

# YARD WASTE & BULK PICK-UP PROGRAMS 2020

## YARD WASTE DUMPSTER ACCESS STARTS APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Residents will be allowed to put yard waste in their City of Brook Park issued Black Rubbish container under the following conditions:**

- The yard waste and your regular rubbish together cannot exceed the volume of your Black Rubbish container.
- All yard waste must be in a bag.

**If your yard waste exceeds the capacity of your Black Rubbish Cart you can:**

- Purchase one additional Black Rubbish Cart at the City's current cost.
- Bring your yard waste to the Service Dept. located at 19065 Holland Road. Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Under No Circumstances** can yard waste be placed in the Blue Recycle containers or **in non city issued containers**. Any questions call Rubbish Hotline leave a message and a representative will call you back.

## BULK PICK-UP / Starting Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Residents may utilize 12 designated Bulk Monday Pick-Ups per year.**

- Bulk Pick-Up will occur on the *second Monday of each month*.
- Residents will be required to call in all Bulk Pick-Up requests. Deadline will be the Friday before by 12:00 pm. This allows for a more efficient route schedule. This requirement will be strictly enforced. If an address is not on that particular Bulk Mondays List, the rubbish will not be picked up.
- Any unscheduled Bulk stop will be subject to a pick-up fee and/or fines will be assessed to the violation address, per City Ordinance #933.06.
- **Residents can still schedule Large Volume pick-up twice each calendar year.** Monitored address list.
- Large Volume pick-ups must be scheduled in advance. Please call the Rubbish Hotline at (216)433-7189 for available dates.
- **Rubbish outside any household may be subject to fines per City Ordinance #1363.01**

**Any questions or concerns, call the Rubbish Hotline at (216) 433-7189.**

# 5 Ways to Recycle Right.

- Leave recyclables loose – not bagged. Plastic bags do not belong in your recycling bin or cart. Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facilities and cause major problems for the recycling process. Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at many retail locations, including Giant Eagle, Lowe's Home Improvement, Marc's, Target and Walmart stores.
- Make sure it's clean and empty. Rinse residue from cartons, containers, bottles and jars or any other recyclable that may contain food particles. For example, greasy pizza boxes are not accepted.
- Keep it dry. When it comes to paper and cardboard, keeping it dry is imperative for the recycling process. Please flatten all cardboard boxes as well.
- Don't Wishcycle. Think you can throw everything into your recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling plant? Think again. Recycling only these five core items is paramount: cans, cartons, glass bottles and jars, paper and boxes along with plastic bottles and jugs. See [www.cuyahogarecycles.org/how\\_to\\_recycle](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org/how_to_recycle)
- Join a social media community. Share a post. Do a story. Get engaged with the social media accounts in your community. You can find Cuyahoga Recycles on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Learn more at [CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org)



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## CANS



Empty and Rinse.

## CARTONS



Empty and Rinse.  
Replace Cap.

## GLASS



Empty and Rinse.

## PAPER & BOXES



Flatten Cardboard.

## PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS



Empty and Rinse.  
Replace Cap.

Place these items loose – not bagged – in your recycling container.

# Leave These Out of Your Curbside Recycling

It's important to recycle correctly. Some items don't belong in your curbside recycling.

## Other Recycling

Many items can be recycled, reused or donated elsewhere. Here are some examples:



LIGHT STRINGS



CLOTHING



COMPUTERS



HOUSEHOLD GOODS



SHREDDED PAPER



PLASTIC BAGS



SCRAP METAL



TIRES



CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS



PROPANE TANKS

## Proper Disposal

Some items require special handling for proper disposal.



LATEX PAINT



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



NEEDLES



MEDICATIONS



FLUORESCENT BULBS

## Landfill

Not everything can be recycled. Place these items in the trash.



