Curbside Recycling Continues to Grow in East Lansing

The City of East Lansing has been awarded a $240,000 Recycling Infrastructure Grant from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy to meet the needs of its growing recycling program. The funds will be used to purchase a second fully automated recycling truck that will optimize efficiencies and allow for greater capacity to accommodate growing monthly recycling volumes that have nearly tripled in four years.

Growing recycling volumes require constant vigilance to maintain a clean, uncontaminated recycling stream. Residents are encouraged to use the Curbside Recycling Guide on Page 2 to ensure they are recycling acceptable items. Carts that include unacceptable materials must be rejected in order to maintain services and protect the value of recyclables collected. Plastic bags, polystyrene, yard waste, plastic film, textiles, food waste, cords, wood and other trash cannot be recycled in residents’ curbside carts. Remember:

- Plastic bags, of any kind, are not accepted in carts.
- Place accepted materials loose in carts.
- No need to remove labels, caps, paper clips, staples, spiral bindings or plastic tabs.
- Ensure recyclables are clean: empty, rinse and dry containers.
- All recyclables, including cardboard, must fit inside carts with lids closed.
- Styrofoam is only accepted at the 24/7 drop-off site at 1800 E. State Road. Extra cardboard can be recycled at that site too! Happy Recycling!

Have questions about the City of East Lansing’s curbside recycling program? Visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle.
City of East Lansing Recycling Guide

Say **Yes!** to the following recyclables:

- aluminum cans
- metal cans
- household scrap metal
- cartons
- file folders
- office paper
- gift wrapping paper
- newspapers
- magazines
- brochures & inserts
- regular & junk mail
- cardboard
- paper bags
- phonebooks
- #1-#2, #4-7 plastic containers (no styrofoam)
- bulky rigid plastic (buckets, chairs, toys)
- glass bottles
- glass jars

Empty and rinse all containers.

**Everything, including cardboard, must fit inside cart with lid closed.**

Please follow these guidelines and set your cart out by 7:30 a.m.

No need to remove:

- paper clips
- stamps
- address labels
- staples
- metal fasteners
- cellophane
- address windows
- rubber bands
- spiral bindings
- plastic tabs

Say **NO!** to the following items:

- clothing
- paint
- pesticides
- oil & cleaners
- waxed cardboard
- needles or syringes
- #3 plastics
- electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, etc.)

PLASTIC BAGS (return bags to retailers)  styrofoam containers  wire hangers  window panes  mirrors  ceramics  Pyrex dishware  organic material  food waste  yard waste

Learn more: cityofeastlansing.com/recycle  (517) 337-9459
• No plastic bags, Styrofoam, yard waste, food waste, etc.
• Carts should have at least 3 ft. of clearance on all sides at curb.
• All recycling should be contained within carts with lids closed and the lid opening facing the street.
• Place cart at curb no earlier than 8 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7:30 a.m. the day of collection.
• Not sure whether you are in green week or blue week? Unsure of your collection day? Call (517) 337-9459 or visit cityofeastlansing.com/recycle.

Placement Guidelines and Information
CFL Bulb & Battery Recycling

Community members can recycle Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs at the Department of Public Works (DPW), East Lansing City Hall and the East Lansing Hannah Community Center. Battery recycling is only available at DPW.

Foam Polystyrene #6 Drop-Off Site

The DPW recycling drop-off site at 1800 E. State Road now accepts foam polystyrene #6 (known as Styrofoam™). Styrofoam™ is not accepted in the City’s single-stream curbside cart collection. The drop-off station provides residents with an opportunity to divert their Styrofoam™ from the landfill to be recycled. When using the foam polystyrene #6 recycling station, please:

- Wash, rinse and dry containers of all food and drink remnants
- Remove all labels and stickers
- Remove all straws and lids
- No insulation material (any color)
- No foam peanuts or starch-based packing peanuts (these can be taken to UPS Stores)
- No trash, labels, stickers or plastic film

Yard Waste Program

Yard waste includes leaves, plant materials, grass clippings and brush/limbs.

Containing Yard Waste

There are three ways to contain yard waste (no-fee days are exempt from City bag/sticker requirement, all other guidelines apply):

- City paper yard waste bags
- Rigid, 32-gallon plastic container or paper bag with City yard waste sticker (do not use Easy Carts, recycling carts or plastic bags to dispose of yard waste)
- Bundled (with string or twine) with a City yard waste sticker
- No more than 40 pounds

Bags and stickers can be purchased at locations throughout East Lansing. Call (517) 337-9459 or visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste for details. Yard waste may be placed at the curb after 8 p.m. the day before collection or no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of collection. Prior to that, it should be stored in a dry location.

