



# Bay Recycles!

## Recycling begins @ home

### Curbside

The following items can be recycled curbside in Bay Village. The first four items will only be recycled if left in **blue bags** out at the curb:

1. **Cans** (aluminum, steel, tin and bi-metal cans from sodas or canned). All cans should be rinsed.
2. **Plastic bottles or containers with only the #1 or #2 recycle signs on the bottom.** The containers should be rinsed thoroughly and the caps should be removed and discarded in the trash. Plastics with other numbers **cannot** be recycled anywhere in Bay Village or in any neighboring communities at this time because there is not enough demand from companies that accept these items to recycle them into new materials and products.
3. **Glass** (bottles and jars, but not window glass or glass from household items such as drinking glasses).
4. **Newspaper** (must be in a separate blue bag from other recyclables) **No shiny paper** - shiny paper may be recycled at the Service Department in the Mixed Residential Paper Bin (Blue Bin).
5. **Appliances** - Residents disposing of appliances that contain Freon units such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc., should call the Service Department at 440-871-1221 to schedule a pick-up. All other appliances should be placed on the curb along with your refuse on your normal collection day. If the appliance is still operable, we encourage residents to visit the website of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD) at <http://cuyahogaswd.org/> to find information about how to arrange for pick-up of those items for donation purposes.
6. **Tree Limbs and Brush** - Collection of these materials operates year-round. All of the brush is taken to the Westlake/Bay Compost Facility where the brush is ground up and then sold to the public as shredded mulch. Service crews will pick up all brush that is placed at the curb, as long as it can be handled by one individual. Tree stumps and logs too large and heavy to be lifted by one individual will be left behind and not collected at that time.

Tree limbs needing additional manpower and/or equipment to pick up and remove will need to be scheduled at a time when the equipment and manpower are available. The Service Department will not pull crews off of a job assignment to make special pick-ups.

In order to avoid over-burdening the City's brush pick-up program, the Service Department requires that residents who hire contractors to trim or cut down trees or shrubs have the contractors remove the debris from the job site to avoid tying up the brush trucks and causing delays in the curbside pick-up program.

Maintaining two refuse trucks for the purpose of brush collection is costly. The Service Department asks that residents assist in keeping costs down by bundling brush when possible, eliminating small piles which create unnecessary stops by crews, and placing the brush on the tree lawn in a neat and orderly fashion so that crews can collect it and dispose of it quicker.

7. **Leaves** - Collection begins the third week in October. The Service Department will begin collection at the far east end of the town and works west until the entire city has been picked-up. This will be repeated until the end of the leaf collection program. Weekend pick-ups will be used primarily to catch up on routes and to pick up on main roads for traffic and drainage reasons. Leaf collection will terminate at the end of December. Leaves on the tree lawns after this date **must** be bagged and placed for pick up by the refuse contractor. We encourage residents to compost any small piles of leaves in their own yards or alternatively bag them for pick up by the refuse contractor.

It is imperative that only leaves be placed on the tree lawn for collection. Branches and other debris should not be included or mixed in with the leaves as this causes the suction tube to become clogged and downtime to occur. Leaves mixed with debris will not be picked up and must be bagged. Yard maintenance contractors shall be responsible for disposing of any and all yard waste material at a proper site and in a proper manner, as prescribed by law.

During leaf collection, the curbside brush pick-up will be limited to one vehicle due the need to place all available personnel on leaves. Residents can cut and bundle or put their brush in a container to be placed at the curb with their refuse to help the Service Department collect the leaves in the quickest and most effective manner.

Bay Village transports the leaves to the Westlake/Bay Compost Facility Center on Ranney Parkway in Westlake. It is at this facility where the leaves are composted into leaf humus, which is sold to the public. The humus is available from mid-April to November. See the last section of this document under "Other Environmental/Recycling Tips" for more information about purchasing leaf humus from the City.

