

RECYCLING / GARBAGE NEWSLETTER

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Oakland residents have year-round Garbage collection twice per week based on your side of town. In the case of a holiday, pickup is skipped until the next regularly scheduled garbage collection day.

- Monday and Thursday garbage collection on the South side
- Tuesday and Friday garbage collection on the North side

Both sides of town have a Recyclables collection every Wednesday.

Paper/ Cardboard or Commingled (bottles, cans, containers) are collected on alternate weeks.

Please check the enclosed dates for which material goes out on a particular day.

Residents must properly separate recyclables into two separate containers for collection or they cannot be picked up and will be left at the curb.

Aerosol cans are not permitted in recyclables. Place in regular garbage.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Two 32-gallon garbage cans and up to three large household items (such as furniture, mattresses, and box springs) are eligible for pickup on any one collection day. Do not use oversized cans or any full can weighing more than 50 pounds. **Carpet/padding must be cut, rolled, and tied in three-foot lengths weighing no more than 50 pounds.** There is a limit of one room of carpet in each collection.

Any excess amounts of garbage beyond these limits must wait for the next collection day. No home renovation material is allowed for curbside pickup. Please arrange for your own dumpster, contractor, or private hauling company to take away material.

Garbage and Recycling barrels must be placed at the curb by 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 4:00 pm prior to the day of collection. All empty barrels need to be removed from the curb before 9:00 pm on collection day. **Please retrieve your empty cans from the curb as soon as possible.**

All Oakland garbage and recycling curbside collections are for residential homes only. No commercial businesses get picked up. Every attempt is made to collect garbage and recyclables during inclement weather, although severe weather conditions may delay or cancel collections. Thank you for understanding.

HOLIDAYS

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

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Garbage collection skipped to next pickup
May 27	Memorial Day	Garbage/yard waste collection skipped to next pickup
July 4	4 th of July	Garbage collection skipped to next pickup
Sept 2	Labor Day	Garbage/yard waste collection skipped to next pickup
Nov 28	Thanksgiving	Garbage collection skipped to next pick up
Dec 25	Christmas	Recycling collection skipped to next pickup

RECYCLE COACH

For residents looking to reduce their household waste and become better recyclers, you can access the Recycle Coach platform from your desktop computer, mobile device, or through digital assistants like Alexa or Google Home. Recycle Coach makes it easy to get free information for thousands of household items.

- Become recycling experts with a comprehensive “What Goes Where?” search tool for common and uncommon items
- Access the collections schedule and automatic reminders tailored to your address.
- Take the “What Type of Recycler Are You?” quiz for useful tips and tricks
- Help increase Oakland's recycling rates and decrease contamination in our recycling stream
Download the Recycle Coach app for free at the iTunes Store or Google Play or go to <https://www.oakland-nj.org/public-works/pages/recycling>.

DUAL STREAM RECYCLING

Recyclable material must be separated from garbage at the source as per **NJ State law since 1987**.

Recyclable materials should be placed in a blue recycling barrel so materials can be easily identified and distinguished from regular garbage. **Please use the lid to keep moisture out of the paper/cardboard.**

Do not use any type or color of plastic bags to hold Paper/Cardboard or Commingled.

Plastic bags contaminate the recycling load and cannot be recycled in Oakland's curbside collection.

Recyclables placed in plastic bags will be left at the curb.

The Borough of Oakland collects plastic film in two marked drop off bins located at the Danny Hughes Playground Parking Lot, 83 Oak Street. Do not use cardboard boxes for holding household garbage but do include them in your paper/cardboard recycling.

The Oakland Department of Public Works at 63 Oak Street sells the blue 32-gallon Recycling Barrel with lid for \$20.00. **Please bring cash in the exact dollar amount or check.** No credit cards are accepted.

Recyclable material placed at the curb is Borough of Oakland property. Notify the Oakland Police Department at 201-337-6171 if you see anyone other than our regular garbage hauler removing recyclables.

