



# Oakland Recycling/Garbage Newsletter

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## GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Residential garbage collection in the Borough of Oakland occurs twice per week from April through September and once per week from October through March. The schedule is based on your side of town:

Monday and Thursday garbage collection or once per week on Monday

Tuesday and Friday garbage collection or once per week on Friday

The twice per week collection will begin on Monday, April 2, 2012. Once per week collection will resume on Monday, October 1, 2012.

**Garbage must be placed at the curb prior to 6:00am on the day of your scheduled collection.** Every attempt is made to collect garbage and recyclables during inclement weather, although severe weather conditions may delay collections.

Construction material is the responsibility of the generator (homeowner, contractor or business). Building or renovation materials are not eligible for pickup. Materials include cabinetry, countertops, garage doors, building wood, paneling, sheetrock, tiles, plywood, roofing, doors, windows, toilets, sinks. Also, no railroad ties, pianos, hot tubs, ride on mowers, large mirrors, etc. If you have a volume of bulk waste or large heavy items, you must make private arrangements to haul it away. If you hire a private contractor, have them take away the waste.

Three large bulky items are eligible for pickup on any one collection day, along with two 32-gallon garbage cans. Do not use oversized cans that are too heavy to lift. The cans cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Trash such as household furniture is picked up on any regular garbage day. Any extra garbage beyond these limits must wait until the next collection day. Carpet/padding must be cut, rolled and tied in 3 foot lengths weighing no more than 50 pounds. There is a maximum limit of one room of carpet in any one collection.

## HOLIDAYS

There are no collections of garbage, recycling, metal or yard waste on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

During April through September, if the twice per week garbage collection falls on a holiday, the pickup is skipped. However, during October through March, if the once per week garbage collection falls on a holiday, a makeup day has been set.

If Monday is a holiday, garbage will be collected on Tuesday

If Friday is a holiday, garbage will be collected on Thursday (a day earlier)

If a Wednesday recycling collection falls on a holiday, the makeup day is Thursday.

## RECYCLING BARREL

The Oakland Department of Public Works sells a 32-gallon recycling barrel with lid for \$15.00. Please bring cash in the exact dollar amount. No checks or credit cards are accepted. The paper/cardboard and commingled recyclables are picked up on alternating Wednesdays. You can use your blue recycling barrel for each collection. Recyclable material must be separated from waste at the source. Every barrel and ton counts!

## **CARDBOARD AND ALL TYPES OF PAPER**

Paper and cardboard are recyclable and marketable commodities. All types of paper including newspapers, cereal boxes, office or computer paper, shredded paper, magazines, pizza boxes, telephone books, junk mail, wrapping paper, and books are recyclable. Do not use cardboard boxes as a garbage receptacle but dispose of them with your paper recyclables. Empty the boxes of Styrofoam, peanut packaging, plastic, trash, etc. Use your recycling barrel. Do not use plastic bags to hold paper/cardboard. Plastic bags contaminate the load.

## **COMMINGLED - ALUMINUM, GLASS, CANS, PLASTICS AND FOAM**

Commingled recyclables can be placed together in the barrel. No black or colored bags to hold recycling material (clear only). **Acceptable materials** include all grades of plastics #1 thru #7, as well as all kinds of solid plastic with no recycling stamp on it. These include many items such as aluminum cans, beverage bottles, glass food jars, soup cans, clean foam food containers, throwaway utensils, clean yogurt containers, plastic grocery bags, plastic food storage containers, clean aluminum foil, laundry detergent bottles, plastic lawn furniture, plastic toys, etc. Wax coated containers such as milk and juice cartons, and long shelf life liquid containers called "tetra pak" (such as Parmalat package) are recyclable with commingled. **Unacceptable materials** include dishes, mirrors, window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, paint cans, wire, metal coat hangers, pots, pans, toasters, electrical equipment, oil or anti-freeze containers, general household items.

## **YARD AND VEGETATIVE WASTE**

Yard waste is collected every Monday or Tuesday depending on your side of town. If Monday is your garbage collection, Tuesday is your yard waste pickup. If Friday is your garbage collection, Monday is your yard waste pickup. If your pickup falls on a holiday, there is no make-up date. The collection is skipped until the following week. **This service begins Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** There is no yard waste collection during the winter months. Yard waste is never allowed to go in the household garbage collection.

