

IMPORTANT Information on Recycling

Dear Brooklyn Resident,

We have been awarded a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for a pilot program to reduce the contamination in curbside recycling. Contamination in the recycling stream is a serious issue that impacts the city's ability to continue recycling and how much it costs to recycle. Some cities have been forced to curtail or even eliminate curbside recycling. **We conducted a pre-audit, and our contamination rate is 38.1%. The most common items that contaminated the load were plastic bags, recyclables placed in plastic bags, non-recyclable plastics, and trash.**

This project is educational and not punitive. Beginning June 14, we will monitor the contents of recycling carts for eight weeks. **Please make sure your cart is out by 6:00 a.m.** If the cart contains any contaminants, the cart will be tagged with information on the specific contaminant. The cart will not be collected, and there will be **instructions for the resident to correct the issue and place the cart out the following week.**

Please follow the instructions on this card **and only recycle what is currently recyclable.** We all like to recycle and sometime this leads to "wish-cycling" which means, placing items in the cart that we think are recyclable but are not. When this is done, it contaminates the whole load. For more information on this project, please visit our website at, www.brooklynohio.gov. For information on recycling, please visit www.cuyahogarecycles.org.

We were a leader in establishing mandatory curbside recycling. Let us be a leader in reducing contamination!