

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Unlimited Pick-up and Shred Day"

The City of Sylvania each year offers an Unlimited Spring Pick-up and a Shred Day for its residents. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these services had to be delayed from earlier in the year. Both of these services are provided by contractors who expressed concerns for the safety of their employees. Procedures to safely proceed are now ready and these programs have been rescheduled and will be taking place soon.

The spring unlimited pick-up was delayed at the request of Republic Services, the City's refuse and recycling contractor. They were concerned about the safety of the multiple employees needed to lift and load large items onto their trucks. Republic is now ready to proceed the week of July 27th on your regular pick-up day.

The rules remain the same from previous years. Items that will be picked up: Household rubbish in garbage bags or cans, pieces of furniture, appliances, televisions, mattresses and box springs, bicycles, carpet, dismantled playground equipment and mail boxes that are no longer than 4ft and tied in bundles. Appliances that had Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers, must have certification that the Freon has been legally removed.

Some items that will not be picked up include: Construction materials, drywall, railroad ties, ceiling tiles, pieces of concrete, posts that have concrete on them, concrete blocks, bricks, large pieces of glass or mirrors, liquids, chemicals, latex paint that is not dried up, empty paint cans that have a lid, oil based paint, batteries, automobile parts, gas cans, pressurized tanks (propane or helium tanks), anything with oil or fuel (lawn mower, snow blower, edger, or trimmer that is not drained and the gas cap removed), tires, and hazardous materials.

Proper Placement of Refuse Items:

- For the safety of the Republic employees please do not stack items on top of each other
- Wood must be cut into 4ft lengths and have all nails/screws removed or pounded down
- Wooden doors must be cut in half
- Carpet must be cut to 4ft lengths, rolled and bundled and not weigh more than 40lbs
- All glass/needles must be placed in a plastic container and marked accordingly
- All Loose material must be bagged (do not use cardboard boxes)
- Toilets must have tank removed from base
- Basketball hoops must have backboard removed, pole cut to 4ft or less and sand or water removed from base
- Hot Tubs and Bath cut into 2ft sections

The City of Sylvania will be hosting its 14th annual "Shred Day" on Saturday, July 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. AccuShred LLC will again bring their document destruction equipment to the Sylvania Municipal Court parking lot at 6700 Monroe Street and offer on-site shredding of documents. Enter off Monroe Street at the west driveway (6730 Monroe Street), follow instructions and stay in your cars. AccuShred is a certified information document destruction company, and for the 7th year will also be accepting electronic items for recycling.

Residents can bring up to 50 lbs. of personal paper documents in boxes or bags for free shredding, courtesy of AccuShred without cost to the City. That is about three medium bags or banker's boxes full of documents. Additional documents beyond 50 lbs. will also be shredded, but at a cost of \$3 per container. Staples do not need to be removed, but paper cannot be in binders nor have binder clips. At last year's Sylvania Shred Day, 18,000 lbs. of paper was dropped off for shredding

Shredding offers a practical way to recycle paper rather than bury it in a landfill and is a natural extension to the City of Sylvania's curbside materials recycling and green yard waste recycling programs. Shredding is also a safe way to dispose of personal documents that contain identity and financial information such as account numbers, social security numbers, names and addresses. Identity theft has become a bigger problem in recent years and shredding is one way to reduce your exposure to this problem.

In addition, electronic items including computers, printers, copiers, fax machines, small appliances, telephones, cell phones and DVD/VCR/CD players will again be accepted for recycling during this year's Shred Day. Computer monitors will cost \$5.00 each and televisions will not be accepted. Visit the City's website, www.cityofsylvania.com, for a complete list of electronic items that will be accepted for recycling. Last year, 4,200 lbs. of electronic items were recycled.



2018 Shred Day