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#### BV Green Team - **10 Steps to Sustainable Care of Your Property** by *Cornelia Ryan*

We are the stewards of the plot of land we call "ours". All of those little pieces comprise a whole and together make up an ecosystem...for us, for those around us, for those to follow us, for all of the creatures that live here and will continue to live here. ***We can be good stewards.***

**1. Use Water Wisely & Only When Needed** - keep the untreated rain water for landscape plants and to maintain the natural water table. Make use of rain-barrels, rain-gardens, permeable paving, and/or bio-swales.

Collecting rainwater helps to reduce overwhelming the storm sewer capabilities.

**2. Follow Integrated Pest Management Practices (IPM)** - know that insects can be beneficial; NOT ALL BUGS ARE BAD! Accept some degree of pest damage. If you must use a pesticide, use only the chemical to control that specific pest and spot treat only where needed. Apply pesticides when wind is minimal to avoid spread beyond plants being treated.

**3. Use Herbicides Sparingly** - accept some level of weed infiltration. If you must use an herbicide, use the chemical specific to the weed to be eradicated. Apply herbicides when wind is minimal to avoid spread beyond plants being treated.

**4. Use Fertilizers Judiciously** - apply minimal amount recommended (MORE IS NOT BETTER). Avoid application before heavy rain & recognize that some portion of what you apply will end up in our water source. A professional soil test can determine if, what, & how much fertilizer is needed. Consider using organic fertilizers.

**5. Reduce Yard Waste To Help Reduce Landfill Requirements for Community** - leave grass clippings on lawn (returning nitrogen to the soil). Compost clippings, leaves, etc. can be used as fertilizer and mulch on your property.

**6. Choose More Native Plants for Your Property** - native plants grow more easily because they evolved in this habitat. Check out: [http://ohioline.osu.edu/b865/b865\\_01.html](http://ohioline.osu.edu/b865/b865_01.html). They require less fertilizer, fewer pesticides, & less watering once they are established. Native plants benefit birds, butterflies, the soil structure & the microscopic creatures in the soil. Identify & remove alien INVASIVE plants because they escape & take over natural areas. Ohio's invasive non-native plants: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/2007/Default.aspx>

**7. Encourage Bio-diversity by Planting Many Different Species of Plants** - Bio-diversity supports a wider range of small creatures in our landscape and ecosystem. Bio-diversity reduces the risks of wide-spread disease & insect problems. Plants form symbiotic relationships with one another and within their eco-niche.

**8. Plant in Layers as to Mimic & Support Natural Ecosystems** - Trees are the canopy; shrubs, tall perennials, and ornamental grasses make up the next layer. Flowers, groundcovers, and lawns cover the bare earth. Maintain lawn height above 3" to conserve moisture & reduce weeds.

**9. Reduce Lawn Areas** - This helps the environment as lawns are very demanding of chemicals & labor. This provides space for growing more ecologically productive plants. Consider converting lawn to growing a few food plants for your family...tomatoes, peppers, zucchini. Here's a link to get you going: <http://www.gardenguides.com/how-to/tipstechniques/vegetables/veggie.asp>

**10. Avoid Over-manipulation of Soil Grade Levels & Structure** - Existing plants have adapted to air & water exchange at existing soil levels. Trees particularly suffer when the soil grade is raised over their roots. Changing grade levels can negatively impact natural drainage patterns.

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## Bay Village Service Department

The Bay Village Service Department is located at 31300 Naigle Road just west of Bradley Road and just east of the Avon Lake border along the railroad tracks. The Service Department has four large dumpsters, three of which are designated for corrugated cardboard (**green bins**) and one **blue bin** for the remainder of the items listed below. **Commercial drop off hours are restricted to business hours only**, which are Monday through Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm.

