



Neighborhood Drop Box Program FAQs July 2021

How do I reserve a dumpster?

To reserve a free Neighborhood Drop Box, visit our website:

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicaffairs/neighborhood-drop-box>

Who can reserve a dumpster?

Neighborhood Association, HOAs, Volunteer and Service Groups working to improve and provide a community benefit.

How long do I have to wait to get a dumpster?

Dumpsters are reserved on a first come-first served basis. Please allow up to two-weeks to process your request.

The City has a small number of free drop boxes provided for community use in partnership with Republic Services, your garbage, recycling and yard debris hauler. Emergency situations may limit or eliminate the availability of a previously reserved dumpster. All attempts will be made to notify and accommodate the residents as soon as possible.

How much does it cost?

A limited number of dumpsters are provided for *free* to Neighborhood Associations, HOAs, and Service Groups for the benefit of the community, such as invasive plant removal and open space clean-up.

How long can I have the Drop Box?

Dumpsters are delivered on a Friday, with a Monday morning pickup.

How often can I reserve a dumpster?

Residents may make one reservation at a time. Dumpsters can be reserved again if a large project require additional drop boxes (subject to availability).

When will it be delivered?

Dumpsters are delivered between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the day reserved, but are not scheduled for a specific delivery time.

How big is a dumpster?

The dimensions are generally 20' long, 8' wide, and about 6' tall from the outside.

Where will it be placed?

Generally, the placement of the dumpster is up to you. Many people have it placed on the driveway, an RV pad, or in front of the home in the street. The driver will attempt to place the

dumpster in the location requested but may choose another location if necessary. The City is not responsible for damage to sod, shrubbery, trees, or any other damages caused by the placement of the dumpster on an unimproved surface.

Is the dumpster for my private use if I reserve it?

No, this program was developed to provide an opportunity for community to work together to benefit the neighborhood.

What can I put in a dumpster?

For Neighborhood Green Space Cleanups, yard waste, leaves, flowers, small prunings, shrubs, grass clippings, compost, fruits, vegetables and small tree branches are examples of acceptable items. Unacceptable items include dirt, sod, manure, painted, treated, or stained wood, cardboard, rocks, pet waste, ashes, concrete, etc. Garbage dumpsters can accommodate typical house-hold waste, with the exception of HAZARDOUS materials. See the list below.

SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR DUMPSTER USE

- Dumpsters are for residential use only. Contractors or construction sites are not eligible to use the neighborhood dumpsters.
- Absolutely no household hazardous waste. This includes, but is not limited to the items listed below:
 - Pesticides
 - Herbicides
 - Solvents
 - Chemicals
 - Paints
 - Motor oil
 - Gasoline
 - Tires
 - Batteries

The group or Neighborhood Association making the reservation is responsible for distributing and the notification of information to neighborhood homes in and around the area where the dumpsters will be located. Organizers of the cleanup event are also responsible for cleaning the street and right-of-way of any debris from the event.

- Landscaping materials such as rocks, dirt, concrete and blacktop cannot be placed in the dumpsters.
- Do not overload dumpsters! Never fill the dumpster above the sidewalls. Residents using the dumpsters may be required to clean up any spillage caused by overloading. If materials are stacked above the rim of the container, they will be removed and placed upon the ground so that the dumpster may be covered by a tarp.
- Never leave materials on the ground next to the dumpsters.
- Scavenging is not allowed! Please call Lake Oswego Police, non-emergency at 503-635-0238 to report violators.