



How do I get rid of old railroad ties from around my house? The City of Parma cannot accept railroad ties at the Service Garage. The following are recommendations of the Ohio EPA on how to dispose of old railroad ties. Ohio EPA promotes recycling whenever possible and encourages homeowners with old railroad ties to find someone else that can use them. Railroad ties can be used to make retaining walls, parking lot bumpers, etc. Local organizations such as Habitat for Humanity may be able to utilize the railroad ties. Ohio EPA also maintains a list of wood and pallet recyclers that may be able to recycle the ties through our Web site at www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/recycle.aspx. If recycling of your railroad ties is not an option, they should be disposed of in a solid waste or construction and demolition debris landfill. The following sites will accept railroad ties. There may be a charge involved.

- BOYAS EXCAVATING, INC. 11311 Rockside Road Valley View, OH 44125 (216) 524-3620 Open all year round. Drop-off only. 7:30-5:00 (M-F).
- KURTZ BROS., INC. 850 Valley Belt Road Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131 (216) 986-7021
- ROSBY RESOURCE RECYCLING 4963 Schaaf Lane Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131 (216) 661-6102

Licensed class IV compost facility. 9:00-5:00 (M-F). Creosote is a wood preservative that has been used for a long time to treat commercial-grade wood like utility poles and railroad ties. Creosote is not used for treating wood that's typically used in a residential setting, however, it is common to find old railroad ties at homes that have been used for landscaping materials. Because of this, U.S. EPA has done some studies and published guidelines for homeowners on handling creosote treated materials. As far as additional precautions, U.S. EPA specifically recommends that homeowners: DO NOT burn creosote-treated wood in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces, or residential boilers, because toxic chemicals may be produced as part of the smoke and ashes. • DO avoid frequent or prolonged skin contact with creosote-treated wood; • DO wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants and use gloves impervious to the chemicals when handling treated wood; • DO wear goggles to protect eyes if power-sawing treated wood; and • DO wash any work clothes coming into contact with treated wood separately from other household clothing.