TOWNWIDE RECYCLING PICKUP EVERY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE DUAL STREAM RECYCLING DAYS IN 2024

DUAL STREAM	PAPER/CARDBOARD	COMMINGLED
JANUARY	10 & 24	3 & 17 & 31
FEBRUARY	7 & 21	14 & 28
MARCH	6 & 20	13 & 27
APRIL	3 & 17	10 & 24
MAY	1 & 15 & 29	8 & 22
JUNE	12 & 26	5 & 19
JULY	10 & 24	3 & 17 & 31
AUGUST	7 & 21	14 & 28
SEPTEMBER	4 & 18	11 & 25
OCTOBER	2 & 16 & 30	9 & 23
NOVEMBER	13 & 27	6 & 20
DECEMBER	11 (No pickup on 25)	4 & 18

Please refer to these dates to determine which material to put out on a particular collection day. Paper/Cardboard **or** Commingled are picked up on alternating weeks. If a Wednesday recycling collection falls on a holiday, the makeup day is Thursday.

CARDBOARD AND ALL TYPES OF PAPER

Paper and cardboard are valuable recyclables and marketable commodities. Do not use cardboard boxes as a garbage receptacle but dispose of them properly with your paper recyclables. **Empty the boxes of all Styrofoam, peanut packaging, plastic, trash, etc.** This is strictly a paper/cardboard fiber collection only.

If pizza boxes are clean, they should be placed to the curb with other papers. Soiled pizza boxes go in the regular garbage collection. **Do not include cards containing batteries (musical greeting cards).**

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS include

- **Mixed Paper**
 - Newspapers / Magazines / Catalogs / Telephone Books
 - Junk Mail / Envelopes / Flyers
 - Paperbacks / Hard Covered Books (remove hard cover and discard in garbage)
 - Office / School Papers / Scrap / Computer Paper
 - Wrapping Paper (no foil paper) / Paper Bags
 - Shredded Paper (in paper bags)
- **Cardboard**
 - Flattened Boxes / Corrugated Cardboard / Paper Board
 - Cereal / Soda or Beer Boxes / Paper Egg Cartons / Shoe Boxes
 - Pasta / Frozen Food / Cookie Boxes / Clean Pizza Boxes
 - Tissue Boxes / Paper Towel or Toilet Paper Cardboard Rolls

COMMINGLED – GLASS, ALUMINUM, CANS, PLASTICS

Commingled recyclables can be placed together in your recycling barrel. Empty and rinse out recyclable items prior to putting them in your barrel. **Never use any kind of plastic bags to hold recyclables.**

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS include

- **Plastic Containers of Grades #1, 2 or 5 Only**
 - Soda / Water / Soft Drink Bottles / Milk Jugs / Caps (must be marked)
 - Dairy / Yogurt / Margarine Containers / Cooking Oil / Salad Dressing Bottles
 - Laundry Detergent / Shampoo Bottles / Aspirin Containers
- **Glass Bottles and Jars**
 - Glass Containers of all colors
 - Beverage Bottles and Food Jars (clean)
- **Metal Cans**
 - Aluminum Cans (Soda, Beer) / Aluminum Foil / Aluminum Trays (if clean)
 - Tin / Steel Cans (Soup, Fruit, Tuna)
 - Pet Food Cans (clean) / Coffee Cans / Food and Drink Cans

