

# CITY OF PEPPER PIKE

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## Recycling and Waste Disposal

### Rubbish Collection:

The following rules apply to weekly collection:

1. Rubbish and recycling **MUST** be placed **OUTSIDE** of the garage and ready for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day and must be in an area visible from the driveway. We will not return for missed rubbish.
2. All rubbish **MUST** be inside plastic refuse bags and tied. Loose rubbish in the bottom of a can or in a pile on the driveway will **NOT** be collected. Rubbish bags shall not exceed 40 pounds.
3. Rubbish bags are not required to be in containers, but it is recommended to use them to avoid attracting animals. Containers should be 32-gallon cans or smaller, and be equipped with two handles and a tight-fitting lid.
4. There is a limit of eight (8) bags per household per week for collection.
5. Residents may drop off small amounts of rubbish at the Service Department Monday from 7:00 a.m. to Friday at 2:00 p.m., and may be asked to provide identification to verify that they are a Pepper Pike resident. Due to excessive dumping that has occurred on the City premises, **no weekend drop-offs are permitted.**

### Latex Paint Disposal

Latex (water-based) paint must be dry before it can be collected. Place dried paint cans inside boxes. Boxes should weigh less than 40 pounds. The amount of cans will determine whether the resident should schedule a Friday Pickup, or place them outside for normal weekly collection. According to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, drying paint by removing the lid and allowing the liquid to evaporate only works well with small amounts of paint (an inch or two in the bottom of the can), and can take several days. For full or partially-full paint cans, the Solid Waste District suggests adding an equal amount of an absorbent material; this causes the paint to solidify quickly. Some absorbent materials are: cat litter, sawdust, Plaster of Paris, oil dry, and vermiculite. It is **not** recommended to pour paint on the ground or down storm drains where it will travel to surface and/or ground waters.

### Prescription Drug Disposal

A permanent Prescription Drop-Off Box is located in the Police Department lobby (entrance located next to the side parking lot on Shaker Blvd.); access is available 24-7. Only pills should be dropped into this box (needles and liquids cannot be accepted). Preferably, empty the pills into a zip-lock bag before dropping in the box and then recycle the pill bottle.

For liquid medications:

Liquid medications cannot be disposed of via the Drop Box program. Do not flush them into our sewer system or waterways. Properly dispose of liquid medication by mixing with something like coffee grounds, cat litter or sawdust to make it undesirable or unusable. Once the liquid is in unusable state, place it in the regular trash.

### 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 the 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 it is visible to the sanitation crew. A *Sharps* container is a rigid, leak-proof, puncture-resistant container with a tight fitting lid. Laundry detergent bottles can be used as *Sharps* containers when properly labeled, with the cap tightly secured to the bottle.

## Recycling:

The City has single-stream recycling, which means ALL recyclable materials (paper, glass, plastic, and metals) may be mixed together in the same bag. We encourage residents to drop off their recycling whenever possible Monday from 7:00 a.m. through Friday at 2:00 p.m. **No weekend drop-offs are permitted.** Drop-off bins for paper, comingled recycling (glass, plastic, and metals), and aluminum cans for the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program are located at City Hall, near the service garage.

The following rules apply to weekly collection:

1. ALL recyclable materials must be placed inside 13-gallon or 30-gallon, blue or clear plastic recycling bags. Such bags may be purchased from your local home improvement store. Small grocery store plastic bags are not acceptable.
2. Recycling bags should weigh 30 pounds or less.
3. All items must be clean, dry and free of food debris.

Acceptable items for recycling include:

CANS:	Aluminum, steel, and tin are acceptable. Must be emptied and rinsed.
CARTONS:	Beverage container such as milk cartons or juice cartons, need to be emptied and rinsed. The cap must be replaced.
GLASS:	Food and beverage containers of any color, rinsed and without lids. Broken glass should be packaged separately and labeled as such.
PAPER:	Newspaper and Magazines - Corrugated Cardboard (empty boxes should be flattened) - Phone Books - Cereal Boxes (remove liners) - Junk Mail, Beer and Pop Cartons (no foil) - Food and Detergent Cartons (remove plastics) - Shoe Boxes - Cigarette and Paper Egg Cartons - Gift and Toy Boxes - Paper Gift Wrap (no foil) - Greeting Cards - Cancelled Checks (shred first).
PLASTIC:	Plastic bottles and jugs that have an opening narrower than the body are accepted. ALL containers need to be emptied, rinsed, and have cap replaced. Plastics <i>without</i> a neck/opening narrower than the body are not recyclable in our county at this time.

### Plastic Items NOT Accepted for Recycling:

Any plastics **not** shaped like a bottle should be placed in your rubbish. Only recycle plastics that have a neck/opening narrower than the body.

### CFL Bulb and Fluorescent Bulb Recycling

Select home improvement stores accept CFL bulbs. Batteries Plus Bulbs accepts fluorescent bulbs for a small fee. These items are not accepted by the City. For store locations, visit [www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org).

### Battery Disposal/Recycling

1. Alkaline batteries: Non-rechargeable batteries from household appliances and electronics, such as AA, AAA, C, and D batteries, may be safely disposed of in the regular rubbish.
2. Lead-acid batteries: Vehicle batteries are considered hazardous and must therefore be disposed of through the County's HHW Round-ups. Lead-acid batteries are also accepted at most automotive stores.
3. Rechargeable batteries: Cell phone, power tool, cordless phone, and laptop computer batteries are not considered hazardous but are recyclable. Rechargeable batteries may be dropped off at the Service Department.