The following items can be recycled at the Bay Village Service Garage:

1. **Mixed Paper** (includes all the items listed below for the Abitibi bins). Place in blue bin
2. **Cardboard or Box Board** – Place in blue bin
  - Cereal boxes
  - Cracker boxes
  - Cookie, cake and brownie mix boxes
  - Tissue boxes
  - Cartons from large packs of soda
  - Empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls
3. **Corrugated Cardboard** – **Waffle-board type only** (shipping boxes, moving boxes, product packaging boxes). Place in green bin
4. **NO pizza boxes** due to food contamination and issues with rodents.
5. **NO frozen food boxes or juice boxes** since these boxes are covered with a wax coating and are not recyclable.

**NOTE** - When dumpsters are full **please do not** leave cardboard or mixed residential items on the ground, the time spent cleaning-up **costs money and reduces our recycling efforts**. Service department personnel will push dumpster(s) up or have emptied as soon as possible.

### 2009 Special Collection Events:

The Service Department also accepts special items for recycling at various times of the year at the Service Garage. Collection hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am -3:00pm & Saturday 8:00am until 12pm. (One Saturday Only Each Collection Event).

The upcoming dates for these special item drop-off events are as follows:

1. **Hazardous Waste Collection** (Located at the Bay Village Service Department)

- **April 20 thru May 1 / Saturday Collection April 25**  
Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm / Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm
- **September 21 thru October 2 / Saturday Collection September 26**  
Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm / Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm
- **County Fairgrounds Collection Date: May 9, 2009 – 9am-4pm**  
**October 10, 2009 – 9am-4pm**

**Accepted:** Oil based paint, paint thinners, motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, household cleaners, and rechargeable batteries.

**Not Accepted:** No Latex Paint, (this may be dried out and placed out with your regular refuse). Items not in their original marked containers, Mercury containing Items

2. **Computer Round-Up** (Located at the Bay Village Service Department)
  - **April 6 thru April 17 / Saturday Collection April 11**  
Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm / Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm
  - **\*Closed on Friday April 10\***
  - **August 10 thru August 21 / Saturday Collection August 15**  
Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm / Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm

**Accepted:** CPUs, Monitors, Keyboards, Software, and Cell Phones.

**Not Accepted:** Televisions, VCRs, DVDs, Stereo Equipment

The “E-waste” (electronic waste) collected during these round-ups goes directly to RET3 ([www.ret3.org](http://www.ret3.org)) for recycling or refurbishing. RET3 is a non-profit that refurbished over 5,500 computers last year and gave them to local schools and non-profits. Drop-off of unwanted computer equipment is available year-round at RET3 (see <http://www.ret3.org> for hours).

3. **Tire Round-Up** (Located at the Bay Village Service Department)
  - **August 24 thru September 4 / Saturday Collection August 29**  
Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm / Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm

**Accepted:** Car Tires, Light Truck Tires.

**Not Accepted:** Tires on Rims

4. **Phone Book Recycling (Located at the Metroparks Huntington Reservation)**
  - **June 1 thru September 30;** collected at twelve Cleveland Metro parks locations including Huntington Reservation.
  - Phone books can be dropped off seven days a week during regular park hours and should be removed from their plastic bags. All phone books will be recycled by an Ohio paper mill into new paper products. The dark green recycling container is located at the Huntington Reservation overflow parking lot on the south side of Lake Road.

For further information about Collection Round-Ups and recycling other household items, please visit the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District website at <http://www.cuyahogawd.org>.

## Abitibi Paper Retriever Bins



The Bay Village School District receives money for every ton of paper recycled from the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bins located at the east end of the middle school and the northeast entrance of the high school. St Raphael's has 2 Abitibi bins located on the south side of the parking lot, Abitibi bins that benefit the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center are located in the Metroparks across from the Science Center near the picnic area and in the parking lot just east of the Huntington Playhouse. **NEW** as of 3/30/2009 an Abitibi bin has been placed at Reese Park, located by the basketball/tennis courts. The following items **should not** be in bags when they are placed in the dumpsters.

