

# Welcome to The City of Garfield Heights!



## **Police**

216-475-1234

## **Fire**

216-475-4053

## **Building**

216-475-3835

## **Service**

216-475-1107

## **Senior Center**

216-475-3244

## **Civic Center**

216-475-1100

## **Finance**

216-475-1504

## **Recreation Pool & Ice Rink**

216-475-7272





## **Welcome to Garfield Heights!**

Dear New Resident,

On behalf of the City of Garfield Heights, I am delighted to welcome you to our community! We are excited that you have chosen to make our vibrant city your new home.

Located conveniently in the heart of Cuyahoga County, Garfield Heights is ideally positioned near the intersection of Interstates 480 and 77, placing you just 15 minutes from downtown Cleveland and its cultural, educational, and entertainment offerings. Additionally, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is only a short drive away, making travel easy and accessible.

Garfield Heights, affectionately known as the “City of Homes,” is home to around 30,000 residents and boasts a wide range of amenities and recreational facilities. We are proud to offer an Olympic-sized pool and a state-of-the-art ice rink for your enjoyment. For sports enthusiasts, our newly renovated basketball courts and pickleball courts provide excellent opportunities for recreation and fitness.

To help you get acquainted with our community, specific information about city departments and the latest news can be accessed through the links on our website at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org). Please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of my staff if you need assistance or have any questions.

Once again, welcome to Garfield Heights! We look forward to having you as part of our community and hope you enjoy everything our city has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Burke, Mayor



# City of Garfield Heights

## City Roster

Matthew A. Burke, Mayor

Rose Puntel-Shalek, Executive Assistant

### City Officials

Chief of Staff, Jeffrey Jerome

Chief Financial Advisor, Sal Talarico

City Engineer, James Sickels

Building Commissioner, Tylon Hilt

Finance Director, Barbara Biro

Fire Chief, Kenneth Strobe

Law Director, Milko Cecez

Asst. Law Director, Kevin Weiler

Police Chief, Mark Kaye

Prosecutors, Edward Fadel & Timothy Riley

Parks & Recreation Director, Paul Birk

Senior Center Manager, Jennifer Sopkovich

Service Director, Mark Sikon



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[msikon@garfielddhts.org](mailto:msikon@garfielddhts.org)

### Miscellaneous Phone Numbers

Garfield Heights Historical Society | 216-475-3050

Garfield Heights Municipal Court | 216-465-4885

Garfield Heights Post Office | 800-275-8777

Kimble Recycling | 800-201-0005

Cleveland Division of Water | 216-664-3060

Cuyahoga County Board of Election | 216-443-3200

Cuyahoga County Board of Health | 216-201-2000

Cuyahoga County Auditor | (216) 443-7010

Dominion East Ohio Gas | 800-362-7557

First Energy | 800-589-3101

Report a Power Outage | 888-LIGHTSS

NEORSD | 216-881-6600

NOPEC | 855-667-3201



## **2024 Members of Council**

Stacey Collier, Ward 1  
Tenisha Mack, Ward 2  
Mark Smith, Ward 3  
Avery Johnson, Ward 4  
Rachelle Tonsing, Ward 5  
Clifford Kelley, Ward 6  
Jennifer Newrones, Ward 7  
Lottie Overby, Clerk

## **Council Committees**

Finance & Audit Committee  
Landfill Committee  
Legislative Committee  
Safety Committee  
Building Committee  
Service & Transportation Committee  
Ways & Means Committee  
Recreation Committee  
Communication & Technology

## **Community Organizations**

Cuyahoga East Chamber of Commerce  
Coin Club  
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

## **Boards & Commissions**

Planning Commission / Zoning Board  
Records Commission  
Board of Tax Review  
Tax Incentive Review Council  
Civil Service Commission  
Communication Board  
Board of Control



## Garfield Heights Residence Information - Emergency Form

Please complete the following form to help us ensure we have accurate information for emergencies. Your information will be kept confidential and used only for emergency purposes. Resident Information~

Name(s) of Person(s) in Household:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Children:

**Name**

**Ages**

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Pets in the Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

◦ Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone in the household who is handicapped or has special needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rubbish Collection Services



## Service Department Information:

Your rubbish carrier is Kimble Recycling and Disposal. Please follow these guidelines for placing your rubbish out for pick-up:

### •Placement Times:

- From April 1st to October 31st: Rubbish may be placed on the tree lawn after 6:00 PM the evening before your scheduled pick-up day. From November 1st to March 31st: Rubbish may be placed on the tree lawn after 4:00 PM the evening before your scheduled pick-up day.

