



### Mid Michigan Waste Authority

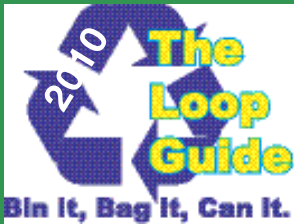
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**IMPORTANT!  
CURBSIDE PROGRAM  
INFORMATION!**

### Your Set-Out Guidelines Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste



## Program Guidelines for Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste



**The Loop Guide provides curbside solid waste service requirement info for residents of the following Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) member communities.**

Albee Township  
Bethany Township  
Birch Run - Village  
Birch Run Township  
Blumfield Township  
Brady Township  
Brant Township  
Breckenridge - Village  
Bridgeport Township

Buena Vista Township  
Carrollton Township  
Chapin Township  
Chesaning - Village  
Chesaning Township  
Frankenmuth - City  
Frankenmuth Township  
Fremont Township  
James Township

Jonesfield Township  
Kochville Township  
Lakefield Township  
Maple Grove Township  
Marion Township  
Merrill - Village  
Richland Township  
Saginaw - City  
Saginaw Township

St. Charles - Village  
St. Charles Township  
Spaulding Township  
Swan Creek Township  
Thomas Township  
Tittabawassee Township  
Wheeler Township  
Zilwaukee - City



### ▲ Recycling Guidelines

Residents may set out an unlimited amount of recyclable paper and container items. Collection is provided as a weekly or bi-weekly service. \* Contact your municipality to learn your service schedule or visit the MMWA website at [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org).

- Materials must be placed at the curb using at least one official recycling bin.
- Non-official recycling containers may be used for additional capacity.
- Containers must be 33-gallons or less and be labeled with a "Recyclables Only" sticker.
- Contact your municipal office for recycling bins and "Recyclables Only" stickers.

*\* City of Saginaw residents do not have MMWA curbside recycling service*

#### Step 1 RECYCLE Paper Items

- Place all paper items together in the same recycling bin or a paper bag set inside the bin.
- Empty, flatten and cut cardboard boxes into 2'x3' foot pieces so they fit into the recycling truck. Place cardboard pieces in or under your recycling bin.
- Remember: *If you can rip it, you can recycle it.*

**Cardboard Recycling Tip:**  
Flatten & cut all boxes to 2' x 3'

#### ACCEPTABLE PAPER ITEMS

- Newspapers & inserts
- Magazines & catalogs
- Phone books
- Cereal and dry food boxes
- Paper towel & toilet paper rolls
- Shoe & gift boxes

- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Computer copy paper
- Junk mail
- Notebook & writing paper
- Envelopes

#### DO NOT RECYCLE

- Food contaminated boxes - Ex: pizza boxes!
- Frozen food boxes
- Laundry soap boxes
- Waxed-paper cups - Ex: take out paper cups
- Product samples

#### Step 2 RECYCLE Glass, Metal and Plastic Containers

- Place all glass, metal and #1 and #2 plastic containers together in one recycling bin.
- Remember to empty and rinse all containers before recycling. Removing labels is not necessary.
- Please throw all plastic lids in the trash and recycle metal lids.
- Flatten containers, when possible, to maximize space in your recycling bin and collection vehicle.

#### ACCEPTABLE CONTAINER ITEMS

##### PLASTIC:

- #1 Plastic containers
  - most beverage bottles
- #2 Plastic containers
  - Milk & water jugs
  - Detergent bottles

##### METAL:

- Aluminum cans
- Foil food trays
- Aluminum pie plates
- Metal cans & lids
- Empty, cleaned paint cans

##### GLASS:

- Clear, green & brown glass
- Beverage glasses & plates
- Window & door glass
- Ceramics & cookware

#### DO NOT RECYCLE

- Plastic grocery bags**
- Plastic wrap
- Motor oil bottles
- Cooking oil bottles
- Medical items
- Blue or black glass
- Frosted glass
- Mirrors
- Furniture glass
- Light bulbs
- Large metal scraps
- Coated foil wrappers
- Foam cups & plates
- Foam carry out containers
- Packing peanuts & foam

**Do NOT put any recyclables in plastic grocery bags**

### Public Recycling Drop Off Locations

#### FCR Recycling

911 Veterans Memorial Pkwy / Saginaw 754-8014  
Monday - Friday, 7am - 4pm

#### Waste Management Recycle America

1957 Findley / Saginaw 754-6511  
Monday - Friday, 7am - 4pm

# These trash, recycling and yard waste guidelines are in place to provide residents an efficient, safe, cost-effective services program. By following these guidelines, you will ensure the health and safety of collection workers and experience curbside service without interruption.

## Weather and Your Trash

Knowing the weather report can help you decide how to set out your waste materials for pick up. Follow these tips to help limit runaway cans, blowing litter in your neighborhood, and keep your collection workers safe!

- ◆ Rainfall increases the weight of open containers, especially paper yard waste bags. If the forecast calls for rain, fill open containers / bags only half full.
- ◆ Windy weather causes cans and lids to blow away. On gusty days, set trash out in bags instead of cans.
- ◆ When its windy, set your mixed containers recycling bin on top of the loose paper bin or place paper items in paper grocery bags to help keep your streets litter free.
- ◆ Residents are not required to set out trash, recyclables or yard waste each collection day. If weather is questionable, you can hold materials until the following week to avoid any potential problems.

All materials must be placed at the curb by 7 am on your designated collection day. Materials not at the curb when collection vehicles pass, will not be picked up that week. Contact your municipality or MMWA for your designated collection day.

### To Report A Missed Pickup

Contact MMWA at 781-9555. Materials are considered missed when they were prepared properly, at the curb by 7 am and left without an orange tag from the collection worker.

