



SMALL CHANGES **BIG IMPACT**

Spring 2024



- Kimble Companies now offers 32-gallon refuse carts and 96-gallon yard waste carts to those residents participating in the public contract. Cart options may vary for areas under private contracts.
- Recyclable items: paper, newspaper, cardboard, metal and aluminum cans, glass bottles, and clean and empty plastic jugs and bottles.
- **Do not place recyclable items in plastic bags.**

- Do not prune live branches unless hazardous. Dead branches may be removed.
- Due to the increasing rise of Oak Wilt, oak trees should only be pruned in the following window: mid-November to mid-March, preferably by a tree care professional with an ISA-certified arborist on staff.
- Correct mulching: Remove grass within a 3' area of tree, mulch 2" deep within the circle **without touching the trunk**. Volcano mulching is very harmful to trees.
- When in doubt, call an arborist!



- For the sake of pollinators and insects, wait to clean up leaves and dead plants in your garden until daytime temps are consistently in the 50s.
- Poor forest conditions, invasive species, and trampling result in the decline of wildflowers over winter. Starting a native woodland garden is a great way to support spring's first flowers and early pollinators.

- Proper Branch Set Out for Collection by Public Works: all cut ends need to face the curb with no items other than branches in the pile.
- Storm Water Basin Inspections: basins, if present in an HOA jurisdiction, should be inspected by the HOA on a yearly basis by a qualified professional.
- Rust Belt Riders: pay-for food scrap composting service located behind the Public Works Department (750 Avon Belden Road).
- Free Leaf Humus and Wood Chips: Residents must bring their own container and shovel. No motorized loading equipment is allowed. Piles are located behind the Public Works Department (750 Avon Belden Road).



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 - Arbor Day Proclamation & Tree Planting at Safety Center

"Environmentally Speaking" Series at Avon Lake Public Library

April 16 - Nurturing Trees for a Sustainable Future

May 14 - The Impact of Environmental Challenges on the Avon Lake Power Plant Redevelopment Project

June 12 - Forest Bathing

Videos of previous programs and events can be found at www.AvonLake.org/Videos

EAAB Meetings

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Avon Lake Public Library

Tree Commission Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Old Firehouse Community Center

"Avon Lake Matters" Podcast

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