



# OAKLAND MISSOURI

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## Meridian Waste

Meridian Waste Missouri LLC becomes the City of Oakland's new collection company for trash, recycling and yard waste services as of Feb. 1, 2024. Important upcoming dates include:

**Jan. 22-26** new trash and recycling carts will be delivered to all Households;

**Jan. 30-31**, Waste Management ("WM") will provide its last service and pickup all carts with its name on them, consequently, residents are requested to leave those WM Carts on the street until they are picked up by WM.

**February 2024**, Residents can elect to receive a new yard waste cart from Meridian or can choose to use the City of Oakland carts previously used for recycling by requesting stencils from Meridian through their Customer Care department that is available at [CustomerCareMO@MeridianWaste.com](mailto:CustomerCareMO@MeridianWaste.com) or by phone at 314-291-3131.



## Letter from the Mayor

January 2024

Hello fellow citizens. I am honored to have recently been chosen for the position of Mayor. I have filed for re-election in the upcoming April election, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Oakland community. Prior to this I served on the Board of Alderman for more than 13 years and was the President of the board for the past five years.

I would like to introduce our newest Alderman in Ward 1, Mr. Thomas Daake Jr. Thomas has served the city for several years on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He has been an Oakland resident for a number of years with his wife Jen and their boys.

There are a number of significant changes occurring in the city right now, the largest of which is our upcoming switch from

## Meridian Waste, contd.

Residents are encouraged to contact Meridian Waste as soon as possible to elect which yard waste cart they will use.

**Feb. 2,** Meridian Waste will make its first pickups of trash, recycling and yard waste. Residents must use Meridian carts for trash and recycling, but may use City of Oakland carts or bags for yard waste until a permanent cart is chosen.

Unlike Waste Management, Meridian Waste has a **local phone number that can be called directly by residents** who have experienced a missed pickup or who want to schedule pickups of Bulky Items and White Goods. When you call that number, **314-291-3131**, please give the representative your address and identify that you are a resident of Oakland, MO.

Additional carts and services are available to residents who want them, but individual charges will need to be paid in advance since the City is paying only for one trash, one recycling and one yard waste cart. Yard waste pickup will be limited to one cart plus up to 9 additional paper yard waste bags per service.

Additional details will be provided to you by a leaflet that Meridian Waste will be mailing to each household, and which is available in PDF format at: [\*\*www.MeridianWaste.com/Oakland\*\*](http://www.MeridianWaste.com/Oakland)

Waste Management to Meridian Waste Missouri LLC as the City's trash, recycling and yard waste collection company. Waste Management's contract expired and it made a business decision not to bid in response to the City's Request for Proposals. Meridian was the winning bidder, and we look forward to working with them for a successful transition. I ask for everyone's cooperation in the transition since residents will play key roles in the process, as detailed in the companion article in this newsletter, and a leaflet you will receive in the mail from Meridian, a PDF copy of which can be downloaded using the link in the companion article.

Also, the City recently awarded a contract to Spencer Contracting for the reconstruction of E. Madison Avenue. We are asking that work will begin as soon as weather permits.. This project has been long awaited and much anticipated by the residents of E. Madison. Work will include new street surface, curbing and drainage improvements comprising a new slope to the street and additional inlets.

The City also has a new snow and ice removal provider, Bluegrass Lawn and Snow Management, which took over this season after our previous provider closed its doors. We look forward to working with Bluegrass to keep the City's streets passable this winter. You can help by keeping as many vehicles off the streets as possible during snow and ice events.

We are also in the process of bidding our banking, mowing and landscaping contracts, which occurs periodically.

I look forward to continuing to make Oakland the best kept secret in Saint Louis.

Thank You,

*Tom Steuby*

### Important Information about Salt Usage from MSD.

MSD has asked all residents in the area to remember that road salt that contains chloride does more than melt snow and ice; it can negatively impact local lakes and rivers as well. As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water.

### What can we do to help?

- Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- Adopt the “Just Enough” principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Sweep up un-dissolved product after a storm is over for reuse.
- Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.
- Support changes by your municipality to minimize salt usage.
- Talk with your neighbors about appropriate salt usage.



### Oakland Sewer Lateral Repair Program

The City of Oakland offers residents a Sewer Lateral Repair Program, which works as a reimbursement program to residents/owners in order to help defray the cost of repairing **collapsed sewer laterals** between the house and the main. This is how the program works:

If you think you have a collapsed pipe, contact the contractor of your choice and have it cable the line at your expense. Once you have received the tape, contact the City Inspector at 314-[2980850](tel:314-2980850). An appointment will be made to review the tape to verify eligibility for the program. Tree roots and other blockages are not covered under this program, and only point of break repairs are covered. If eligible, the resident may hire a contractor to do the repair and must pay for the repair in full. Copies of the actual bill and proof of payment can then be sent to City of Oakland, P. O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122 and reimbursement of up to \$2,500 may be approved at the next scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting.

Diagnostic charges may be included in the maximum of \$2,500 per repair of an eligible sewer lateral. Funds in the sewer lateral repair program are limited and are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Winter Clearance



With the snow season upon us, we would like to remind all residents that have driveways to move parked vehicles from the roadways to their driveways prior to and during snowy weather. Trucks will often be out 2-4 hours before the snow begins to fall, pre-salting all secondary streets. It can be very difficult to successfully maneuver an 8' or 10' snow plow around parked cars. So, to ensure a quicker response from snow plows, to reduce the potential for damage to vehicles, and to eliminate the chance of your street not being plowed, please move all parked cars off city streets during snow and ice events.

Your cooperation is appreciated!