Late or improperly prepared set outs are **not** a miss and will not be collected.

### Orange Tags

If materials are not properly prepared, they will not be collected. The collection worker will tag the item(s) to let you know why it was left at the curb.



Please read and follow the guidelines provided in this guide to avoid service interruptions. Guidelines are also available on the MMWA website at [recyclemotion.org](http://recyclemotion.org).

### Holidays

Holidays that fall on a weekday cause a one-day service delay for that day and each regular service day thereafter in the week of the holiday. If a holiday falls on a weekend, no delay in service will occur.

#### Observed Holidays

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving (Th & F)
- Christmas Day

#### Did you know?

Bags, cans and bins are lifted by hand into the collection trucks. Your collection worker makes between 700-1,200 stops each collection day.

## General Collection

Trash collection is provided on a weekly basis to single family and duplex dwellings. Quadplex dwellings are included in the City of Saginaw.

- Residents may set out an unlimited\* number of bags\*\* or cans of household trash.
- All trash must be securely contained in bags or trash cans no larger than 33-gallons.
- Each bag or trash can must weigh less than 50 lbs.
- **Do not place trash in cardboard boxes.** Boxes must be emptied, flattened, cut to 2'x3' and set out for recycling.
- 2 bulky items are allowed with trash each week. See the **Bulky Items** section for those guidelines.
- One bundle of brush is accepted per week; details below.
- **Evictions, move-outs and clean-outs not included.**

\* City of Saginaw residents have a 20-bag limit  
\*\* City of Frankenmuth residents must use bags only

### Bulky Items

Any item that exceeds 50 lbs or does not fit into a standard 33-gallon bag or trash can is considered a bulky item. Examples include furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc.

- Set out bulky items on your regular set out day.
- Collection crews will tag bulky items for collection by a different truck on a different day.
- DO NOT remove tagged items from curb.
- No more than two (2) bulky items per week.

### Carpet

- Cut into 4' wide pieces; tie or tape into rolls
- Each roll must not weigh more than 50 lbs.
- One roll = one bulky item.

**Broken Glass:** To avoid injury, put glass pieces in a hard container or tape with cardboard around before placing in trash.

### Unacceptable Materials

Look in the Yellow Pages under "Rubbish" for companies that handle removal of materials not allowed in the MMWA collection program. Examples include:

- Tires and auto parts
  - Building and remodeling debris
  - Items with a gas tank or engine
  - Landscape timbers / fence or deck boards
  - Assembled swing sets / porch swings
  - Intact garage doors
  - Picnic tables
- Eviction, move-out and large clean-out setouts**

**NOTE:** Many of the materials not allowed in the curbside program can be brought directly to the landfill for disposal. Call ahead to verify material acceptance and disposal charges.



### Landfill Banned Residential Trash Items

Under Michigan solid waste law, a number of residential waste items are banned from landfill disposal. Trash haulers face stiff fines if they dump loads containing these materials in the landfill.

For more information on proper disposal methods, contact MMWA for the **Landfill-Banned Residential Refuse Materials** brochure.

#### Landfill Banned Materials

- Whole motor vehicle tires
- Lead-acid batteries
- Loose needles/syringes
- Homeowner asbestos
- Beverage containers - 1 gal. and smaller
- Yard waste
- Used motor oil



#### People's Landfill

4143 E. Rathbun Road, Taymouth Twp  
989-777-1145

## Garbage

Yard waste collection service is not offered in all areas. Where available, it is collected April through November. Contact your municipality regarding availability or hit [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org). State law sets restrictions on how yard waste must be handled and disposed.

- ☺ Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, yard vegetation, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" in diameter) and leaves.
- ☺ Place yard waste in 33-gallon or smaller cans or paper yard waste bags; set out the same day as trash collection.
- **Do not put Yard Waste in plastic bags.**
- All cans and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Close bags and use lids on cans. Twigs may not protrude more than 6" above container.
- ☺ Cans need a "Yard Waste" sticker; paper yard waste bags may need a tag in your community. Please contact your municipal office for additional information. (\* in next column)

### Brush

- Brush is considered trash by state law.
- Brush includes branches up to 4 feet in length and at least 2" in diameter.
- One 3'x4' bundle of brush allowed with trash each week.
- Brush should be bundled with twine.

### Pumpkins/Cornstalks/Decorative Vegetation

- Small amounts (less than 4 items) of decorative/seasonal vegetation can be set out as trash.
- Large quantities of these are considered yard waste and must be handled following the yard waste guidelines.
- Hay bales are considered yard waste.

\*Bridgeport Township and City of Frankenmuth have additional yard waste/grass requirements. Contact those municipal offices or go to the MMWA website at [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) for more info.

### Christmas Trees

- Christmas trees are collected the first 3 weeks in January.
- Remove tinsel, ornaments, hooks, lights, ropes and plastic tree bags before putting tree curbside.

### Unacceptable YW Materials

Rootballs, stumps and large branches are **not** accepted in the yard waste program.

Look in the Yellow Pages under "Tree Removal" or "Landscapers" for companies who remove these materials.



## Special Material Programs

### Agricultural Chemical Waste & Mercury

Accept items from farms/businesses/residents.  
**Saginaw County Public Health Clean Sweep Program**  
Call 989-758-3686 or [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org)

### Household Special Waste (HSW)

Drop-off events for HSW offered area residents:  
**MMWA:** [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) or call 989-781-9555  
**SCDPH:** 989-758-3686 or [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org)  
(SCDPH events require appointments)

### Tire Collections

**Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement** holds free tire recycling drives each summer. Limit 10 tires, no rims.  
Call 989-755-5751 or visit [www.scmac.org](http://www.scmac.org)

## Yard Waste / Brush