

# Important steps for tenants and landlords when facing eviction ordered by the Cleveland Housing Court

The following process has been established in cases of Court Ordered Evictions by the ordinances and procedures of the City of Cleveland, Division of Waste Collection and the Cleveland Municipal Housing Court:

1. The Court sets the date of the court-supervised move out. The Court's Bailiffs are present at the move out to keep the peace, and to supervise the removal all of the tenants' belongings from the landlord's property. The belongings are moved by licensed, bonded movers hired by the landlord.
2. The movers move the tenants' belongings from the property and place them on the tree lawn in front of the property (the area between the sidewalk and the street curb). The landlord cannot remove the items from the tree lawn before 5 p.m. the day of the move out. The tenant can take their belongings from the tree lawn during that time. Neither the landlord nor the Court are required to protect the tenants' belongings.
3. After 5 p.m. the day of the move out, the landlord must remove the items from the tree lawn, or be subject to a ticket from the City of Cleveland for excessive waste on the tree lawn. These tickets can be as much as \$500 depending on the amount of waste.
4. Waste Collection and the tree lawns of Cleveland are governed by the City of Cleveland, including Cleveland Codified Ordinance Chapter 551. Property owners and tenants are responsible for following the laws for waste collection and disposal, and the rules covering the public areas of the tree lawns.

**If you have any questions about these steps and the laws that cover these responsibilities please call:**

The City of Cleveland at (216) 664-3711 or the Cleveland Municipal Housing Court at (216) 664-4765.

