

Quick Reference Recycling & Donation Guide



1. **Plastic Bags**—recycling bin are located inside the entrance of Oberlin IGA and Wal-mart Super Center; [Kohl's](#) and [Giant Eagle](#) also offer plastic bag recycling – bags must be clean & dry.
2. **Household Hazardous Waste, E-Scrap, Fluorescent Lamps, Bulbs, Tubes, Ballasts and Scrap Tires**—recycle at the [Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Collection Center](#) (LCSWDCC) located at 540 S. Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035. Toll Free: 1(800)449-5463. Drop off hours: 12 pm - 6 pm (Mon., Wed.) and 9 am - 6 pm (Sat.). **Now accepting curbside recyclable items at the Collection Center.**
3. **Ink/Toner Cartridges**—recycle at LCSWDCC, [Best Buy](#) or Office Max stores.
4. **CDs, DVDs, BlueRay Disks, Audio and Video Cables**—[Best Buy](#) stores have various (labeled) recycling bins set up, usually at the entrance site for easy drop-off.
5. **Hardbound/softbound Books, VHS and/or Cassette Tapes**—[LCSWDCC](#). Softbound books can also be placed in a paper retriever recycling bin.
6. **Small Electronics: Tube TVs and tube (CRT) monitors up to 32", remotes, flat-panel TVs and flat-panel monitors up to 60", peripherals (mice, printers, keyboards, scanners, etc.), DVD players, video games, video game consoles, home and car audio, cell phones, MP3 players, headphones, vacuums, fans, e-readers, cameras, cables and plastic gift cards**—recycle at [Best Buy](#) stores or [LCSWDCC](#).
7. **Rechargeable Batteries**—Recycle at [LCSWDCC](#) and at any [Home Depot](#) or [Lowe's](#). *Non-rechargeable (Alkaline) batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste.*
8. **Car, Motorcycle & Riding Mower Batteries**—recycle at Advance Auto Parts and at Wal-mart Super Center; also can be taken to the LCSWDCC.
9. **Motor Oil**—recycle at Advance Auto Parts on State RT 58 and Midas Auto Service Experts located at 90 S. Main Street **during business hours**.
10. **Brake, Hydraulic, Power Steering & Transmission Fluids**—Advance Auto Parts, up to 5 gallons accepted per visit.
11. **Office Paper, Magazines, Newspaper, Paperback Books, Catalogs, Shredded paper in clear plastic bags, School Paper, Junk Mail and Phone Books**—recycle at the Green & Yellow Paper Retriever bins located in the Oberlin Public Library parking lot and at Oberlin Public Schools.
12. **Compact Florescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)** — drop-off burned out CFL bulbs at Oberlin City Hall (85 S. Main) or at OMLPS for recycling. [Home Depot](#) and [Lowe's](#) have in store, drop-off bins for CFLs and more. Additionally, the Lorain county *Collection Center* accepts fluorescent lamps & ballasts, straight fluorescent tubes (all lengths, including green-tipped tubes), U-shaped, circular and odd shaped lamps, CFLs, neon lights & signs (tubing only), high intensity HID bulbs, HPS, MH & MV and transformers from all fluorescent light fixtures.
13. **Prescription Medication**—properly disposed of outdated medication at the Oberlin Police Department's drop-off bin 24/7. Never throw your old medication away in the garbage or flush it down the toilet!
14. **Construction & Demolition Debris**—recyclers in Ohio handling C&D debris include Kurtz Brothers, Inc. Independence, 216-986-7000; Baumann's Recycling Center, Garfield Hts., 216-518-1144; National Lime & Stone Company, Findlay, 419-422-4341; PK Crushing, Akron, 330-252-2130; Stickney Recycling, Toledo 419-476-0655.
15. **Aluminum (siding, wheels, doors); Marine Batteries; Brass (radiators, plumbing fixtures); Copper (pipes, wires, electric motors); Steel (doors, sinks, engines, appliances, drums & rotors); Catalytic**

Converters and Salvage Autos—[Bluestar Recycling Center](#), 201 William St., Elyria; Phone-440-323-3950. Easy & convenient industrial + Drive-Thru Recycling Center.

16. **Plastic Pots** – when purchasing trees and shrubs check with the nursery to see if they accept their planting containers back for reuse. [Petitti's Garden Centers](#) in Avon accepts their containers for reuse and they will also recycle containers from other nurseries if you drop them off in their reuse and recycling bin. That bin is located on the West end of the building by the mulch and dirt loading area. Please note that containers not originating from their nursery will not be reused, but instead recycled by a third party into a lower quality product. It is preferable to return the containers to the nursery where you purchased the plants so that they can be reused. **Plastic flower pots are NOT recyclable through the city's curbside recycling program.**

Donations

- **Bicycles (broken and functional) and Bike Parts**—Oberlin College Bike Co-op, 154 North Main St., 440-775-5351.
- **Eye Glasses**—can be placed in the *Lions Recycle for Sight* donation box located at the Oberlin Public Library and at Mudd Library on the Oberlin College campus.
- **Remodeling? Then Donate Your Old Usable Windows, Doors, Cabinets, Vanities, Lighting Fixtures, Sinks, Appliances, Counter Tops, Toilets, Showers, Tubs, Tools, Lumber, Flooring and more**—These items can be dropped off at the Lorain County Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 300 Rice Industrial Parkway in Amherst. Call 440-984-3343 for hours and details. Pickup of donated items is available upon request. Visit <http://www.loraincountyhabitat.org/> for more detail.
- **Furniture & Seasonal Clothing**—Oberlin Community Services, 285 South Professor, 440-774-6579.
- **Clothing and Household Items**—[Goodwill Industries of Lorain County](#), the [Salvation Army](#) and [Planet Aid](#) bins (4 locations in Oberlin), accepts clothing, shoes, bedding, any/all textiles.
- **Packaging Peanuts, Air bags & Clean Bubble Wrap**—the UPS Store located at 55 S. Main Street. Other shipping stores & Art galleries may also accept and reuse packaging peanuts.
- **Books, Magazines, VHS tapes & DVD's**—Oberlin Public Library, Circulation Desk. Please, no homemade VHS tapes/DVD's OR medical references and encyclopedias published before 1995. Call 440-775-4790 with questions prior to drop-off. Goodwill Industries also accepts book donations. **Outdated materials and/or books in poor condition, hardback & paperback, can be recycled at the Lorain County Collection Center.**
- **Medical Equipment Loan**—With Medicare not always paying for health equipment that you may need, residents of Oberlin are able to borrow donated medical equipment while recuperating from surgery or an injury at no charge from the *Senior Enrichment Services of Oberlin*, located at 90 E. College Street. Available equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower benches, etc. Call 775-1504 for more information or to request or donate equipment. **DONATIONS NEEDED.** Our medical equipment loan program is very popular. So popular that we are now requesting donations of newer, light-weight wheelchairs or transport chairs so we can keep up with the demand.

Do you have additional recycling questions or a recycling tip that could be added to this list?
Email: Lori, Recycling Coordinator at: lsprosty@cityofoberlin.com or call 440-935-0096.