The following items are accepted in the Abitibi bins:

- White Office & School Papers
- Colored Paper (however, **NOT** Construction Paper)
- Paper with Staples Attached
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- White Envelopes – with & without windows
- Junk Mail

The following items are **not** accepted in the Abitibi bins:

- **NO** Construction Paper
- **NO** Cardboard
- **NO** Tissue Products
- **NO** Phone Books
- **NO** Cereal/Soda Cartons
- **NO** Food Wrap/Containers
- **NO** Plastic
- **NO** Glass

For more information on accepted items and locations of the bins, please visit Abitibi's website at <http://www.paperretriever.com>.

## Bay Village Fire Station

The Bay Village Fire Department collects aluminum cans for the benefit of the "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" fund. Residents may drop off aluminum cans in the corral right next to the dumpster in the parking lot of the fire station.

## Westlake Fire Station

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has a program to collect compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) from Cuyahoga County residents. More and more homeowners are buying CFL's because of their energy efficiency and long life compared to incandescent bulbs. While the environmental benefits of these bulbs make them preferable to incandescent bulbs, they should be disposed properly because the bulbs contain a small amount of mercury. The bulbs will be sent to a reclamation facility where the mercury is reclaimed and recycled. Bay Village residents can recycle burned out CFL bulbs at the Westlake Fire Station, which is the nearest drop-off location.

### Westlake Fire Station

2110 Columbia Road  
Westlake, OH 44125  
(440) 617-4128

Drop-off Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (other times by request).

## Other Recycling/Environmental Tips:

1. Order mulch and/or leaf humus from the Service Department to “close the loop” by **reusing recycled tree limbs, brush and leaves**. Bay Village dumps their leaves at the Westlake/Bay Compost Facility Center on Ranney Parkway in Westlake. It is at this facility where the leaves are broken down into **leaf humus**, which is sold to the public. The humus is available from mid-April to November. Call 440-871-1221 for availability and pricing information. Bay Village will deliver the humus, to Bay Village residents only, for a delivery fee. Brush and tree branches are also taken to the compost facility where they are shredded. This product is also available for sale and information is available at 440-871-1221.
2. Set up a cardboard box in your basement or garage and throw into it all of the junk mail, office and scrap paper, catalogs, magazines and newspapers that you might normally throw in the garbage. When the box is full, empty it into one of the green and yellow **Abitibi recycling bins** or at one of the dumpsters at the Bay Village Service Center.
3. A great alternative to plastic grocery bags is to make use of your own reusable shopping bags rather than paper or plastic grocery bags. **Reusable shopping bags** can be purchased at most grocery stores. Although plastic and paper grocery bags can be recycled (see below), the process is difficult and expensive and the plastic bags pose a real threat to wildlife.
4. Reuse your plastic grocery bags or take them, as well as any bags that your newspapers are delivered in, to any Giant Eagle or Heinen’s store to be recycled. **Plastic bag recycle bins** are located at the entrances of the stores.
5. **Recycle your styrofoam egg cartons and trays** at Heinen’s. A bin for this purpose is located near the entrance within the cart delivery area.
6. Introducing a better way to recycle – **Recycle Zone Drop off Center** – recycling made easy as 1 – 2 – 3. Load up, drive thru, get paid; it’s that easy! <http://www.recyclezoneusa.com/>  
Now located at 28820 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 440/471-4652.
7. Consider sending your child’s school snack or lunch in a **reusable container** instead of a baggie or paper bag.
8. How about getting rid of all those catalogs in the mail that you receive at home and never look at? A company called Catalog Choice can help you get yourself and other family members in your home **off the mailing lists** of a large number and variety of catalogs at no cost. Sign up online at the following web address: [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org). This is a free and easy way to help reduce waste and save trees.
9. Arrange to have the following sent to you online instead of through the mail to **save even more paper!** Not only is it an environmentally good thing to do, but it also guards against important financial documents being lost or stolen in the mail.
  - Credit card statements
  - Bank statements
  - Utility bills (Columbia Gas and First Energy both allow you to set up online statements. You can also set up payment by automatic withdrawal from your bank account so that you don’t need to send paper checks or use postage.)
  - Car payment statements
10. Take a look at the website for the **Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District**. The site is full of useful information about how to recycle a wide variety of items including old mattresses. The web address is: <http://cuyahogawd.org>.