### •Pick-Up Times:

- Trash collection occurs between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

### •Pick-Up Day:

If you are unsure of your scheduled rubbish pick-up day, you can check the Interactive Rubbish Pick-Up Map available on our website at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org), or call the Service Department at 216-475-3373.

## Holiday Schedule:

Rubbish and recyclables collection will be adjusted for the following holidays:

**New Year's Day**  
**Labor Day**

**Memorial Day**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

**Independence Day**  
**Christmas Day**

If a holiday falls on a weekday, your rubbish and recyclables will be collected the day after your regular pick-up day. If the holiday falls on a weekend, collection will proceed as usual.

## Items We Will Pick Up:

- Couches, Bagged leaves, Mattresses and box springs (must be wrapped in plastic and secured with tape), Latex paint (only) - please put cat litter to soak up the paint, place the can in an open box with the lid off. Oil-based paint can be dropped off at our service garage during hazardous waste collection events. Refrigerators (remove the door(s)), and TVs.



**CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS**  
[www.kimblecompanies.com](http://www.kimblecompanies.com) | LIVE CHAT AVAILABLE!  
1-800-201-0005 | P.O. Box 448 Dover, Ohio 44622

Since 1994, Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. has provided convenient recycling service to our Eastern Ohio customers. Take a minute to learn about our easy recycling program and what we recycle.

Contamination in the recycling stream is making it difficult to process clean recyclable material. Items such as plastic bags, food residue, styrofoam, batteries, electronics, etc. are among the top contaminants and are not accepted at our recycling center.


If your item is not on the approved list please put it directly into the trash. All items should be clean, dry and placed loosely (unbagged) into your recycling cart. Together, we can help protect the environment and build a more sustainable future.



### RECYCLING RIGHT - In 3 Easy Steps...

- 1 When in doubt... THROW IT OUT!**  
Make sure that all items are on the Kimble Recycling Center's approved list of accepted recyclables. If the item is not on the list or if you are unsure, place it directly into the trash.
- 2 Recyclables must be clean and dry.**  
Food and liquid are contaminants. No dirty jars or bottles with water still in them. Cardboard must also be clean and dry.
- 3 No need to sort or bag your items.**  
Place your approved recyclables in your Kimble Recycling Cart all together. Items should be loose and unbagged. Plastic bags are one of the largest contaminants at our Recycling Center.

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### PAPER & NEWSPAPER

Paper should be clean and dry. Please no glossy paper or foil wrapping paper. Paper should not be stained by waste. Magazines, mail, newspapers and copier paper are accepted.

### CARDBOARD

Cardboard must be clean and dry. To save space in your recycling cart, cardboard should be flattened and emptied of any packing materials.

### METAL AND ALUMINUM CANS


Only metal or aluminum food and drink cans are accepted. They should be empty, clean and dry before being placed loosely in the recycling cart. No other metal items are accepted.

### GLASS BOTTLES

All glass bottles should be empty, clean and dry before being placed loosely in the recycling cart. Please no glassware, mirrors, window panes or light bulbs.

### PLASTICS BOTTLES & JUGS

Only clean and empty plastic bottles and jugs are accepted. Please do not crush the bottles and keep lids on. No other plastic items are accepted - even if they have a recycle logo.



**NOT ACCEPTED**

- WOOD
- BATTERIES
- WIRE HANGERS
- TOYS
- PAINT CANS
- LIGHT BULBS
- PLASTIC BAGS
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- ANTIFREEZE
- MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS
- STYROFOAM
- PLASTIC FURNITURE
- WAX CARTONS
- HOSES
- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
- YARD WASTE
- NO PLASTIC BAGS
- NO GARBAGE
- NO FOOD OR LIQUIDS
- NO CLOTHING
- NO WHEELCHAIRS
- NO ELECTRONICS

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### CART PLACEMENT GUIDE

**1-800-201-0005**  
[www.kimblecompanies.com](http://www.kimblecompanies.com)

#### PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK

With the automated collection trucks we need some room to reach the cart. Please do not park vehicles in front of the cart on collection day.

