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Re: Trash Pickup Requirements & Creating a Blight Free Pontiac

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Dear Property Owner and/or City Resident,

As a pro-active measure, the *Pontiac Ordinance Enforcement Division* is issuing this letter so that you are aware the City has ordinances (local laws/codes) in place to preserve and promote the integrity of the community. In short, this means that both business and property owners are required to keep the public and private portions of property free of blight conditions. Examples of blight free property conditions include:

- (1) ensuring the grass is mowed
- (2) sidewalks/driveways are free of ice and snow
- (3) trash is properly contained with approved receptacles
- (4) all vehicles on the property are licensed/insured/operable
- (5) all necessary building/zoning permits have been reviewed and approved before the start of any repair or alteration.

All of the various codes mentioned above are intended to prevent nuisance conditions from propagating, which means protecting the general health, safety, and welfare of the community. For additional information and helpful resources pertaining to code enforcement services, please visit our dedicated webpage:

http://www.pontiac.mi.us/departments/community_development/code_enforcement.php

Finally, as we prepare for the winter months, it is important to remind everyone of the responsibility and **necessity to keep the sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas free and clear of snow/ice.** Also, it is important to understand the requirements for using the special pickup for trash. Included with this letter contains the **sanitation guidelines for special pickups,** which is a great resource for understanding the program. As a reminder, **trash cans can only be placed on the curb 24 hours before or after pickup,** please be mindful of this requirement to avoid potential tickets and fees.

Thank you in advanced for your anticipated cooperation

City of Pontiac
Code Enforcement Division
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Sanitation Guidelines for Trash Collection, Yard Waste, Recycling and Special Pickup

Guidelines

Residents that qualify for and use the City of Pontiac curbside trash collection, yard waste and special pickups shall set items out for collection at the curb in front of resident address by 7:00 a.m. the morning of collection, but not before 7:00 p.m. the night before collection day. Special pickup items shall not be set out at the curb until after 7:00 p.m. on the night before collection day.

Trash Collection

Household waste only is allowed for disposal in the Pontiac/Advanced Disposal carts. Additional bags outside of the cart will not be collected unless otherwise directed.

Yard Waste

This program begins April 1st and continues weekly until November 30th. Collection is on the same day as refuse collection. Leaves, grass and twigs up to 2 inches in diameter and up to 4 feet in length (tied with rope or twine) are considered yard waste. Yard waste must be in the 30-gallon paper bags or a 10 to 35 gallon trashcan that has a Yard Waste sticker clearly visible. The containers must weigh less than 50 pounds. Limit is 10 bags/cans/bundles per week. Never rake or dump yard waste or other debris into the street. This is a violation of City Ordinance. Violators and or adjacent property owners will be billed for the cost of abatement for this type of ordinance violation.

Recycling

Free (Pontiac) resident drop off service is available at the Pontiac/ Advanced Disposal -Collier Road Landfill/Transfer Station during limited business hours. Location: 575 Collier Rd. This service is also available at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday morning from 8:00 AM until noon. For available recycling hours, please call Pontiac /Advanced Disposal at (248) 454-1807 for more information. Curbside Recycling is available directly through Pontiac/ Advanced Disposal. Please call 1-888-443-1717 for further information.

Special Pickup

Special pickup collection is every other week on the same day as garbage pickup. The complete special pickup schedule can be downloaded at:

http://www.pontiac.mi.us/departments/public_works/sanitation.php .

Items included in Special Pickup are large household furniture items. Refrigerated appliances must be tagged by a licensed refrigeration technician certifying that all FREON gas has been properly removed prior to collection. Carpet must be rolled and tied. Rolls are to be no longer than 5 feet and no heavier than what one person can pick up and carry. Items NOT accepted for collection include Oil or gas items (lawnmowers, snow blowers, etc.), items containing Freon.