### Cleveland Furniture Bank

Established in the summer of 2006, the Cleveland Furniture Bank (CFB) relies on individuals and businesses throughout the Greater Cleveland area to donate used, in-good-condition, furniture. Donated furniture (couches, chairs, dining room and kitchen sets, dressers, mattresses and box springs) should not be broken or torn, stained or otherwise damaged; additionally, the CFB only accepts items from non-smoking households. To donate furniture, call (216) 459-2265, ext. 101. The CFB will send out a team to collect the items and provide the donor with a receipt for tax purposes. A \$20 collection fee will apply to assist with staffing and transportation costs. This fee is subject to change. The majority of donations benefit the Furniture for Families Program. For more information, visit [www.clevelandfurniturebank.org](http://www.clevelandfurniturebank.org).

### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity ReStore facilities collect new and slightly used building materials along with furniture, appliances, and other household items. Below are two locations that accept the aforementioned items. It is recommended that residents call the Habitat for Humanity store to confirm hours of operation and provide a description of goods to be donated prior to dropping items off.

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity  
12180 Kinsman Road, Newbury Township, OH 44065  
(440) 226-3212

Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
34225 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095  
(440) 226-3212

### Ink Cartridge Recycling

Drop off your old ink cartridges at the Service Department, and they will be recycled. Proceeds from recycled ink cartridges benefit the Orange Schools PTA. Only brand name cartridges can be used to benefit the PTA.

### **Friday Special Pickup:**

Each home is limited to six special pickups annually. This does **NOT** include bagged and/or bundled yard debris, which may be scheduled for collection on Friday, as often as needed. The following rules apply to Friday Special Pickups:

1. Friday Special Pickups must be called in by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
2. **Be specific.** The crew will need to know exactly what is out for collection. The City will not be held liable for taking items in the vicinity of rubbish or a special pickup that was not intended for disposal.
3. Items should be neatly placed out for collection. **A single pickup must be able to fit in the back of a standard sized pickup truck.**
4. Items must be ready for collection by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, and will be collected before 2:30 p.m.
5. **PLEASE BE AWARE, FRIDAY SPECIAL PICKUPS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR AN EXTRA RUBBISH DAY.**
6. Special pickup items include:
  - a. **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 an appliance company for assistance.
  - b. **Bagged Household Items:** 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.
  - c. **Cardboard Boxes:** Collapse, stack and tie empty boxes. Stacks must weigh less than 40 lbs.
  - d. **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 from the Service Department.
  - e. **Wood Crates and 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.
  - f. **Furniture:** Couches, kitchen/dining room tables and chairs, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, dressers and other types of wood and laminated furniture.
  - g. **Latex Paint:** Latex paint must be dried, with the lids off the cans, and placed in boxes. Boxes should weigh less than 40 pounds. To dry latex paint, add an equal amount of an absorbent material, such as cat litter, saw dust or oil dry.
  - h. **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 or your local home improvement store. Individual branches may not exceed **2 inches** in diameter.
  - i. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** oil-based paint, turpentine, wood stain, gasoline, pesticides, oil, mercury etc. The City holds round-ups for such items the **last Friday of every month.** Or, you can drop items off on the last Friday of the month.

## **Restricted Items:**

1. Grass clippings, logs and tree stumps, earth, rocks, broken concrete and cement, bricks and railroad ties. These items may be disposed of through the Container Drop-Off Program. Contact the Service Department for details.
2. Construction debris left over from do-it-yourself home repair projects, such as: drywall, tiles, linoleum, insulation, roof tiles and shingles, large amounts of doors and wood, etc. These items may be disposed of through the Container Drop-Off Program. Contact the Service Department for details.
3. Construction debris left by contractors. Contractors are responsible for disposing of all of their own debris. If they fail to do so, the resident must hire a firm to dispose of the debris.
4. Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) and fluorescent bulbs. Refer to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District website for proper disposal.

## **Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Round-Ups:**

Round-up dates will be announced in the Service Department quarterly newsletters. All round-up items may either be dropped off at the Service Department, or collected with a Friday Special Pickup, during the round-up dates.

1. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** is any product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive. Some examples of HHW are: mercury (thermostats, thermometers, etc.), oil-based paint (does NOT include latex paint), furniture polish, flea and tick powder, batteries (does not include alkaline batteries), metal polish, gasoline, motor oil, medications, drain cleaner, turpentine, household cleaners, pool chemicals, and bleach. To prepare these items for collection, place them in boxes (with the box lids OPEN) weighing less than 40 pounds each, and write "HHW" on the box.
2. **Old Computers and Cell Phones:** CPUs, monitors, keyboards, and software. Computers and related equipment will either be refurbished and donated to local schools, or disassembled and the individual parts will be recycled. **Old cell phones** (phone, battery, and charger) will be packaged and donated to the *Cuyahoga County Witness Protection Program* and the *Domestic Violence Project*.
3. **Scrap Tire Round-Up:** Tires of all sizes are acceptable. Tires must be off the rims.

## **Container Drop-Off Program:**

The Container Drop-Off Program operates from **April through November**, weather permitting. This program allows residents to easily dispose of brush and yard waste, construction debris, household debris, and other items without the hassle of bagging or bundling the items beforehand. **No contractors** are permitted to use this program. The program is first-come-first-served, and residents must reserve their container at least one day in advance. Residents may rent a 6 or 12-cubic yard container to be left on their property for one business day. Residents are responsible for loading the container and having it ready to be collected by the time the Service Department arrives. Prices vary depending on the type and size of the items to be loaded.