#### CART SHOULD OPEN TOWARDS THE STREET

Cart should not be placed at the curb sideways or backwards. The lid should open towards the street.

#### PLACEMENT OF CART

Each cart should have nothing sitting nearby... Mailboxes, telephone poles, trees, additional carts, etc. must be a minimum of 2-3 feet from the cart.

The best placement for a cart is at the end of the driveway or on the grass within 2-3 feet of the road.

#### LOADING YOUR CART

**TRASH** - Place items into trash bags to keep your trash cart clean.  
**RECYCLING** - Place approved items in your recycling cart loosely (no bags). Breakdown boxes to save room.

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# Interactive Maps

Dear New Resident,

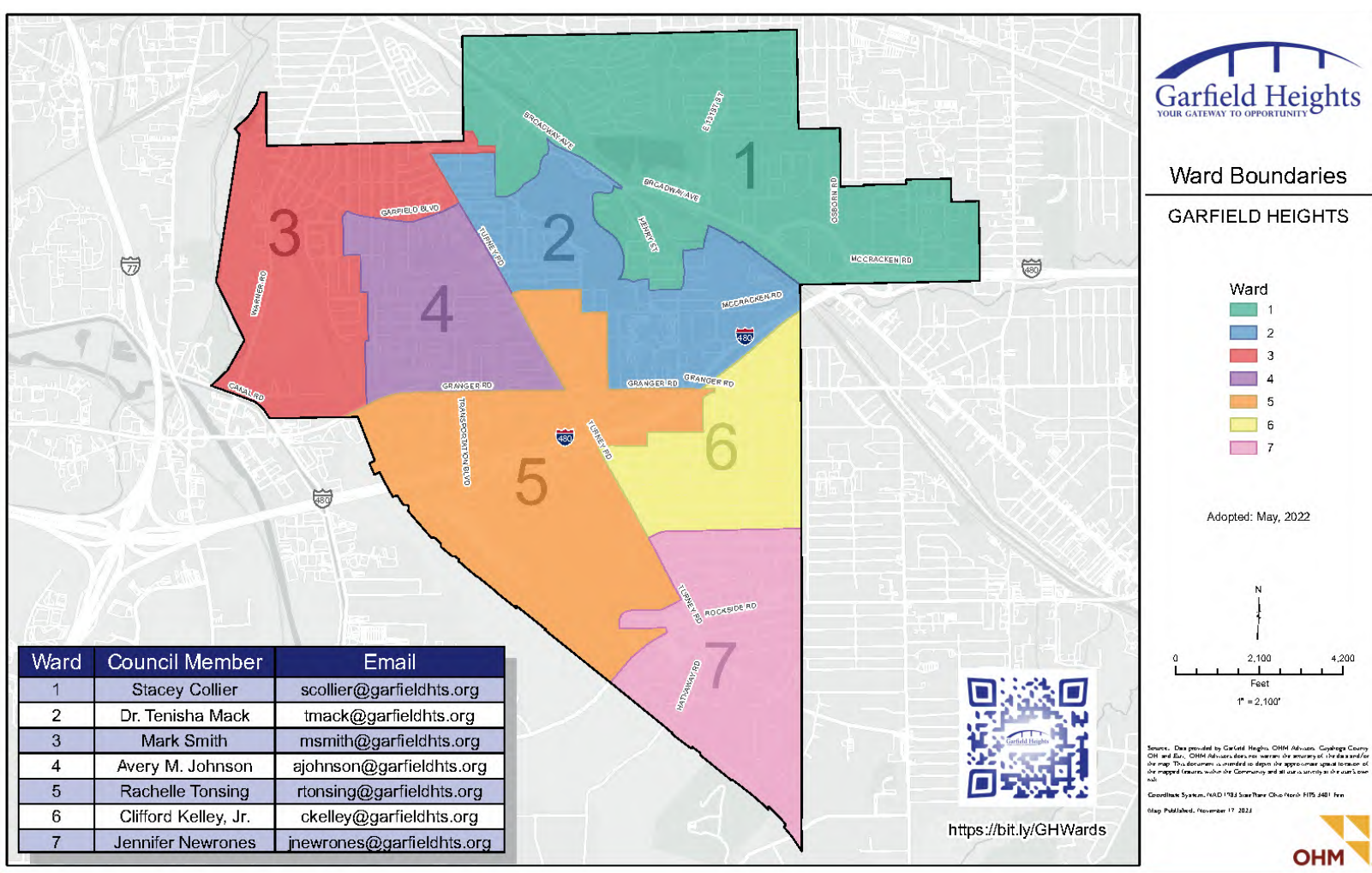
We're excited to have you join our community! Garfield Heights is a vibrant place to live, work, and play. Below you will find a ward map along with the names of your council members specific to your ward.