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# City of Brook Park Rubbish Collection

## Rules & Regulations

The City of Brook Park provides curb side collection to residential homes and condominiums. This service includes a weekly collection of household rubbish and provides an alternating week of recyclable collection. All waste material must be separated and prepared in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- 1.** YOU MUST PLACE your household trash on the curb in City approved containers. All homes will be issued rubbish and recycling containers that are the property of the City of Brook Park. One (1) 95 gallon black container will be issued for garbage and one (1) 95 gallon blue container will be issued for recyclables. YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PAINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS OR ANYTHING ON CITY OWNED CONTAINERS. All rubbish must be placed inside the City approved containers. Rubbish will not be collected if not in approved containers. Do not place rubbish in recycling containers. DO NOT OVER FILL CONTAINERS.
- 2.** ALL OTHER CONTAINERS such as standard plastic, galvanized cans or laundry baskets are not acceptable and will not be emptied.
- 3.** PLEASE BAG ALL RUBBISH, secure the bag with a tie and place in your 95 gallon rubbish container.
- 4.** DO NOT PLACE your City container on the curb prior to 5 p.m. the day before collection or later than 5 a.m. on the day of collection.
- 5.** HAVE YOUR CITY TRASH and recycle containers at least 3 ft. apart, side by side along the curb so that the truck's mechanical arm can lift with ease to avoid obstructions. Other obstructions to avoid are fire hydrants, trees, telephone poles and signs.
- 6.** EMPTY CONTAINERS must be removed from the tree lawn, no later than 24 hours after they have been emptied.
- 7.** THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS will not be collected: earth, rocks, broken concrete or materials left by a contractor.
- 8.** TIRES are not accepted. Please call the Service Department at 216-433-7189 for disposal options.
- 9.** Fall Leaf Program: will begin in *Mid-October thru Mid-December and will end at Service Directors good judgement and/or weather permitting*. LEAVES should be placed on the tree lawn for vacuum collection... It is illegal to place leaves in the street.
- 10.** **Yard Waste** grass clippings and/or bundled branches *will no longer be considered* a Bulk Item and will need to be dropped off at the Service Dept. 19065 Holland Road and placed into designated roll off containers. **Beginning April 13, 2020.**
- 11.** **ALL BRANCHES** must be no longer than 4ft in length (maximum 6-inch diameter); they must be bundled, no heavier than 50lbs. and neatly stacked-in **Roll Off Container**.
- 12.** DO NOT PLACE PAINT IN RUBBISH OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS. All waste paint must be dropped off at the Service Garage, 19065 Holland Road during working hours, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 13.** HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE – poisons or any material of any toxic nature are to be dropped off at the Service Garage during working hours, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 14.** OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS: There is no Rubbish collection on City holidays. When a holiday falls on your scheduled collection day (Tuesday thru Friday), all collections for that day (garbage, recyclables will be cancelled and collected the following day. All collections for the remainder of that particular week are delayed for one day.
- 15.** **BULK MONDAYS:** The city will provide a once a month Bulk Pick Up on the second Monday of each month, These Mondays are located on your yearly calendar. You **Must** call our **Rubbish Hot Line** to schedule a pick up at (216)433-7189 the **FRIDAY** before no later than 12:00pm. The following are acceptable Bulk Items: dressers, mattresses, couches, chairs, recliners, bookcases, household doors, storm doors, storm windows, bicycles, basketball hoops (Dismantled), fluorescent bulbs, televisions and appliances. Carpeting must be bundled / rolled, tied, no longer than 4ft. long and weighing no more than 50 lbs.
- 16.** SPECIAL PICK-UP LARGE VOLUME – The City will provide (2) special pick-ups per year per home for City residents. Special pick-ups consist of house, garage and move out clean outs of household trash and bulk items. Please call the Service Department at 216-433-7189 to schedule a special pick-up.
- 17.** LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES are not a curb side recycle item. Please utilize drop off locations; West End Fire Station, Aerospace Pump Station, Building Department, Service Garage, Recreation Center, American Legion Park and the Waterpark.
- 18.** **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** – For the health and safety of Service Dept. laborers and their families; all **Mattresses** and **Box Springs** must be placed in zipped or taped up mattress bags. These bags can be purchased at **U-Haul** and home improvement stores.

**AUTOMATED RUBBISH HOT LINE**  
**216-433-7189**

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide efficient service for our residents at the lowest cost. Practical reasons exist for the limitations listed. For example; weight and size limits are imposed as a safety measure for our employees and also due to the size of opening on our collection truck.



