



# *things you* ————— **NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRASH COLLECTION**

## **1. When do I put my trash/recycling/yard waste out?**

Trash, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7 am on your collection day. If you do not know your community's service day, call MMWA or visit our website at [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org). Yard waste season runs April 1 through November 30 in communities that receive that service.

## **2. Who do I call to report a missed pickup?**

If you put your trash out after the truck goes by, there will be no return for service until your next service day. If you had your trash out by 7 am and think you were missed, call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 on or within one business day of your service day to report the issue.

## **3. What if there is a holiday?**

Holidays that fall on weekdays cause service to be delayed one day for that day and any other service days for the rest of the week. For example, if a holiday falls on a Wednesday, there will be a one-day delay for people who live in communities that are serviced on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is no service delay for holidays falling on a weekend. MMWA observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

## **4. How much trash can I put out?**

Residents may set out an unlimited number of trash bags or cans of household generated trash each week, with the exception of the City of Saginaw, where residents have a 20-bag or can limit.

## **5. What kind of cans or bags do I use for my trash/recycling/yard waste?**

Trash must be in rigid plastic cans with handles that are no larger than 35 gallons or smaller than 20 gallons, or bags no larger than 55 gallons. Recyclables must be in labeled cans no larger than 45 gallons or in community-issued recycling bins. Yard waste must be in labeled cans no larger than 35 gallons or in paper yard waste bags. Do not use plastic bags to contain yard waste or recycling; it will not be collected by the driver. All cans, bins, and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each. In the City of Frankenmuth, only community-issued recycling bins may be used for recycling and only trash bags for trash.

## **6. Why did the driver put an orange sticker on my materials?**

An orange sticker means either that your materials were improperly prepared or your bulky item has been scheduled for pick-up by the bulk truck. Look on the sticker for the reason. If you do not see an orange sticker or you do not understand the reason listed, call MMWA at (989) 781-9555.

## **7. What is a bulky item and how do I get it picked up?**

Remember that anything that is not in a can or a bag – whether it is a clock radio or a refrigerator – is considered a bulky item. Each household is allowed up to two per week. If your item is too big or bulky for the driver to collect with your trash, he will schedule it for pick-up by the bulky truck within two business days of your service day. Bulky pickup is not scheduled in advance. Call MMWA only if you have questions about how to properly prepare your item for collection.

## **8. What recyclables do you accept?**

The MMWA curbside program accepts metal, paper, cardboard, glass, and plastics #1, #2, #4 – #7 (no foam). All plastics must have the resin code # in chasing arrows marked somewhere on the item. If there is no resin code marked, please throw the item away: do not place it in your recycling bin. See the back side of this flyer for a complete list of accepted recyclables.

## **9. What is the difference between yard waste and brush?**

Yard waste is defined by state law as grass clippings, twigs less than 2" in diameter, leaves, and other yard vegetation. Larger branches, between 2" and 6" in diameter, are considered brush and are collected as trash, not yard waste. One bundle of brush (cut or broken branches 3 to 4 feet in length and at least 2" in diameter) may be put each week with trash.

## **10. How do I dispose of hazardous waste?**

Hazardous waste, like varnish, paint thinner, motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, lawn and garden products, acids, pool and hobby chemicals, and mercury should never be placed in your curbside trash. MMWA holds special drop-off days for these items in the spring and summer - call MMWA for the 2017 schedule and more details.



**RETHINK YOUR  
RECYCLING**

**Mid Michigan Waste Authority**  
[www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org)  
**(989) 781-9555**

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# DO

# RECYCLE

## PAPER & CARDBOARD

*Remember: If you can rip it, you can recycle it!*

Newspapers & inserts  
Magazines & catalogs  
Notebooks & writing paper  
Cereal & dry food boxes  
Paper towel & toilet paper rolls  
Corrugated cardboard boxes - cut to 3'X3'  
Computer copy paper  
Envelopes/Junk mail  
Phone books  
Shoe & gift boxes  
Frozen food boxes



## METAL

Aluminum cans  
Foil food trays  
Metal cans & lids

Aluminum pie plates

## GLASS

Clear, green & brown glass  
Beverages glasses and plates



## PLASTIC

*Plastics must have the recyclable code # in chasing arrows marked somewhere on the item.*

- #1 Plastic containers
  - ☒ Beverage bottles
- #2 Plastic containers
  - ☒ Milk & water jugs
  - ☒ Detergent bottles
- #4 Plastic containers
  - ☒ Squeezable bottles
- #5 Plastic containers
  - ☒ Yogurt cups
  - ☒ Margarine tubs

- #6 Plastic containers
  - ☒ Aspirin bottles
  - ☒ Plastic food trays
- #7 Plastic containers
  - ☒ baby bottles



## DON'T recycle

### #3 Plastics

Plastic grocery bags  
Plastic wrap  
Motor oil bottles  
Cooking oil bottles  
Plastic #6 foam  
Blue or black glass  
Frosted/mirrored glass  
Furniture glass  
Light bulbs

Ceramics and cookware  
Foam cups & plates  
Foam carry out containers  
Packing peanuts & foam  
Window and door glass  
Soiled napkins & paper towels  
Laundry soap boxes  
Waxed-paper cups -  
including fountain soda cups  
Greasy boxes - pizza boxes  
Pet food or heating pellet bags

## MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY SPECIAL WASTE DROP OFF DAYS

MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY'S  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER  
2063 S Miller Rd  
Saginaw

**Safe, FREE disposal of household special waste  
items, including paint, electronics  
& hazardous chemicals**  
**May through September 2017**  
for residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Twp,  
Village of Breckenridge and Wheeler Twp

Visit the MMWA website at [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) or  
call (989) 781-9555 for drop-off days, program guidelines  
and a complete accepted materials list.

## NOT accepted at MMWA Household Special Waste Drop-off Days:

Business/farm wastes  
Rechargeable batteries  
Propane tanks  
Household batteries  
Explosives  
Ammunition  
Tires  
Asbestos  
CRT televisions with broken glass