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Press Release

### **City of Oakland Offers Assistance with Spring Cleanup**

— **Bulky Pickup Program Means Removal of Household Clutter is Only a Phone Call Away** —

**Oakland, CA**—The transition from winter to spring is the perfect time of year to clean out and dispose of all those unnecessary items that have accumulated in homes and garages. The City of Oakland wants to remind residents that they can get their household clutter picked up at no extra charge by simply making an appointment.

Oakland residents of single-family homes (up to 4 units) may schedule one **Bulky Pickup** appointment per year with Waste Management of Alameda County, any time from February through December. This convenient service contributes to the overall upkeep of the community and guarantees that materials are recycled or otherwise properly disposed.

The first task in spring cleaning of homes and apartments today is to get rid of old unwanted broken items. Oakland home organizer Pam Condie advises, “Take any object and ask yourself these questions: Do I need it? Do I love it? If I get two no’s – out it goes. If you don’t need it or have any emotional attachment to it, why are you keeping it?”

**Bulky Pickup** is meant for those unusable items that are too large for the garbage, recycling or yard trimmings carts. “We want to make sure residents know that the by-appointment Bulky Pickup means they can schedule service to coincide with their spring cleaning efforts,” says Solid Waste and Recycling Program Supervisor Becky Dowdakin. “In addition, many of these items will be recycled.” Waste Management of Alameda County can be relied upon to recycle televisions, computers, tires, large appliances, mattresses, yard trimmings, branches and clean wood collected in the program. To schedule a **Bulky Pickup** appointment, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710.

The City of Oakland’s Public Works Agency, Environmental Services Division provides recycling programs and manages the franchise agreement for Solid Waste and Yard Waste Collection and Disposal Services with Waste Management of Alameda County. For more information about the Public Work Agency’s Recycling Program, visit [www.oaklandrecycles.com](http://www.oaklandrecycles.com) or call the Oakland Recycles Hotline at 238-SAVE (7283).

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