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# BULK PICKUP & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2020



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Brook Park, Ohio 44142



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## BULK PICK-UP / Starting Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### YARD WASTE

Effective April 13th, 2020 residents will be able to drop off yard waste at the Service Dept. located at:

19065 Holland Road.

Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m.

Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- **April 13th, 2020.** Residents will be able to drop off all bagged yard waste or bundled tree branches at the Service Dept. (No Plastic Bags)
- April 13th, 2020 thru Mid to Late November, weather permitting: Yard Waste dumpsters will be available at the Service Dept. / **NO CONTRACTORS** / Proof of residence will be required.
- **Fall Leaf Program:** will commence Mid-October thru Mid-December –begins and will end at Service Directors good judgment and/or weather permitting.

### BULK PICK-UP

- Bulk Monday's will continue to be the **Second Monday of each month.** (Once a month)

### SHRED IT DAYS

The city of Brook Park is pleased to offer a shredding service to our residents the following days at the Service Garage, located at 19065 Holland Road.

**Saturday, April 18th, 2020 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2020 10a.m. to 1 p.m.**

A shredding truck from **Shred-Rite** will be available for free, quick and easy disposal of sensitive documents.

We will be accepting **Residential Documents** only. No Business (**Large or Small**) will be able to participate in these events.

Call our Rubbish Hotline: (216) 433-7189 with any questions or concerns or visit our website: [www.cityofbrookpark.com](http://www.cityofbrookpark.com) • Service Dept. is located at 19065 Holland Road



Michael D. Gammella  
Mayor

# BULK PICKUP & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2020

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■ Black Dates – Rubbish only. ■ Blue Dates – Rubbish & Recycling. ■ SHRED IT DAYS. ◇ Start and end dates for roll off containers. April 13th through Nov. 21th. ○ Dates designated as bulk pick-up. Must call to schedule Bulk Pick-Up the Friday before by noon.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## The Top 9 Things You Should Know About Recycling in Cuyahoga County

### Q1. Why is recycling important?

When you recycle, your used items get a new life. Some materials can travel through the recycling process and be back on store shelves in as little as 30 days! Your aluminum cans, cartons, paper, plastic water bottles and cereal boxes can become many different things.

Additionally, recycling conserves land and natural resources. When you recycle, you keep materials out of landfills where they do not decompose. Instead, you are sending them to a recycling facility to be turned into something useful. Products made with recyclable material use fewer natural resources and energy, making recycling a sustainable activity that also supports local jobs. Recycling is good for the earth and the people who live here now and in the future!

### Q2. Why were the rules for recycling in Cuyahoga County changed?

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has launched a countywide education program because people are often confused about what can and cannot be recycled. The rules for recycling have been updated to make them easier to understand. Simply put, the items that you should recycle – no matter where you live in Cuyahoga County – include cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes along with plastic bottles and jugs. Bottles and jugs should be emptied and rinsed with the caps put back on and then placed loose, not bagged, into your recycling container. Cardboard boxes should be emptied and flattened.

Part of the campaign helps residents understand which plastics can be recycled since not all plastics are recyclable. We no longer refer to the number on the container, because not all numbered items can be recycled. Now we talk about the shape of the container. All empty plastic bottles or jugs can be placed in your curbside recycling. This includes items like water and soda bottles, shampoo bottles, milk, water and juice jugs, laundry detergent jugs and bleach bottles. Bottles and jugs should be emptied and rinsed. Replace the cap and put in your curbside recycling.

Other plastics like Styrofoam™, plastic cups and the new clamshell containers for lettuce and berry containers cannot be recycled.

### Q3. What happens to my recyclables once they are picked up?

Whether your recycling is picked up by your city or a private company, recyclables from Cuyahoga County go to one of three Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in the area. Each MRF is owned and operated by a private company (Kimble Co. in Twinsburg, Republic Services in Oberlin and Waste Management in Akron). Each MRF accepts, sorts and processes tons of recyclables every day. All of these facilities accept metal cans, cartons, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper and cardboard, along with plastic bottles and jugs.

A MRF is a large sortation facility with many conveyor belts and machinery. Here, recycling trucks are weighed before tipping their loads on the building floor. Mixed recyclables are then scooped up by a front-end loader and placed on the sorting line. Large objects and contamination are removed first. The recyclables then travel through an automated sorting system which uses a disk screen, magnets, optical sorters and workers on the line to separate the materials.