Useful Resources:

To help you get acclimated, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.garfielddhts.org](http://www.garfielddhts.org). Under the Maps tab, you'll find:

- Interactive Zoning Map: Understand the zoning designations in your area.
- Interactive Ward Maps: Access polling information and details about your ward.
- Interactive Rubbish Maps: Find out rubbish collection schedules and locations.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to your council members or our city services. Once again, welcome to Garfield Heights! We're thrilled to have you here.



# Garfield Heights Senior Center

Dear New Resident,

We are delighted to welcome you to the Garfield Heights Senior Center! Our center is a vibrant space where you can connect with others and engage in a variety of enriching activities.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Sopkovich, our Senior Center Manager. You can also reach out to Anessia Dailey, our Administrative Assistant, or Laketia Gaston, our Activities and Transportation Coordinator, for support.

Feel free to call us at 216-475-3244 or email us—we're here to help! For your convenience, we have attached our information flyer, which highlights our programs.

We look forward to seeing you at the center!



## Food Pantry

**Food/Nutrition Programs Announcement!**

The City of Garfield Heights is proud to sponsor a Monthly Food Pantry for our income-qualifying residents!

When:

- Third Wednesday of every month: 1 PM - 2 PM
- Third Thursday of every month: 5 PM - 6 PM

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please spread the word! Together, we can support our community.

## Garfield Heights Senior Center

Do you have what it takes to join our Senior Center?

We challenge you.....

Are you an older adult and looking for something to do?  
(Must provide own transportation outside of Garfield Heights)  
Adults 55+ years or older are welcome to attend our center.  
Lunches are provided which include, Hot, Boxed, or Cold Lunches for a suggested donation of \$1.50 to enjoy at our Senior Center.  
(Must be 60+ years to participate in lunch program)  
Free Classes provided at our center include exercise, swimming, crafts and other free activities are available.  
If you like to play Bingo, or Bowling, the center is your place to be.  
We have a Craft Room for those seniors who like to crochet or have a craft they specialize in.  
Bring your neighbors, friends and relatives who are 55+ years or older for a tour through our Senior Center. The Garfield Heights Senior Center is open M-TH, from 9am-2pm. Transportation is available for Garfield Heights residents.  
Give us a call at 216-475-3244  
where we can set up a time for you to visit and take a tour. .

Transportation provided to Garfield Heights Residents for Local Shopping, Doctor Visits Bank and Pharmacy. Our transportation services can take you there for a small fee of \$4.00 Roundtrip. Doctor's visit fee \$3.00 Roundtrip.

Need Transportation to and from our Senior Center? "No problem! Garfield Heights offers transportation to our residents for a small fee of .25 cents roundtrip.



Ask our registered seniors about all the fun trips, parties and activities we host here at the Senior Center. You will wonder why you did not come to the center sooner.

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# Building Department

Tylon Hilt  
Building  
Commissioner

## Services

The Building Department:

- Issues permits (building/mechanical/electrical/plumbing)
- Provides plan verification for compliance with the Ohio Building Code, NEC, Residential Code of Ohio for 1, 2, and 3 Family Dwellings, and the Garfield Heights Planning/Zoning Codes
- Provides registration of contractors
- Provides supervision of construction activities

## Inspections

The Building Department also inspects properties, which in turn helps to maintain property values, through the enforcement of the Garfield Heights Exterior Maintenance Code, Point-of-Sale Inspection Procedure, and Rental Property Registrations/Inspections.

