

Cleaning It Up in Midland

Recycling

Recyclables are collected curbside on your refuse collection day once every other week according to your street's recycling schedule. Recycle schedules 1 & 2 are noted on Sundays in this calendar. Need a refrigerator magnet highlighting the weeks your recycling is collected? Call DPS at **837-6900**.



What To Set Out

- #1 and #2 plastic & milk jugs: rinse & remove lids. Items must be labeled #1 or #2 on the bottom. Do not include oil & antifreeze containers or plastic bags.
- Clear & colored glass: rinsed. Labels are OK. Do not include dishes, light bulbs, broken glass, or mirrors.
- Tin & aluminum: rinsed. Includes cans, foil, & pie plates.
- Food cans: rinsed.
- Newspapers, magazines, & telephone books: includes glossy advertising inserts & catalogs.
- Corrugated cardboard: flattened boxboard cereal, dry food, & tissue boxes. Must be less than 3 ft. x 3 ft. in size. Remove liners & cellophane.
- Household alkaline batteries, including A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, and similar alkaline types.

How To Prepare Recycling

Place recycling in a City-provided green bin. Always use this bin so collection crews know your items are recyclable.

When To Set It Out

Place recyclables at the curb according to your recycling schedule. Place your bin at the curb no sooner than 6 p.m. the day before your collection day and no later than 8 a.m. the day of your collection. See calendar for the weekly recycling schedule.

Household Refuse

Refuse is collected weekly on your regular refuse day. View this calendar for holiday collection information. Contact DPS, 989-837-6900, for refuse day information or check the City's website (www.midland-mi.org) for recycling, refuse, and heavy item collection information.

When To Set It Out: Place at the curb no sooner than 6 p.m. the day before your collection and no later than 8 a.m. the day of your collection.

Refuse Bin: A refuse bin is a heavy-duty, gray, 95-gallon trash bin on wheels. The bin holds 6-8 garbage bags and costs \$50*. It is specifically designed to be compatible with the City's semi-automated collection process. Call the Department of Public Services, 989-837-6900, for purchase information.

What To Set Out & How to Prepare:

- General household garbage: in closed bags/containers (with handles) weighing less than 50 lbs. The weight limit for a 95-gallon refuse bin is 200 lbs.
- DRIED latex & oil paint in cans: any remaining paint must dry to a solid before it will be collected. Punch holes in the lid or remove lid completely and place separately at curb.
- Used motor oil & antifreeze: separate & place in clearly labeled, tightly sealed containers.
- Animal wastes: separate & place in clearly labeled, plastic-lined paper bags.
- Broken glass and lightbulbs: label & place separately in a puncture-proof cardboard box or can with secure lid.
- Fluorescent bulbs: wrap in newspaper or put in bulb sleeve. Place separately.
- Needles & syringes: label & place separately in a hard plastic or metal container with a secure lid.

*All fees are subject to review and may change.



"Leaf" Yard Waste to the City

Yard waste is collected weekly on your regular refuse day, April-December, depending on weather conditions. Contact Public Services, 989-837-6900, for refuse day information.

What To Set Out: grass clippings, leaves, garden wastes, small twigs and branches

Three Ways To Dispose Of Yard Waste:

Paper Compost Bags: Yard waste is collected in 30-gallon paper compost bags, which can be purchased from local retailers including grocery, hardware and home improvement stores. Bag users must affix a 25-cent* collection sticker to each bag that's set at the curb.

Collection stickers are available from stores that sell the bags.

Yard Waste Bins: DPS sells blue, 95-gallon yard waste bins for \$50* each. These bins are designed to be compatible with the City's semi-automated collection process. Bin users pay a \$25* annual collection fee. Collection stickers for paper compost bags placed at the curb alongside a City yard waste bin are waived as long as the \$25* annual collection fee for that bin has been paid.

Compost & Mulch: Call DPS for information (989-837-6900).

How To Prepare Yard Waste: Place yard waste in kraft paper compost bags (weight limit 50 lbs.) or 95-gallon bins (weight limit 200 lbs.) purchased from the City. A 25-cent* collection sticker must be attached to each compost bag. Bins require a \$25* annual collection sticker.

When To Set It Out: Place at the curb no sooner than 6 p.m. the day before your refuse collection day and no later than 8 a.m. the day of your collection.

Three Free Program: For a three-week period each spring and fall, yard waste is collected curbside in paper compost bags or yard waste bins at no charge. Collection stickers are not required during the designated weeks.

Fall Leaf Collection

The City collects fall leaves for approximately four weeks, generally during late October and November. Starting in October, check www.midland-mi.org, watch MGTV-5, call the leaf collection hotline (989-837-3405), or call DPS at 989-837-6900 for collection start dates, updates, and instructions.

Generally, residents on high traffic streets such as Eastman and Saginaw should rake leaves directly onto the outlawn. Citizens on residential streets may rake leaves into the street along the curb, leaving one foot of space between the gutter and leaf pile.

Kraft paper compost bags or yard waste bins may also be used to dispose of fall leaves. There is a charge for bag and bin collection except during Three Free (see above).

