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Parma Heights' Green Refuse and Recycling Initiative

Republic Services is proud to introduce the City of Parma Heights' Green Refuse and Recycling Initiative, which will **automate the City's refuse collection system** and **recycling** at properties that receive refuse collection. Automated refuse collection is the most efficient and **cost effective** system available today, and recycling participation will **save tax dollars** by reducing disposal costs and will conserve natural resources. We know that change isn't always easy but these changes will provide efficient and cost-effective services while providing long-term economic and **environmental benefits** to the community.

- Automated Curbside Refuse Collection: Cart deliveries will begin the week of April 2nd, 2012. The 95 gallon or 65 gallon wheeled cart for seniors will be delivered to each residential address. Cart delivery will take 1-2 weeks. A refuse and Recycling Guide, prepared to increase your understanding of the curbside automated waste collection system and the recycling program, will be attached to each delivery cart. Residents who receive carts should begin using their cart and set it out for their next collection day.
- Recycling: Green 65 gallon Recycling container deliveries will begin the week of April 2nd, 2012 and may take up to two weeks to complete. All residential dwellings that receive Republic Services municipal solid waste collection services will be able to place all their recyclables in the container provided.

Republic Services Refuse and Recycling Regulations are enclosed for your information. Property owners, please make sure tenants are aware of these upcoming changes, and the rules and regulations, as you are responsible for their compliance. Some FAQ's are listed on the reverse side of this notice and may answer many of your questions. Contact Republic Services Customer Service Department at 1-800-433-1309. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or view the website at parmaheightsoh.gov for further information.

Frequently asked Questions

How to set out Carts: Place the carts on the side of the driveway approximately 3 feet from the curb with the arrows facing the street and at least 3 feet apart or on opposite sides of the driveway from each other.

When to set out Carts: Carts may be set out any time after 4:00 PM on the day before your collection day or by 7:00 AM on the collection day. Carts must be removed from the curb within 12 hours after collection and cannot be visible from the street per city ordinances.

What to put in the green cart: Cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, magazines, cereal boxes, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans and numbers 1 and 2 plastics. Place all items LOOSE in the cart. There is no need to bag the materials placed in the green recycling cart.

What not to put in green cart: Window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, mirrors or ceramics and plastic containers that are contaminated i.e., motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide and herbicide containers and those with food. Place the items listed above in trash container.

What to put in the blue cart: All household garbage and trash that will fit in the cart with the lid closed. Household garbage must be bagged.

What not to put in blue cart: Hazardous waste, paint, chemicals, motor oil, liquids, dead animals, hot ashes, large car parts, tires or car batteries. Small amounts of debris like plaster, dirt and drywall are acceptable.

What do I do with my yard waste?: Separate yard waste collection will take place from April 15th thru November 30th on your regular pickup day. Grass clippings and other yard waste should be placed in brown paper yard waste bags not to exceed 40 lbs. or residents may also place yard waste loose in their own 32 gallon cans marked yard waste. Small branches must be cut and bundled not to exceed 3 feet in length or 40 lbs. and should be placed next to yard waste bags or cans. Yard waste may also be placed in blue trash cart after bagging in a plastic bag.

What if I have more trash than will fit in the Cart? In addition to separating your yard waste from the trash most household's garbage and trash will fit easily in the cart provided as long as you are taking full advantage of the green recycle cart.

What do I do with my old unwanted household furniture and miscellaneous household junk, appliances etc.? Bulk items such as household furniture, appliances and miscellaneous unwanted household items can be placed at the curb on your regular collection day **beginning with the week of the third Monday of the month**. Remember that when placing an old refrigerator at the curb the doors must be removed and placed next to the refrigerator.

What if my cart is damaged or stolen? The homeowner is responsible for each cart. Contact Republic Services at 1-800-433-1309 for replacement details.

What if the garbage truck damages the container? Republic Services will repair or replace it free of charge.

Who owns the cart? Republic Services maintains ownership of the carts and should the home owner move the carts should be left at the house.

What about parked cars? The automated truck arm has a reach of 6 feet. The arm requires 3' clearance around the cart for the lifting mechanism to work properly. Cars parked too close or directly in front of the container will inhibit collection.

What if it snows? As long as carts are placed within 3' of the curb emptying the carts should not be a problem or set the cart out the following week once the weather improves.

Who is responsible when tenants do something wrong? Property owners are responsible for making sure their tenants are aware of and comply with the Rules and Regulations.

How do I know when to set my refuse cart, trash, and recyclables out during a holiday week? Recycling and Rubbish material will be picked up on the same day each week EXCEPT when a holiday falls on or before your regular pick up day. Then your recycling and rubbish materials will be collected one day late.

Holidays that affect collections are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Is there anything that Republic does not collect from the curb? Tires, motor oil, liquids, paint, contractor debris, or loose materials (not packaged or contained properly.) Contact Republic Services for additional disposal information at 1-800-433-1309. For information regarding the disposal of household's hazardous waste you may visit the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District website at: www.cuyahogaswd.org