DO NOT INCLUDE with recyclables

- Lids, Tops, Straws
- Plastics Grade #3, #4, #6, #7 or no number
- Pizza Boxes (Containing grease), Food Platters
- Drink or Squeezable Snack Pouches
- Plastic Bags (Shopping, Dry Cleaning)
- Ziploc, Frozen Food Bags, Saran Wrap
- Plastic or Styrofoam Clamshell Containers
- Plastic Plates, Cups or Utensils
- Styrofoam (Coffee cups, plates)
- Polystyrene of any kind (Packaging Peanuts)
- Flowerpots or plant trays
- Pots, Pans, Dishes, General household items
- Ceramics, Pottery, Glass vases
- Batteries of any kind
- Paint cans
- Pesticide, Antifreeze, Motor oil containers
- Mirrors, Windowpanes, Lightbulbs
- Small Appliances or Electronics
- Liquids or Garbage
- Rigid Plastics (Toys, Crates, Lawn Furniture)
- 5 Gallon Buckets, Kitty Litter Buckets
- Pool Toys, Floats or Covers
- Tarps, Coolers
- PVC Pipes, Hoses, Electrical Cords
- Car Seats, Tires
- Needles or Syringes
- Scrap Metal, Wire, Cables

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 Bergen County Utilities Authority location for a fee.

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

Please call the D.P.W. the week of the pickup date before 4:00pm at 201-337-8104 ext. 3001 or 3002 to be put on the collection list. Place material at the curb by your driveway the night before collection, where it can be easily seen.

Electronics accepted for recycling include

- Computers (desktop or portable)
- Circuit Boards / Hard Drives / PC Cards
- Modems / Video Game Consoles
- Radio / Stereo
- Keyboards / Mouse / Computer Parts
- Cell Phones
- Large or Small Copiers / Printers
- Fax Machines / Scanners
- Monitors
- Televisions

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 all N.J. regulations.

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND METALS

Appliances and other Metals are collected on the **2nd Thursday** of every month.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
11	8	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12

Please call the D.P.W. the week of the pickup date before 4:00pm at 201-337-8104 ext. 3001 or 3002 if you are putting out appliances with cooling elements, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, dehumidifiers, ice makers, etc. Remove the refrigerator doors for child safety before putting them out to the curb.

- **Other metal materials do not have to be called into the DPW.**

Acceptable Metal items include household appliances such as washer, dryer, stove, hot water heater, metal shelving, barbecue grill (no propane tank or cover), all metal furniture, microwaves, push mower and snow blower. **Empty all gas and oil from push mowers or snow blowers before pick-up.** Riding mowers or other heavy, large items are not permitted in the collection.

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 yard waste pickup falls on Memorial Day or Labor Day holiday, there is a makeup collection the next day (Tuesday).**

This service begins Monday, April 8, 2024 or Tuesday, April 9, 2024 and ends Monday, December 9, 2024 or Tuesday, December 10, 2024. There is no yard waste collection during the winter months. Yard waste is never permitted in the household garbage collection. Do not put any yard waste in plastic bags.

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 green/orange landscaper barrels or large wheeled barrels allowed. Small paper grocery bags or plastic bags of any kind or color are prohibited. Yard waste in plastic bags must be left at the curb, not collected. The compost facility is not open to the public. All collections are done curbside from residential homes. No commercial properties.

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 also be put in a garbage can if not sticking out the top or overweight. Pumpkins can be put in the yard waste collection. Trees, logs, stumps, or machined wood (2x4's etc.) are not eligible for pickup. Please make your own arrangements for disposal of these large and heavy items.

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 from curbside on a random basis during the entire month of January. Remove any plastic bag, lights, decorations, or tree stand from the tree before putting it out to the curb for the DPW to collect.

Tree Removal Permit: Call the Oakland Shade Tree Commission at 201-337-8104 ext. 3022. They will come out to your property and inspect the tree or trees before you can be issued a permit.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff pollution is a big challenge to clean water and can contaminate our drinking water, kill fish, wildlife, and plants, and negatively impact recreational activity such as swimming, fishing, and boating. Runoff is washed by rain into storm drains which flow directly into streams, lakes, rivers or the ocean.

