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BOROUGH OF 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 6, 2015. Once per week collection will resume on Monday, October 5, 2015.

Every attempt is made to collect garbage and recyclables during inclement weather, although severe weather conditions may delay collections. Thank you for patience and understanding.

Three large household items (such as furniture) are eligible for pickup on any one collection day, along with two 32-gallon garbage cans. Do not use the oversized cans or any cans weighing more than 50 pounds. Any extra garbage beyond these limits must wait until the next collection day. No house renovation material is allowed for curbside pickup. Arrange your own dumpster, contractor, or private hauling company to take it away. Carpet/padding must be cut, rolled and tied in 3 foot lengths weighing no more than 50 pounds. There is a limit of one room of carpet in any one collection. Any excessive amounts of garbage will be left at the curb.

Garbage and Recycling barrels must be placed at the curb prior to 5:00am on the day of your scheduled collection. Please note that it is unlawful to place garbage, recyclables, or yard waste at curbside earlier than 4:00pm prior to the day of collection. All empty barrels must be removed from the curb before 9:00pm on collection day. Please bring in your empty cans as soon as possible.

HOLIDAYS

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

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.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Paper/Cardboard and Commingled recyclables are picked up EVERY WEDNESDAY of the year.

All recyclable materials can be placed unsorted in the same recycling barrel for curbside pick-up. Cans, bottles, and recyclable plastics are collected together with paper and cardboard. Empty and rinse items prior to disposal. **Oakland can no longer pick up recyclables placed in plastic bags and they will be left at the curb.**

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS include

- **Mixed Paper**
 - Newspapers / Magazines / Catalogs
 - Junk Mail / Envelopes / Flyers
 - Paperbacks / Phone Books
 - Office, Scrap or Computer Paper
 - Wrapping Paper / Paper Bags
- **Cardboard**
 - Flattened Boxes / Corrugated Cardboard
 - Cereal / Cookie / Soda or Beer Boxes / Paper Egg Cartons / Shoe Boxes
 - Pasta / Frozen Food / Cookie / Pizza Boxes (clean only)
 - Tissue Boxes / Paper Towel or Toilet Paper Cardboard Rolls
- **Plastic Containers of Grades #1, 2 or 5 Only**
 - Water or Soft Drink Bottles / Milk Jugs (if you can drink out of it, then recycle it)
 - Yogurt or Margarine Containers / Cooking Oil or Salad Dressing Bottles / Aspirin Containers
 - Detergent or Shampoo bottles (small neck containers)
- **Glass Bottles and Jars**
 - Glass Containers of all colors
 - Bottles and Food Jars (clean only)
- **Metal Cans**
 - Aluminum Cans (Soda, Beer) / Aluminum Foil (clean)
 - Tin / Steel Cans (Soup, Fruit, Tuna)
 - Pet Food Cans (clean) / Coffee Cans

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS include

- **Plastics of Grades #3, 4, 6 or 7 or no number on container**
- **All Plastic Bags** (shopping bags / garbage bags / Ziploc bags / frozen food bags)
- **Plastic Film** wrap / garment bags
- **Styrofoam** of any kind (coffee cups / clamshell food containers / packaging peanuts)
- Frozen microwave **trays or food platters** / plastic food containers even if grade #1, 2, or 5
- Disposable utensils / Plastic plates or cups
- **Wax coated paper cartons** or boxes (milk, juice, ice cream, or soup cartons)
- **Rigid plastics** such as toys, crates, lawn furniture (now only acceptable containers go in collection)
- Hoses / electrical cords / appliances / scrap metal / tarps / pool covers
- Pesticide, oil or antifreeze containers (if empty, place in regular garbage)
- Shredded paper (too small to sort) / Hard covers on books must be removed before recycling

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 or check.** No credit cards are accepted. Use your blue recycling barrel for the weekly recyclables collection. Recyclable material must be separated from waste at the source.

Do not use a plastic bag to hold recyclables. Do not use cardboard boxes as a garbage receptacle but dispose of them with your recyclables. Use your blue recycling barrel so materials can be easily identified and distinguished from regular garbage. Shoprite and Stop N Shop collect clean, dry grocery bags for recycling.