## Submitting Applications

The Building Department is open to the public from 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Please enter the building no later than 3:30 p.m. to ensure enough time before closure. The public may submit applications via fax to 216-475-6081, or via email to ***buildingdept@garfieldhts.org***, (please note emails will be processed within 2 business days).

## Payment

The Building Department accepts the following forms of payment: credit cards, checks, or cash.

Tel:

**216-475-3835**

Fax:

**216-475-6081**

Hours

**Monday  
through  
Friday**

**8:00 am**

**to 3:45 pm**

**For an updated business list or registered contractor's list, please contact our  
building department at 216-475-3835**

# Recreation Department

## Youth Programs

- Flag Football
- T-Ball
- Basketball
- Learn to Skate
- Hockey
- Ice Skating

## City Events

- Easter Celebration
- Memorial Day Parade
- Community Flea Market
- Splash into Summer (Pool)
- Christmas in July (Pool)
- Taste of Turney
- Fall Festival
- Halloween Skate (Ice Rink)
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Holiday Lighting
- Skate with Santa (Ice Rink)

## Adult Programs

- Zumba
- Line Dancing
- Latin Dance Classes



**Pool**



**Ice Rink**

# Garfield Heights City Laws & Ordinances

Welcome to the Garfield Heights Q&A page! Here, we address some of the most frequently asked questions by residents. For more detailed information, please refer to our [Codified Ordinances](#).

## PARKING

### Where Can I park my car?

Residents can park their vehicles on public streets, in driveways, and in garages. Please be mindful of local parking regulations.

### What is an abandoned vehicle?

An abandoned vehicle is defined as one that is left on public property for an extended period without being moved or properly maintained.

### When Can I park my car on the street?

You can park on the street unless there are posted signs indicating restrictions, such as during snow emergencies. No parking overnight from 2am to 6am.

### I own a commercial vehicle, where can I park it?

Commercial vehicles should be parked in a driveway or in designated commercial areas, not on residential streets.

### How do I obtain a parking permit?

Parking permits can be obtained through the City's police department. Check the City's website for application details.

### Can I park during a snow emergency?

No, during a declared snow emergency, parking on the street is prohibited to facilitate snow removal.

### I have a vehicle without current registration or plates, where should I park it?

It is advised to keep unregistered vehicles off public streets, preferably in a garage or driveway.

### Where can I park a recreational vehicle such as a boat or trailer?

Recreational vehicles must be parked in a driveway or a designated area and cannot block public streets.

## PETS

### May I let my pets run loose?

No. Please keep them on a leash at all times.

## CURFEW

### I have children under 18, what are the curfew laws in Garfield Heights?

Minors 12 and under are not allowed in public from 9:00 p.m. to dawn. Ages 13–14 must be off public streets from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., ages 15–16 from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and 17-year-olds from midnight to 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult. If attending a recognized school, church, or city event, curfew is extended to 30 minutes after the event ends.

### Is there a daytime curfew?

Yes, until school ends, children are expected to be in school during school hours unless they have a valid excuse.

### Are children allowed to play in the streets or use their rollerblades or bikes in the street?

Playing in the streets is not permitted for safety reasons. Parks and designated areas are recommended.

### Does the City allow the operation of toy vehicles in the street?

No, toy vehicles should be used in private areas, not on public streets.

## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MINORS

### Am I liable for the criminal conduct of my child while they are at school?

Parents may be held accountable for their child's actions, depending on the circumstances.

### Is a parent liable for crimes committed by their child outside of school?

Yes, parents can be liable for certain actions taken by their minors.

## SIGNS

### Can I place a sign in my yard?

Yes, but signs must comply with our city ordinances.



No, pets must be on a leash or contained within your property at all times.

**Do I have to register my dog?**

Yes, all dogs must be registered with the City. Check with local authorities for registration procedures.

**How many dogs can I have in Garfield Heights?**

Residents are allowed a maximum of two dogs per household with exception of puppies not over three months old.

**How many cats can I have in Garfield Heights?**

Not more than three (3) cats, with the exception of kittens not more than six (6) months old.

**Should I clean up after my animals while walking?**

Yes, it is required to clean up after your pets to keep public areas clean.

**My neighbor has a barking dog, what should I do?**

If the noise is excessive, consider speaking to your neighbor first. If the issue persists, you may report it to our animal warden.

