

Items Excluded from the City's Recycling Collection

- #1 & #2 plastic hinged containers & clamshells, take-out containers, fast food cups, plates or plastic utensils.
- Glass bottles & jars.
- #3-#7 plastics.
- Any item not specifically listed under 'Recycling Collection'.
- Containers with foods or liquids.
- Containers that contained hazardous materials such as oil or antifreeze.
- Plastic Bags, plastic wrap, flower pots, hoses, mirrors, plastic toys, etc.
- Styrofoam, aluminum foil, pie tins.
- Scrap metal, plastic furniture or batteries.
- Pet waste or yard waste.

For more information Download *Oberlin's free Refuse & Recycling app* from the City's Refuse & Recycling webpage as well as additional recycling events, information and pick-up collection schedule specific to your house address. The mobile app will also send a reminder before your collection day so you'll never miss your recycling pick-up day again!

Information, news updates, forms and more can be found on the City's Public Works webpage – www.CityofOberlin.com, *Refuse & Recycling*.

Rear yard collection service is available for elderly or infirm residents. Please call the Public Works Department for more information.

Questions? Contact Public Works at 440-775-7218; office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. – Fri. Or email Recycle@cityofoberlin.com.

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Additional recycling drop-off options:

- Please continue to support the **Paper Retriever** program by recycling **office paper, magazines, newspapers, paperback books, catalogs, shredded paper secured in clear plastic or paper bag(s), school paper, junk mail and phone books** in the green & yellow bins throughout Oberlin.
- **Plastic bags** – Walmart, Discount Drug Mart, Kohl's, and Giant Eagle stores accept plastic #2 & #4 plastic bags. Check store programs for additional acceptable plastic recycling items. Bags must be clean & dry.
- **Household hazardous waste, electronics, fluorescent lamps, bulbs, tubes, ballasts, scrap tires, ink/toner cartridges, rechargeable batteries and much more** can be dropped-off and recycled at the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District *Collection Center*, 540 S. Abbe Road, Elyria. Call 440-329-5440.
- **CFL & LED bulbs; Used tooth brushes, empty toothpaste tubes, empty floss containers and their packaging; metal lids from food jars; and PakTech 2, 4 & 6 ring carriers** can be dropped off at City Hall, 85 S. Main, 8am-4:30pm, M-F.
- **Drop-off old Eyeglasses**, (readers, sun & kids glasses too) in the **Lions, Recycle for Sight -Collection Box** located in the office at 309 W. Lorain, Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye West. They accept both prescription and non-prescription eyewear, in adults' and children's sizes.
- **Styrofoam – Not recyclable curbside.** No type of Styrofoam is recyclable through the city's commercial or residential recycling program.
- **Used motor oil, transmission fluid and hydraulic oil**, can be taken to Advance Auto Parts.
- **Furniture, seasonal clothing** – Oberlin Community Services, 440-774-6579. Goodwill Industries of Lorain County, 440-244-3174.



City of Oberlin



Residential Refuse & Recycling Guidelines



440-775-7218

General Information

The City of Oberlin Public Works Department provides refuse, recycling and organics collection services to our residents. Refuse collection services are provided on a weekly basis. Refuse is collected from your 64 gallon, black-lid cart at curbside. **Recycling collection is available as a free subscription-based, opt-in service.** Please visit the City's web-site at CityofOberlin.com to sign up. Participants are required to sign a **Recycling Pledge** in order to opt-in. Recycling collection services are provided on a bi-weekly basis on the same day as your refuse collection service. Recycling is collected from your 64 gallon cart with the blue lid. Carts are the property of the City of Oberlin. The City also provides seasonal brush, leaf and yard waste collection services. Please visit our web-site for more information.

Residential Collection Days: Tuesday – Thursday, 52 weeks a year, **including all holidays.**

Time of Collection: Place carts no earlier than 12:00 p.m. on the day before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on collection day.

Container Placement: Place carts within 3 feet of the curb and **at least 5 feet apart, with the wheels facing your house.** Do not place carts near trees, mailboxes or other fixed objects.

Cart care is the resident's responsibility.

Refuse Collection

A 64-gallon cart with a black lid has been provided for your garbage and refuse. Only these containers can be used for weekly collection. **To minimize blowing litter, please bag your trash before putting it into your refuse cart. Do not jam or overfill bags into your recycling cart. Lids must close.**

Materials NOT permitted in cart:

- Hazardous, toxic or infectious waste
- Explosives or flammables
- Hot ashes
- Large car parts, tires, batteries, etc.

Additional Services:

Additional Carts: A second 64-gallon cart is available upon request. In 2025, the monthly service fee increased to \$15.00; a second refuse cart is \$7.50 additional.

Temporary Dumpsters: The City provides temporary dumpster service for a fee. Please contact the Public Works Department for more information.





Large Trash Pick-up: Each residential property is entitled to two scheduled large trash collections per year of up to four cubic yards each (12' long x 3' wide x 3' high). Call the Public Works Department at least two weeks in advance. Service is scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Recycling Collection

Effective November, 2020: Residential customers must opt-in to participate in the City's bi-weekly curbside recycling collection program. Residents who wish to participate in the City's Recycling program must subscribe and take the [Recycling Subscription Pledge](#). A link to the pledge can be found at www.cityofoberlin.com/refuse-recycling. Residents without a computer can call 440-935-0096 for a paper copy to be mailed.

NO SORTING

Place loose and un-bagged in your recycling cart.

-  **Plastics: #1 and #2 bottles & jugs ONLY** – Including food, detergent, soap and shampoo bottles and jugs; (with a “neck”) – empty, rinse and flatten.
-  **Aluminum, Steel & Bi-metal:** food & beverage cans and lids, opened with a can opener or pull-top ring.
-  **Mixed Paper:** including newspaper & inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phonebooks, boxboard, paper bags, TP & paper towel tubes.
-  **Cardboard:** emptied and broken down.

Empty and rinse all containers and flatten all boxes.

Drop-off glass bottles & jars at the City's [Glass Recycling site](#), located at 505 Hill Creek Dr., Tues-Fri., 10am-3pm.

IMPORTANT: Do not place any glass items in your curbside recycling cart.

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