The following household items are NOT ACCEPTABLE materials for your recycling barrel

- Dishes /mirrors / window panes / light bulbs
- Garbage or liquids
- Flower pots or trays / vegetative waste
- Ceramic / pottery / glass vases
- Pots and pans / general household goods
- Electronic waste / small appliances
- Scrap metal /coat hangers / wire or cables
- Paint cans / motor oil or anti-freeze containers
- Needles or syringes / pesticide containers
- Styrofoam products of any kind
- Batteries

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.

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 pickup is skipped until the following collection week.

This service begins Monday, April 6, 2015 or Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and ends Monday, December 14, 2015 or Tuesday, December 15, 2015. There is no yard waste collection during the winter months. Yard waste is never permitted 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 or color are prohibited. **Yard waste in plastic bags will be left at the curb not 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.** Branches can be put in a garbage can if not sticking out the top. Trees, logs and stumps are not eligible for pickup. Please make your own arrangements for disposal. **The compost facility is not open to the public.**

Grass – Cut it and Leave It

Help reduce the cost of yard waste disposal by using a mulching mower instead of bagging your grass clippings. Grass clippings on the ground are reabsorbed and provide vital nutrients and moisture to your lawn.

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 tree before putting out to the curb.

ELECTRONICS

The D.P.W. picks up electronics from **Oakland 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. Commercial businesses are not included in this collection. Businesses can bring electronics to the bcua.org location for a fee.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2
21	18	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	21	18	16

Please call the D.P.W. at 201-337-8104/8103 by 4:00pm before the pick-up day to be put on the collection list. Place material at the curb the night before collection, where it can be easily seen.

Electronics accepted for recycling include

- Desktop and Laptop Computers
- CRT/LCD Monitors / Modems
- Keyboard / Mice / Computer Parts
- Large or Small Copiers / Printers
- Office Electronics
- Used / New Toner or Ink Cartridges
- TV's
- VCR /DVD /CD / MP3 Players
- Circuit Boards / Hard Drives / PC Cards
- Cameras / Camcorders / Radio
- Cables / Wires / CD / Floppies
- Radio / Stereo / Speakers
- Telephones / Cellphones
- Fax Machines / Scanners

The electronics are taken to a N.J. licensed de-manufacturer to have the hazardous materials removed (lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, zinc, etc.) and disposed of properly according to N.J. regulations.

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND METALS

Appliances and other Metals are collected on the **first Thursday** of every month.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2*	5	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	1	5	3

*Thursday, January 1, 2015 is a holiday so the Metal/Appliance collection is on Friday, January 2, 2015.

Call the D.P.W. at 201-337-8104/8103 before the pick-up day if you are putting out a refrigerator or air conditioner. Remove the refrigerator door for safety before putting out to curb.

Acceptable items include household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, hot water heaters, as well as metal shelving, barbeque grills (no propane tank), metal furniture, push mowers, etc. Riding mowers or other very heavy items are not permitted in the collection. **Empty all gas and oil from any push mowers.**

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

Construction waste 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 lumber, siding, paneling, sheetrock, tile, plywood, roofing material, doors, windows, toilets, tubs, sinks, etc. Also, no masonry items such as concrete, brick, block or stone. No railroad ties. Pianos, hot tubs, riding mowers, large mirrors, etc. are not acceptable.

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.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Recyclable batteries are accepted in collection boxes at the D.P.W. building and in Borough Hall. This collection is for residents only. **Alkaline batteries are not considered hazardous waste and are safe to throw in regular garbage.** Only small rechargeable and non-alkaline batteries are recyclable. Examples include nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), small sealed lead, nickel zinc (Ni-Zn), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), silver oxide, and button cell. Rechargeable batteries may be found in cordless power tools, remotes, cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, remote control toys, etc. **Residents must separately bag or tape the ends of each individual battery to prevent a short circuit and fire in transport.** Plastic bags are available on the collection boxes. Large batteries (car, motorcycle, etc.) are **not** accepted. Auto Parts stores accept them.