- Use fertilizer sparingly and sweep off driveways and sidewalks. Too much fertilizer washing into a lake can cause an algae bloom. Choose a low phosphorus, slow-release nitrogen fertilizer
- Don't dump anything in storm drains – detergents, motor oil, gas, anti-freeze, pesticides
- Clean up after your dog and dispose of waste properly
- Throw your trash in the garbage. Please do not litter
- Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground or out the window of a car. This is the number one littered item in the USA and lit cigarettes can cause forest fires
- Please keep catch basins clear of any debris if you have one near your house

Please report any littering or illegal dumping to the Oakland Police Department at 201-337-6171

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Recyclable batteries only are accepted in collection boxes at the D.P.W. building and in Borough Hall. This collection is for residents only (no businesses). **Alkaline batteries are not considered hazardous waste and are safe to dispose of in the garbage.** Specifically, 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 to place individual batteries safely. Large batteries (car, motorcycle, boat etc.) are **not accepted.** Most auto parts stores or gas stations accept them for recycling.

ADDITIONAL 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 considered a hazardous material and should be brought to the BCUA hazardous waste collections sites in liquid form. Latex or **water-based paint** in solid form is not hazardous. You may dry out water-based paint with kitty litter or speedy dry until it is no longer pourable (solidified). Keep the lid off and place in a plastic bag to safely dispose of in the regular garbage collection. **Paint cans are not recyclable.**

Plastic film/bags may be recycled by bringing these items to the drop off bin located in the Danny Hughes Playground Parking Lot (81 Oak Street).

Styrofoam (Polystyrene foam): The Oakland Green Team will be hosting Styrofoam drives on the following dates located at in the Borough Hall parking lot (1 Municipal Plaza):

January 13 th from 9:00am – 12:00pm	Inclement Weather Makeup Date: January 14 th
April 6 th from 9:00am – 12:00pm	Inclement Weather Makeup Date: April 7 th
July 15 th from 9:00am – 12:00pm	Inclement Weather Makeup Date: July 16 th
September 14 th from 9:00am – 12:00pm	Inclement Weather Makeup Date: September 15 th

Residential Paper Shredding Event: In addition to accepting shredded paper as part of the curbside recycling program, the Borough also hosts a yearly paper shredding event. Confidential documents and files are shredded securely on site. Commercial and business documents are not accepted. The event is usually held on a Saturday in May or June between 9:00am-1:00pm in the Borough Hall parking lot (rain or shine). **A date for 2024 has not yet been set. Check the Borough website and social media for updates.** Items not accepted are hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, photographs, binders, x-rays, plastic or non- paper materials.

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

Construction waste material is the responsibility of the generator (homeowner, contractor or business). **Building or renovation materials are never 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 concrete, brick, block, asphalt or stone. No railroad ties, pianos, hot tubs, etc.

If you have bulk waste or large heavy items, please make private arrangements for your own dumpster, removal by contractor, or private hauling company to dispose of material.

GARBAGE COLLECTION STREETS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024

Monday and Thursday

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	Truman Blvd
Bailey Avenue	East Court	Lakeshore Drive	North Shore	Avenue Roosevelt	Valley View Ave
Bannehr Street	Edison Avenue	Lakeview Terrace	Drive Oak Street	Bldv 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 Ave	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	Poplar Street	Silver Birch Ave	West Sheffield St
Cedar Street	Grandview Ave	Maple Avenue	Post Road	Sioux Avenue	West Street
Center Avenue	Grove Street	Martha Place	Potash Road	Skyline Drive	Winters Street
Center Street	Hannah Road	McCoy Road	Powdermill	South Shore	Wright Way
Court House Pl	Hatfield Road	McNomee Street	Lane Ramapo	Drive Spear Street	Yawpo Avenue
Crosby Lane	Hemlock Street	Mohawk Avenue	Avenue Ramapo	Spring Avenue	
Dacotah Avenue	Hickory Drive	Morton Place	Terrace	Spruce Street	
Deer Lawn Court	Hillside Avenue	Mountain View Ave	Ramapo Valley Rd.	Stone Fence Road	
Deer Ledge Rd	Hopper Street	Muller Road	(Rt.202 S of Rt.287)		

Tuesday and Friday

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