

# TOWN OF CLEVELAND NEWSLETTER

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## RECYCLING FACTS

### ALUMINUM

- It only takes a used aluminum can to be recycled back on the grocery shelf as a new can in about 60 days.
- We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.

### PAPER

- If every American recycled just 1/10th of their newspapers, we would save about 25,000,000 trees a year.
- Approximately 1 billion trees worth of

paper are thrown away each year.

- 2,000 pounds of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water.

### PLASTIC

- Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour and most of them are thrown away.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups every year.

### LANDFILL

- The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world, each person produces 1,609 pounds of trash yearly.
- The U.S. population yearly throws away 16,000,000,000 diapers, 600,000,000 pens, 2,000,000,000 razor blades, 220,000,000 car tires, and enough aluminum to rebuild the US commercial air fleet four times.

### RECYCLING DATES

Recycling dates for July are the 10th and 24th. August dates are the 14th and 28th.

Please have your items **separated** and at the curb no later than

8:00 a.m.

Please do not place your items in plastic grocery bags.



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### BUDGET

The budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 is as follows:  
General Fund - \$ 847,710  
Water Fund- \$ 304,550  
Sewer Fund - \$ 215,750  
Total \$1,368,010

The tax rate is 21¢ per \$100 valuation.

### YARD OF THE MONTH

June's Yard of the Month winner is Clifford & Betty Shoemaker at 201 East Main Street. They received a check for \$100 and a copy of The Lifestories from Cleveland book at the June Town Board Meeting.

### HOUSE WATCH

When you are going to be out of town, be sure to stop by Town Hall or the Police Department to pick up a house watch form. The Police Department will keep a check on your house while you are away. This is a free service to residents of The Town of Cleveland.

### HEAVY TRASH PICKUP

Just a reminder that this spring's heavy trash pickup is over. If you have any furniture or other heavy trash items at the curb, you will need to remove them from the curb.



## Medicine: Crush to Protect Nation's Waterways

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reporting trace amounts of chemical compounds associated with medications have been increasingly detected in our waters. These are the waters that support our nation's fish and other wildlife.

Consumers should be aware that it is important to take extra steps to

protect our families and natural resources.

Do not flush unused medications or pour them down a sink or drain, instead:

- Put medication into a sealable plastic bag. If medications is solid, crush and add water to dissolve it.
- Add to the plastic bag kitty litter, saw-dust, coffee grounds or any material that mixes with the medication and makes it less appealing for pets or children to eat.
- Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
- Remove and destroy all identifying personal information from the container.

## Drought Information - The Town is still asking for voluntary conservation of water.

Water saving tips:

1. Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.
2. Run washing machines and dishwashers only with full loads.
3. Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.
4. Minimize flushes.
5. Take power showers. Rinse off briefly, turn water off, lather up, rinse briefly and you are done.
6. Don't use sink disposals for food scraps.
7. Install water saving devices.
8. Check for and repair leaks. Leaks account for 15% of all indoor water use. Check faucets, toilets, and pipes for leaks. Don't forget to check outside faucets and garden hoses.
9. Take advantage of free water. Collect rain in barrels and use to water plants.
10. Use dry cleanup. Sweep sidewalks, patios, and driveways instead of hosing them to clean up.

## Hurricane Preparations

Assemble a three to seven day emergency supply kit before you need it and fill it with the following items. Start with an easy to carry, water tight container, either plastic or line a sturdy cardboard box with trash bags.

- Water—I gallon per person per day
- First aid kit and book
- Pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, granola bars, instant soup and cereals, etc.
- Non-electric can opener
- Anti-bacterial wipes or gel
- Blanket or sleeping bag for each person
- Portable radio or TV
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Extra house & car keys
- Fire extinguisher
- Cash and change
- Baby supplies
- Food, water, leash and carrier for pets