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 4 feet**, from residents' homes only (**no commercial businesses**). **Businesses must make their own private collection arrangements.**

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. 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 a hazardous material, however latex paint in solid form is not. You may dry out **latex** paint with kitty litter or speedy dry 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 BENEFITS EVERY OAKLAND RESIDENT

By reducing, reusing, and recycling waste generated at home, you can help control the Borough's expenses. Oakland receives money for our recyclables in addition to receiving state grants based on every ton of material we recycle. Our goal is to raise awareness and increase our recycling rates. Recycling properly greatly reduces your volume of trash. Buy products made with recycled materials and less packaging. Less packaging means less waste. Buy only what you can use. Donate serviceable items to charity when no longer needed. Do not idle your vehicle more than three minutes. Motor vehicles are one of the leading contributors to air pollution.

Recycling has numerous benefits

- Generates revenue for the Borough as Oakland gets paid for its recyclable materials tonnage
- Earns grant money for every ton we recycle
- Saves our tax dollars by paying to haul less garbage tonnage
- Reduces the amount of trash going to the landfill

Oakland does not pay a fee to dump recyclables because they do not go to a landfill. Instead we get paid for recyclables by a marketing company who converts them for other uses. Recycling involves the re-processing of old and used materials into new or reusable products. Recycling is one of the most popular conservation programs today. Recycling is good for the environment and **every ton recycled saves Oakland money**. Do your part to reduce the amount of trash you put to the curb. Single stream recycling is easy and convenient.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Storm water runoff from a lawn, street or parking lot is washed by rain into storm drains which flow directly into streams, lakes, rivers or the ocean. This pollution can contaminate our drinking water, kill fish, wildlife, and plants. Too much fertilizer washing into a lake can cause an algae bloom which negatively impacts recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, and boating. Look into natural alternatives to fertilizers and pesticides. Use drought resistant native plants in gardens. They require less fertilizer and water.

Never discard oil, gas, or antifreeze into a storm drain. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings can all end up in our water. Please keep all pollutants out of our water supply and pick up your dog waste. Choose a low phosphorus, slow-release nitrogen fertilizer and apply sparingly for a healthy lawn. Sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces. Do not apply fertilizer products if a heavy rain is predicted. Use a mulching mower to provide nutrients and moisture back to your lawn. Keep catch basins tops clear of debris. Never dump anything into storm drains. Report littering and illegal dumping to Oakland Police Department. Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground. Please be considerate and protect our wildlife and water.

RECYCLING IS THE LAW

Recycling is the law for all residents, schools, municipalities and businesses. **No one is exempt.** All establishments must ensure that a recycling system is in place. **You and not your trash hauler are responsible for separating all recycling materials from the garbage.** Single stream recycling is easy in the Borough of Oakland. Collections of various materials once per week is very convenient for residents. Thank you for your cooperation to make Oakland's recycling program a continued success.

For specific recycling questions or concerns, please contact the **Recycling Department at 201-405-7732** or send an email to recycle@oakland-nj.org, or call the **Department of Public Works at 201-337-8104/8103**. Office hours are between 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

GARBAGE COLLECTION STREETS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015

Monday and Thursday (or Monday only)