**SIDEWALK SAFETY**

**Do I have to maintain the sidewalk?**

Yes, homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks adjacent to their property.

**NOISE**

**What are the noise laws?**

For full details please refer to Chapter 535 (Noise Control) of the codified ordinances. The operation of domestic power tools is prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on Sundays.

**LOITERING**

**Are people allowed to congregate outside of my business to harass or annoy customers?**

No, loitering laws protect businesses from harassment or intimidation.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**Where should I sweep grass, lawn clippings, or leaves?**

These should be disposed of in your yard waste bin or taken to a designated disposal site.

**Where should I shovel the snow?**

Snow should be cleared from sidewalks adjacent to your property and must not be pushed onto the street.

**Does the City require me to maintain and repair my house and property?**

Yes, residents are required to keep their properties in good repair.

**Does the city require me to cut my grass?**

Yes, property owners must maintain their lawns, keeping them trimmed and neat.

**Do I need a building permit?**

Most construction projects require a permit. Check with City Hall for specific requirements.

**Does the city inspect rental property?**

Yes, the City conducts inspections to ensure compliance with housing codes.

**Can I trim my neighbor's overhanging trees/brushes?**

You should discuss it with your neighbor first. If unresolved, contact local authorities for guidance.

**GARAGE SALES**

**Am I permitted to hold a garage sale on my property and what is the procedure?**

Yes, you can hold a garage sale. You need to obtain a permit; check with the City ordinances for details.

## Schools

Garfield Heights City School District |475-8100  
Trinity High School |581-1644  
The Brilliance School |808-0838  
St. Benedict Catholic School |662-9380  
SMART Academy |714-3801



## Metroparks

11350 Broadway Ave,  
Garfield Heights 44125  
216-206-1000  
6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



## Libraries

Cuyahoga County Public Library | 216-475-8178  
Garfield Heights Branch Location  
5409 Turney Road  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125



## Hospitals

Marymount - Cleveland Clinic  
12300 McCracken Road  
Garfield Heights, OH 44125  
216-581-0500



## Places of Worship

- Garfield Heights Church of Nazarene
- St. Therese Church
- St. John Lutheran Church
- Rock Community Church
- Mission Church
- St. Monica's Church
- Garfield Heights Methodist Church
- Holy Spirt Catholic Church

# Local Food & Grocery Establishments

Applebee's  
9225 Vista Way  
Arby's Restaurant  
12763 Rockside Road  
Apple Spice Lunch Box & Catering  
9565 Midwest Ave. B  
Chipolte Mexican Grill  
9761 Vista Way  
China Kitchen III  
5607 Turney Road  
Del's Wings N Things  
5141 Turney Road  
Domino's Pizza  
4908 Turney Road  
Dunkin Donuts  
5126 Turney Road  
East Coast Pizza  
4889 Turney Road  
Flava Catering  
12540 Rockside Road  
Great Wall Chinese Restaurant  
4930 Turney Road  
Hanini Subs  
5701 Turney Road  
Jamaica's Drumpon Jerk  
4980 Turney Road  
Little Caesars Pizza  
5721 Turney Road  
Marco's Pizza  
4791 Turney Road  
McDonald's - Turney Road  
5240 Turney Road  
McDonald's - Rockside Road  
12690 Rockside Road

Mr. Hero  
5130 Turney Road  
New Empire Chinese Restaurant  
4793 Turney Road  
Papa John's Pizza, Inc.  
5358 Turney Road  
Sophie's Natural Pierogi  
4617 Turney Road  
Pizza Hut  
5526 Turney Road  
Starbuck's Coffee  
9791 Vista Way  
Subway - Turney Town  
4984 Turney Road  
Subway - Garfield Mall  
12598 Rockside Road  
Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries & Bubble Tea  
5609 Turney Road  
Taco Bell  
5185 Turney Road  
Tiffany's Pizza  
5035 Turney Road  
Turney China  
5851 Turney Road  
Vienna Market  
4797 Turney Road  
Wendy's  
5251 Turney Road  
**Grocery**  
Aldi's  
Dave's Supermarket  
Giant Eagle  
Marc's  
Walgreens  
CVS

**For an updated business list or registered contractor's list, please contact our  
building department at 216-475-3835**