Think recycling is “for the birds”? You’re right! It’s also for the plants… The planet… And every animal on the Earth today… Including US!

Ways to Reduce:
• Pack your lunch using reusable containers
• Use a refillable water bottle
• Buy in bulk with reduced packaging
• Buy fresh fruits and vegetables
• Shop with reusable bags at the grocery store and mall
• Repair appliances and electronics before buying new
• Print on both sides of the paper
• Use rechargeable batteries
• Share video games, rent movies, visit the library

How: Put everything together in BLUE BINS or blue bags. Place recyclables on curb away from regular rubbish so they are easily identified and visible. Bags must be firmly tied.

When: Every Week
Recyclables are collected on regular trash days. Townhouse residents may put items on tree lawn on the pick-up day for their street.
Blue Bin Guide

Plastics: Milk jugs, pop bottles, detergent bottles. Rinse and keep all lids on.

Cans: Metal soup and vegetable cans, beverage cans, jar lids — anything metal (no food).

Glass: Glass bottles and jars. Okay to mix colors.

Newspaper: Put in brown paper bags or tie with string.

Cardboard: Plain corrugated boxes should be collapsed and tied in bundles not longer than 3 feet and weighing not more than 50 lbs. (“If it looks like it came from a tree, recycle it.”)

Junk Mail & Magazines: Deposit with paper in blue bins and blue bags for pick up with recyclables.

Waste Oil: Put in spill-proof, clearly marked container near recyclables. Do not bag. Oil is HHW.

Keep yard waste out of the landfill

Mulching is good for your grass

Donate Your Used Items
Give what you don’t need to those who need it most!

• Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has information on their website to help residents locate organizations that can benefit from unwanted but usable items at http://cuyahogaswd.org

• Toys, computers, art supplies, books, paint, sporting goods, garden equipment, furniture and more. There are over 140 local service organizations that work on behalf of youth, seniors, the homeless and others in need in Cuyahoga County.

• The IRS lets taxpayers claim the “fair market value” of the item at the time the donation is made. To help you, obtain a copy of IRS Publication #526 (for individuals).

• Please consider the alternative before throwing away your usable items.

Soft Recycling
You can green bag clothing, linens and small appliances. Anything one person can pick up for Simple Recycling. Pick up is same day as Trash Day. Put your green bags out next to the trash. A Simple Recycling truck picks them up.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round Up
Twice a year, residents may participate in round ups for oil-based paints, pesticides, etc. (NO LATEX PAINTS).

Watch for dates.

Oil based Paint: Pour into one can. When empty, cans are dry, put with regular trash.

Latex Paint: Dry out and put with regular trash. To dry out, mix with sawdust or kitty litter.

Scrap Tire Round Up
Usually in September, residents will be informed about scrap tire round ups. Watch for dates. (TIRE ON RIMS NOT ACCEPTED).

Disposal of Other Items

Appliances & Metal Items: For information and/or a special pick-up, call the Service Department (216-662-5014)

Computers: Round up once a year. Call the Service Department for details.

Cell Phones: Donate to women shelters.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Tape all bulbs together. Call Service Department for special pick-up.

Propane Tanks: Propane tanks that are not equipped with an Overfill Protection Device (OPD) cannot be refilled. Call Service Dept. for metal pick-up. Most propane suppliers (including Lowe’s and Home Depot) will exchange an old tank when a new tank is purchased.

Eye Glasses: Drop off at local library.

Medicine: To find a drop off location visit www.rxdrugdropbox.org or call 2-1-1.

Clothing: Place Simply Recycling green bags on tree lawns on Thursdays. Donate to Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, or Goodwill resale stores; or put in “Planet Aid” drop-off boxes throughout the county.

Furniture: Donate usable items to the Cleveland Furniture Bank Call 216-459-2265 for pick-up.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: 216-429-3631