Academy Circle	Demarest Avenue	Huron Avenue	Municipal Plaza	Raritan Road	Terhune Street
Acorn Avenue	Dogwood Drive	Iron Horse Road	Navajo Way	River Road	Third Street
Allerman Road	Doty Road	Island Terrace	Nielsen Avenue	Riverside Drive	Thornton Road
Aspen Way	East Oak Street	Jerome Avenue	Nokomis Avenue	Rockaway Avenue	Truman Blvd
Bailey Avenue	East Court	Lakeshore Drive	North Shore Drive	Roosevelt Blvd	Valley View Ave
Bannehr Street	Edison Avenue	Lakeview Terrace	Oak Street	Roth Avenue	Van Vooren Dr
Barbara Lane	Elm Street	Laura Lane	Page Drive	Rye Cliff Road	Veterans Drive
Bauer Drive	Fir Court	Laurel Court	Park Drive	Ryerson Street	Walnut Street
Birch Avenue	First Street	Lawlor Drive	Plaza Road	Second Street	Walton Avenue
Breakneck Road	Florence Avenue	Lenape Lane	Ponds Way	Sheffield Street	West Court
Bush Plaza	Fox Court	Long Hill Road	Pool Hollow Road	Shelter Lane	West Oakland Ave
Butternut Court	Garrison Place	Mandigo Avenue	Pool Hollow Trail	Silver Birch Ave	West Sheffield St
Cedar Street	Grandview Ave	Maple Avenue	Poplar Street	Sioux Avenue	West Street
Center Avenue	Grove Street	Martha Place	Post Road	Skyline Drive	Winters Street
Center Street	Hannah Road	McCoy Road	Potash Road	South Shore Drive	Wright Way
Court House Pl	Hatfield Road	McNomee Street	Powdermill Lane	Spear Street	Yawpo Avenue
Crosby Lane	Hemlock Street	Mohawk Avenue	Ramapo Avenue	Spring Avenue	
Dacotah Avenue	Hickory Drive	Morton Place	Ramapo Terrace	Spruce Street	
Deer Lawn Court	Hillside Avenue	Mountain View Ave	Ramapo Valley Rd. (Rt.202 S of Rt.287)	Stone Fence Road	
Deer Ledge Rd	Hopper Street	Muller Road		Sykes Road	

Tuesday and Friday (or Friday only)

Algonquin Trail	Cobblestone Ct	Harvard Way	Maple Drive	Raeben Avenue	Thunderbird Dr
Allen Drive	Cold Springs Rd	Heath Drive	Massasoit Trail	Ramapo River Trace	Timberline Lane
Andrew Avenue	Colgate Road	Hiawatha Blvd	Meadowlark Court	Ramapo Hills Blvd	Tomahawk Trail
Apache Drive	Columbia Way	Hidden Gorge	Minnehaha Blvd	Ramapo Valley Rd (Rt.202 N of Rt.287)	Tulane Road
Arapaho Court	Commanche Trail	Highland Cross	Minsi Place	River Dell	Tuscarora Drive
Arrowhead Road	Concord Lane	High Mountain Rd	Monhegan Avenue	Robin Lane	Valley Forge
Barnard Drive	Conestoga Court	Hilltop Lane	Morningstar Lane	Rock Ledge	Vassar Place
Bears Den	Cornell Place	Hobart Place	Mountain Lakes Rd	Rutgers Drive	Washington St
Beech Street	Cree Court	Hobby Lane	Mt. Holyoke Drive	Saratoga Drive	Waters Edge
Blackfoot Trail	Crooked Hill	Hopi Court	Oneida Avenue	Seminole Avenue	Wayside Mews
Boulder Run	Dartmouth Way	Hunters Run	Osage Road	Seneca Avenue	Wellesley Drive
Brandywine Pl	Eagle Crest	Ithaca Place	Oswego Avenue	Seton Hall Drive	Wenonah Ave
Brook Hollow	Falling Waters	Iroquois Avenue	Overlook Ridge	Shadow Lane	Whispering Woods
Calumet Avenue	Fieldstone Court	Judith Lane	Patriots Way	Shelly Street	Whittier Lane
Cardinal Drive	Foothills Lane	Kingsley Evans Circle	Pawnee Avenue	Shoshone Path	Wichita Path
Cayuga Avenue	Fordham Road	Kiowa Terrace	Pequot Path	Sienna Way	Wilson Street
Chapel Hill Rd	Forest Street	Knoll Woods	Pima Court	Sky Top Ridge	Winding Ridge
Cherokee Trail	Franklin Avenue	Lakeside Boulevard	Pine Crest Drive	Stevens Place	Woodcrest
Cheyenne Court	Gates End	Lee Way	Point View	Stony Point Road	Woods End
Chicasaw Drive	Geronimo Way	Lehigh Way	Powhatan Path	Tecumseh Trail	Yale Way
Chuckanutt Dr	Glen Gray Road	Loyola Place	Princeton Terrace	Thackeray Road	Yuma Court
Church Lane	Greene Way	Manito Avenue	Purdue Avenue		

GARBAGE / RECYCLING SCHEDULE ENCLOSED

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