Disposing of Yard Waste

Curbside Yard Waste Collection (runs through Nov. 18)
Curbside collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) through Nov. 18. Bags must weigh no more than 40 pounds. Bundles may be no more than 4 feet long and 1 foot in diameter and weigh no more than 40 pounds. Individual limbs must be 4 inches in diameter or less. Visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/collectionrequest or call DPW at (517) 337-9459 Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to request a pickup. Online requests must be made by 7 a.m. on the Monday of collection and phone requests must be made by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Monday collection.

No-Fee Curbside Yard Waste Collection (Oct. 7 and Oct. 28)
No-Fee Yard Waste days are Oct. 7 and Oct. 28. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag/rigid plastic 32-gallon container or bundled and placed at the curb by 7:30 a.m. Advanced requests and City bags/stickers are not required. All other guidelines apply.

Fall Bulk Leaf Collection
Bulk leaf collection will be offered the weeks of Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 on the City’s east side and the weeks of Oct. 14, Oct. 28 and Nov. 12 on the west side. The east side includes the east City limits at Park Lake to Abbot Road. The west side includes the west City limits at Coolidge and West roads to Abbot Road. Loose yard waste (except brush/limbs) can be raked to the curb for free collection.
Extra Recycling Days & Holiday Refuse Collection

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of extra, free recycling days during the holiday season. Residents can fill their recycling carts with clean, accepted items and place them at the curb on the following Mondays for a free recycling pickup: Dec. 16, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

For items that can’t be recycled, the City will offer No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection Dec. 17-Jan. 3. During this time, extra refuse can be disposed of without the use of yellow City bags. Refuse is collected on residents’ normal collection day, except where changes are necessary due to holidays. Bags must weigh no more than 40 pounds.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City will once again collect live-cut Christmas trees this winter. The trees will be chipped and used as mulch in City parks or donated to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for use as rabbit habitats. Trees can be recycled curbside or dropped off at a variety of City locations. All bags, holiday decorations, lights and tree stands must be removed and trees taller than 6’ should be cut in half.

Trees can be placed curbside for collection anytime between Thursday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Jan. 13. Advance phone requests and stickers are not required. Drop-off sites will be available through Jan. 13 at:

• Patriarche Park (parking lot on Alton Road)
• Emerson Park (Arbor Drive entrance)
• Fine Park (parking lot at Winchester Drive)
• Valley Court Park (south of Community Center)
• White Memorial Park (parking lot at Pebblebrook Lane)

Calendar

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Monitoring Gypsy Moth

Gypsy Moth, an insect species that is invasive to trees, is experiencing a local resurgence due to the dry spring conditions of the last several years, which have reduced the effect of the fungal pathogen Entomophaga maimaiga that kills the Gypsy Moth caterpillars. Help the City monitor and control this threat through early identification and intervention:

- Keep an eye out for the presence of large numbers of whitish/tan egg masses on oak trees this fall and winter.
- A sticky substance called Tanglefoot, available through retailers locally and online, can be applied to tree trunks in the spring to capture caterpillars, reducing their impacts to trees.
- Keeping trees and soil well watered in the spring will reduce tree stress and help E. maimaiga grow.

Suspected infestations can be reported to Environmental Services Administrator Cathy DeShambo at cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com or (517) 319-6936. More info: www.cityofeastlansing.com/274/Urban-Forestry.

Household Goods Recycling

Materials accepted for Simple Recycling’s curbside pickup include textiles, clothing, shoes, pillows, toys, jewelry, purses, small appliances/furniture, dishes, pictures and more. Residents can put their items in orange Simple Recycling bags (or boxes with the Simple Recycling sticker) next to their curbside recycling on their regular recycling day. Simple Recycling will leave more bags each time this free service is used. Need bags? Visit East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center or the East Lansing Department of Public Works during business hours; call (866)-835-5068; or submit a request at http://simplerecycling.com/supplies.

Deer Management Meeting

The City of East Lansing will hold a Community Deer Management meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road. The evening will include an opportunity for residents to learn about urban deer management from a panel of experts and provide valuable input into metrics of success and future decision making regarding deer management in East Lansing. For more information on deer management in the City, visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/deer.

Pictured Above (top to bottom): Christopher Smith planting flowers downtown, Tina Lamer watering new street trees and Steven Scott and Scott Dunn at Recycle! East Lansing.