11. Don't throw your furniture away - donate it! **The Cleveland Furniture Bank**, associated but independent of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, is in need of furniture. They will pick up the items and give you a listing of your donation which you can use for tax purposes. Social service agencies refer needy families to the Cleveland Furniture Bank. Call 216-459-2265 to arrange for furniture pickup. **Guidelines to donation** are:
  - The furniture must be in good, usable condition. No tears, broken parts, bad stains and relatively clean (not covered with dog or cat hair).
  - Drivers have the right to refuse an item they determine does not meet the first guideline. All of our drivers have been with us for many years, so they know what is and is not acceptable.
  - Working appliances accepted, except washing machines and dish washers. We do not have a way to test for leaks. Also, no sewing machines.
  - No baby furniture is accepted, (i.e., cribs, bassinets, car seats, etc.) The federal law is very strict and has changed to the point that we are not in a position to insure the items donated meet the federal guidelines.
  - No toys, stuffed animals, etc. Again, the federal guidelines, particularly as it relates to items like this made out of the USA, are very restrictive.
  - No console TVs; will take regular TVs and large screen TVs.
  - Our drivers are not allowed to go up and down stairs inside a house. If the item to be donated is on a second floor or in a basement, it can not be picked up. This is a restriction placed on us by our insurance carrier due to concern about damage to a donor's property.
  - No pick up at rented storage units.
12. The Home Depot has a national in-store consumer **compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program** at all 1,973 locations. See their website at [www.homedepot.com/ecoptions](http://www.homedepot.com/ecoptions) for more information.
13. The Aveda Corporation has a **Cap Recycling Program**, <http://aveda.aveda.com/aboutaveda/caps.asp> Join the *Recycle Caps with Aveda Campaign*. Bring your plastic caps into an Aveda Store and feel great knowing that they will be repurposed into new Aveda packaging and kept from entering our waterways and harming wildlife. You may bring your caps to any Aveda Experience Center or send them in by mail to ACA Waste Services, 40 Eads Street, West Babylon, NY 11704. Caps included in this collection are any plastic "twist on" caps. Some examples are water bottles, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, ketchup bottles, shampoo/conditioner bottles and prescription bottle caps. Caps that are NOT included are any metal caps and any "snap fit" plastic caps. Some examples of snap fit caps are margarine and cottage cheese caps. For more information about Recycle Caps with Aveda, contact: For The Earth, Kendra Fleischer, Aveda Cap Collection Team, 1/877-AVE-DA09.
14. Best Buy Inc. offers free **in-store recycling for small electronics**, weekend recycling events, and free removal and recycling of old appliances including televisions (with purchase). Check out: <http://www.bestbuy.com/site/olspage.jsp?type=category&id=pcmcat149900050023&DCMP=dr0001424>

15. <http://www.econewonline.com/> **Electronic trade-in and recycling program**
16. Revive a Rainforest! A great gift idea – **Plant a Rainforest Tree and Save Wildlife & Fight the Climate Crisis** All for \$10. <http://www.savebiogems.org/costarica/>
17. **EnergyPLUS** – The US Department of Energy Efficiency offers **free downloadable software** to analyze whole building energy performance.  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=132](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=132)
18. Want more **Reduce Reuse Recycle tips**? Check out: <http://www.becomegreen.info/>
19. **Join the Bay Village Green Team!** The team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall and is working with the Mayor to develop plans to make Bay Village a more environmentally-friendly place to live. All residents are welcome to participate. The team currently has five sub-committees formed and working in the areas of: general sustainability, waste management, environment and energy, transportation and communications/education. If you're interested in becoming involved, contact the mayor's office at 899-3416.