Yard waste should be placed at the curb in open containers no larger than 32 gallons in size or in paper leaf bags. The barrels cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. No large landscaper barrels. Small paper grocery bags or plastic bags of any kind are prohibited. Yard waste in plastic bags will **not** be collected. Leaves and grass may be placed together in the same container. Sticks, brush, and branches should be bundled and tied together, not exceeding 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length. The bundles may not exceed 50 pounds. Tree logs and stumps are not accepted. The compost facility is not open to the public. **Christmas trees are collected at curbside on a random basis during the entire month of January.** Remove any plastic bag, tree stand or lights from the trees. Do not sweep leaves and grass into the street or storm drains. Help reduce the cost of yard waste disposal by using a mulching mower when you cut the lawn.

## **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

The D.P.W. collects electronics from borough residents on the first and third Wednesday of every month. If that happens to be a holiday or a snow event, then they will collect on the following day. Desktop and laptop computers, monitors, keyboards/mice, printers, fax machines, TV's up to 32" (no wooden consoles), VCR/DVD players, circuit boards, cameras, camcorders, wiring, stereos, speakers, telephones, cell phones, and microwaves, etc. are accepted for recycling. The electronics are taken to a N.J. licensed de-manufacturer to have the hazardous materials removed and disposed of properly. **You must call the D.P.W. at 201-337-8104/8103 between 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday to be put on the collection list. Please call by 4:00pm on the Monday before the pickup. Place your material near the curb where it can be easily seen.**

## HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Only small rechargeable and non alkaline batteries are recycled. Collection bins are located at Borough Hall and the D.P.W. Examples include nickel cadmium, small sealed lead acid, nickel metal hydride, silver oxide, and button cell. Rechargeable batteries may be found in cordless power tools, cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, remote control toys, etc. Residents must individually bag or tape the ends of each battery to prevent a short circuit. Plastic bags are available on the collection bins. Alkaline batteries are not considered hazardous waste and are safe to throw in household trash. No large batteries are accepted.

## MERCURY FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

Fluorescent light bulbs are considered a hazardous material. Oakland residents can drop off bulbs at the Department of Public Works building located at 63 Oak Street between 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Only unbroken bulbs are accepted. We accept hand held bulbs and tubes no longer than 5 feet, for residents only.

## HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND OTHER METALS

Appliances and other Metals are collected at curbside on the first Thursday of each month. This includes household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, hot water heaters, as well as metal shelving, barbeque grills, metal furniture, etc. Riding mowers or very heavy items are not permitted. Please empty all gas from any push mowers. **Call the D.P.W. before the pickup day at 201-337-8104/8103 between 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday if you are putting out a refrigerator or air conditioner.**

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

**Textile/clothing bins** are located behind Borough Hall. All types of clean, dry textiles are accepted: clothing, shoes, sheets, blankets, curtains, towels, small stuffed animals, etc. Please do not leave items outside of the bins. **Hazardous Waste:** For collection dates, locations, or questions, contact the Bergen County Hazardous Waste Hotline at 201-807-5825 or online at [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org). This program is free to Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. Businesses must pre-register prior to attending collection events and pay a disposal fee.

**Paint:** Oil based paint is hazardous material, however latex paint in solid form is not. You may dry out latex paint with kitty litter and dispose of it as a solid (without the lid) in a regular garbage collection.

**Tree removal permit:** Call the Oakland Shade Tree Commission at 201-337-3512. They will come out to your property and look at the tree or trees before you can be issued a permit.

## RECYCLING, GARBAGE & LITTER ORDINANCES

Please place your containers at the curb before 6:00am on the day of collection or the night before. Please note that it is unlawful to place garbage, yard waste or recyclables at curbside earlier than 6:00pm prior to the day of collection. All empty barrels must be removed from the curb before 9:00pm on collection day. Recyclable material placed at the curb is Borough property. Notify the **Oakland Police Department at 201-337-6171** if anyone other than our regular garbage company is removing recyclables. Littering and illegal dumping are against the law and you may be fined. Clean up and dispose of pet waste properly.

For any questions or concerns, please **call the D.P.W. at 201-337-8104/8103** or contact the **Recycling Department at 201-405-7732** or e-mail to [recycle@oakland-nj.org](mailto:recycle@oakland-nj.org). Thank you for your cooperation to make our recycling program a success. Oakland receives money for our recyclables in addition to receiving state grants based on every ton of material we recycle. Our goal is to increase recycling efforts throughout the Borough. Recycling properly greatly reduces your volume of trash. Every ton recycled saves Oakland money.



**Practice the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

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