



Proper Waste Handling Information

Single-family up to and including 5-flat properties

The following excerpts are from Village Ordinance Section 20-7-1 through 20-7-20:

Leaking or otherwise defective garbage and refuse containers shall be repaired or replaced.

All garbage and refuse storage areas shall be maintained by owners and operators in a clean condition.

It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for the owner, operator or occupant of any premises to permit garbage or litter to accumulate thereon.

No person shall deposit in any gutter, street, alley or other public places in the Village any accumulation of litter. Persons owning, operating or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk and parkway in front of their premises free from litter.

The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter.

Proper waste handling can be achieved by following these simple steps.

- To avoid pest and odor problems, drain garbage of moisture and wrap it in paper or plastic before it is deposited in the container. Wash cart with mild detergent as needed.
- Do not overload refuse carts or place refuse on the ground next to carts. Occasional extra trash must be bagged and placed in a container you provide. Each container (up to 32 - gallons) must have one pink refuse sticker attached.
- Each bulk item must have two pink refuse stickers attached. Bulk items are defined as discarded furniture, household appliances, empty water tanks and trash items or rolls of carpeting not exceeding 50 pounds in weight.
- Large amounts of debris require a special pick up at an additional cost based on volume. Call Waste Management at 888.656.5350 (toll free) to arrange special pickups.
- Keep your collection area clean. In winter, clear snow and ice away from containers so they can be rolled and collections can be made on schedule.
- Check your containers for damage. Containers should be waterproof with tight-fitting covers. If there are holes in the container or if there is a broken lid or wheel, call the Public Works Department at 708.358.5700.
- The recycling program is unlimited. Call Public Works at 708.358.5700 to order additional blue carts or replacement blue carts for those lost or damaged.
- Educate your family and neighbors about the recycling program and proper waste handling information. Everyone needs to participate in the program for it to be successful.
- Keep your property clean and litter-free. You may not be responsible for littering, but you become responsible for picking up litter when it is on your property.

The Keep Oak Park Beautiful Mission is: "To create programs to remind and educate the community about preventing litter, minimizing waste, and enhancing the appearance of the Village." With your help, we can Keep Oak Park Beautiful.