The sorted materials are baled and sold to manufacturers who make them into a variety of new products. For instance, your cereal boxes may become a game board or paper towels. Your aluminum cans may become new soda cans or airplane parts. Glass bottles may become kitchen tiles and your soup cans may become new bikes or even a bridge. The cycle is endless.

### Q4. What if residents put the wrong things in their recycling?

If you put items in your recycling that are not accepted for recycling at the MRF, 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. Eventually, this cost could be passed on to your community because the contaminants must be sorted out and landfilled. That is why it is important to recycle properly. Many items that cannot be recycled at the MRF may be recyclable elsewhere.

### Q5. If a resident moves to a different city outside of Cuyahoga County, will the rules for recycling change again?

The District has developed a common list of recyclables that apply to every community in Cuyahoga County. While collection methods may look a little different from community to community, the materials that should be recycled are the same and include cans, cartons, glass, paper and cardboard along with plastic bottles and jugs.

Communities make their own rules when it comes to the type of recycling container that is used and their collection set-out rules, but the materials that should be included in curbside recycling are the same across Cuyahoga County and also apply to many of our neighboring counties. That is because

we all use the same three Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to process our collected recyclables.

### Q6. What about recycling for other things that don't fall under the categories of cans, cartons, glass, paper and cardboard along with plastic bottles and containers?

The District sponsors many special collections for what we call "Other Recycling," including household hazardous waste and electronics. Collections take place at the District headquarters as well as in most communities either year-round or on designated dates. Additionally, many charitable organizations accept donations of clothing and furniture. Search your items on [CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org) to learn best practices for recycling.

#### Clothing/Household Goods

DO NOT place in your curbside recycling. Donate usable items instead.

#### Computers/Electronics

Recycle through your community's Computer Round-Up event or through a local electronics recycler and at some retail locations. .

#### Construction Materials/Concrete

Waste from remodeling projects can be taken to a construction debris landfill or a recycler.

#### Plastic Bags/Film

Recycle at a grocery or retail store that offers a plastic bag collection bin. Keep it loose. DO NOT put recycling in bags or place plastic bags and film in your curbside recycling. The bags tangle up in the recycling equipment at the Material Recovery Facility.

#### Scrap Metal

Appliances and other metal objects can be recycled through your community's bulk waste collection or local scrap metal recycler.

#### Shredded Paper

DO NOT place in your curbside recycling but recycle in a Paper Retriever® or River Valley Paper drop-off bin. The green and yellow bins are located in the parking lots of some schools, churches and retail stores.

#### Tires

When you buy new tires, recycle your old ones at the time of purchase and pay the small fee. Businesses with tires to dispose should contact the District for State rules on tire transportation and disposal.

### Q7. What about things that can't be recycled curbside or elsewhere?

Many items simply need proper disposal. Here are some of the top items:

#### Household Hazardous Waste

Recycle through Brook Park's Household Hazardous Waste program. Items collected include oil-based paints, lawn and garden chemicals and automotive fluids.

#### Medication

Do not flush or put down a drain. Unused or expired prescription medications can be safely disposed at police stations that offer a RX drop-box.

#### Needles/Sharps

NEVER place in your curbside recycling. Needles and sharps from home injections should be placed in a rigid plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle then sealed securely and disposed with your trash.

#### Paint - Latex

Latex paint is not hazardous but should be dried out before disposing in your trash. Use cat litter, Oil-Dri or other absorbent product to harden the paint. Replace the lid and place in a trash bag before disposing.

#### Styrofoam™

Styrofoam™ cups and containers are not recyclable. Dispose in your trash.

#### Other

Find a comprehensive list of many different items in the "What Do I Do With?" search engine on [CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org)

### Q8. Why do plastics have numbers inside recycling symbols if they're not recyclable?

The numbers on plastic containers are resin codes used by the plastics industry to identify the type of chemicals used to make the container. The codes do not always mean that the item is recyclable, so we no longer look at the numbers on plastics to determine if it goes in curbside recycling.

The shape of the container 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.