure 4 feet or less in length. If you have more than 10 rolls, please have a contractor remove them from your property or rent a container.

**Crates and Wooded Pallets:** Collapsed when possible and stacked. Loose pieces of wood from crates should be tied in bundles weighing less than 40 lbs. and no longer than 4 feet.

**Furniture:** Couches, kitchen/dining room tables and chairs, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, dressers and other types of wood and laminated furniture.

**Latex Paint:** Must be dried, with lids off the cans and boxed not weighing more than 40 lbs. To dry paint, add an absorbent material such as cat litter, saw dust or oil dry.

**Miscellaneous Large Items:** Small amounts of doors and wood boards (must be cut into 4 foot lengths), windows, sinks, tubs etc. Construction debris is prohibited.

**Yard Waste:** Leaves, twigs (no more than 2" in diameter), and weeds must be in Kraft paper recycling bags weighing less than 40 lbs. each. Branches must be bundled with string or twine and cut to 4 feet in length. NOTE: Kraft yard bags are available for purchase at the Service Department, local hardware or home improvement stores.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** Oil-based paint, turpentine, wood stain, gasoline, pesticides, oil, mercury etc. The city holds roundups for such items the last Friday of every month, or, you can drop items off on the last Friday of the month.