



## Rubbish Guidelines and Procedures

In accordance with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods City Code Sections 34-21 through 34-48, all dwellings (residential building, school building, church building, store building, place of business and other structures or premises) within the City shall comply with code relating to the composting, disposal, storage and collection and the hauling, transporting or handling of garbage, food wastes, rubbish, refuse, brush, recyclables and yard waste. Every resident and commercial property utilizing the City's refuse contractor shall comply with the following standards:

### Supplies Provided by the City:

- The City provides 2 - 64 gallon bins: 1 for recyclables and 1 for non-recyclable waste.
- Bins damaged from normal use will be replaced by the City's contractor at no charge. If the bin is lost, stolen, or damaged by neglect or abuse, the occupant is responsible for purchasing a new bin from the contractor.

### Requirements for Rubbish Pick-Up:

- Rubbish must be placed at the curb next to the driveway no earlier than 5 p.m. the night before, nor later than 7 a.m. on the day of, the scheduled pick-up day.
- Plastic bags must be used to contain trash and food waste prior to placing into the bin and cannot exceed 50 lbs.
- The bin provided must be used to contain filled and sealed rubbish bags. When the bin is full, on limited occasions such as holidays and special events, additional bag(s) (no more than five) may be placed next to the bin that have been properly tied and secured. Routine, excess use of standalone rubbish bags is not permitted and will require an additional cart be purchased from the contractor.
- In an effort to deter rodents and birds, 33-gallon bags with a minimum 1.5 mills thickness that serve as a rubbish container liner are recommended. For your convenience, rubbish bags are available for purchase at City Hall, DPW, and Public Safety.
- Latex paint will be picked-up after it has been solidified with kitty litter, sand, or sawdust.
- Odd shaped items not suitable for bags should be placed beside the trash.

### Recycling:

- Recycling must be placed at the curb next to the driveway no earlier than 5 p.m. the night before, nor later than 7 a.m. on the day of, the scheduled pick-up day.
- Items to be placed into the recycle bin include clean plastic items (identified with the triangular recycle symbol), metal and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum trays, foil, pie tins, glass jars and bottles, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, cardboard that has been cut to fit in the bin, flattened cereal boxes, and junk mail.

### Compost/Yard Waste:

- Compost and yard waste must be placed at the curb next to the driveway no earlier than 5 p.m. the night before, nor later than 7 a.m. on the day of, the scheduled pick-up day.
- All yard waste must be composted according to Michigan law. Garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, twigs, shrubs, tree trimmings and pruning waste must be disposed of in paper yard waste bags or 32-35 gallon containers labeled "yard waste" or "compost" or bundled with twine or unbundled brush stacked neatly at the curb, with cut ends facing the street.

- Neither bags nor containers may exceed 50 lbs.
- Bundled brush and tree trimmings tied with twine must be cut to measure no more than 4' in length and 4" in diameter.
- Bundles tied with twine may not exceed 50 lbs. and/or 18 inches in diameter.
- Unbundled brush must be stacked neatly at the curb, with cut ends facing the street for curbside chipping provided by the City on your normal rubbish day.
- Maximum branch diameter of unbundled brush is 4 inches; maximum length is 12 feet.
- Long pieces of unbundled brush should be placed on a diagonal, with cut ends facing oncoming traffic, so as not to cover sidewalks.
- For your convenience, yard waste bags are available for purchase at City Hall, DPW, and Public Safety.
- Curbside yard waste collection runs from the middle of March to the middle of December.
- The City provides leaf pick-up services from October through November when leaves are raked to the curb. Only leaves will be vacuumed up; do not mix other yard waste with leaves. Leaf pick-up schedule is available on the City website.

#### Special Trash Pick-Ups:

- Large, heavy or bulky items, such as furniture or appliances, will be picked up upon request. Call DPW a minimum 48 hours in advance of your scheduled pick-up day for bulk truck service.

#### Hazardous Waste Pick-Ups:

- DPW hosts Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days twice per year; the third Saturday in April and October.
- Items considered hazardous waste will not be picked up by the contractor on regular pick-up days including wet latex or oil based paints. Other hazardous waste including motor oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, and large batteries are accepted at DPW from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. See the detailed list attached.

#### Not Permitted:

- Heavy and extraordinarily large accumulations of items caused from move-outs, move-ins, estate sales, and the like are not permitted to be placed at the curb. Disposal of these items are the responsibility of, and at the expense of, the property owner, occupant, renter, tenant or lessee, and shall be disposed of outside of the City.
- The City does not pick up construction materials, concrete, bricks, car parts, dirt, sod, root balls, or tree stumps, and it is the responsibility of, and at the expense of, the contractor or property owner to properly dispose of these items outside of the City.

#### Pick-Up Schedules:

- Various types of trash should be placed next to each other at curbside. Different trucks pick up rubbish, recycling, yard waste and brush, at different times. The collectors will not move one type of trash to get at another in a pile. Neatly placed trash at curbside will help to ensure a trouble-free pick-up.
- The attached map identifies scheduled pick-up days effective January 1, 2018.
- Information is available in the City calendar as well as the City website at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us).
- Holidays may change scheduled pick-up days. For holiday pick-up information, see the City calendar or the City website.

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