

# Curbside Journal

No-Fee Yard Waste Collection May 4 and May 18

## Reducing Waste in East Lansing

The City of East Lansing has made increasing recycling volumes and reducing waste to landfills a longtime goal and key component of its Climate Sustainability Plan. With recycling programs in place since 1991, the City continues to adapt its offerings to best meet these goals. New opportunities that have been implemented recently include:

- **Simple Recycling** - this free curbside collection of textiles, clothing and small household goods rolled out in November 2014. In its first three months, 30,000 pounds of material were collected for recycling/reuse.

- **Household Battery Recycling** - The City has partnered with Battery Giant of East Lansing to offer free household battery recycling at East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, the East Lansing Department of Public Works and the East Lansing Public Library. Look for the green buckets at these locations.

- **Single Stream Curbside Collection** - The City's renegotiated contract with Granger means that glass does not have to be separated curbside and residents do not need to separate glass from the rest of their materials

There is still much work to do and significant changes to the City's curbside recycling program are underway. The City recently ordered automated recycling/sanitation vehicles that will allow the implementation of a more efficient curbside recycling cart system. This system will make it possible for the City to collect more volume and variety of recyclable materials. City officials know residents are looking forward to the ability to recycle additional items, such as corrugated cardboard and boxboard, at the curb.



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# Simple Recycling is Simple!

In November 2014, the City of East Lansing entered into a partnership with Simple Recycling for the free curbside collection of textiles, clothing and small household goods. The EPA estimates that the average U.S. resident generates 82 pounds of textiles per year, but only 15 percent gets donated or recycled. In its first three months in East Lansing, Simple Recycling has collected 30,000 pounds of material to be reused/recycled and made nearly 1,000 stops at East Lansing households.

Simple Recycling collects textiles, shoes, pillows, toys, jewelry, purses, small appliances, lamps, small furniture, dishes, pictures and more. Residents simply put their green Simple Recycling bags (or bags/boxes with the Simple Recycling sticker) next to their curbside recycling on their regular refuse/recycling day. Simple Recycling will leave more bags each time the service is used. Need extra bags? Visit East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, or the East Lansing Department of Public Works, 1800 E. State Road, during normal business hours. Bags can also be requested by contacting Simple Recycling at (866)-835-5068 or via an online form at <http://simplerecycling.com/supplies/>.

# Battery & CFL Recycling

East Lansing residents can recycle CFL bulbs and household batteries at the East Lansing Department of Public Works, East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center and the East Lansing Public Library (batteries only).

The City would like to thank its partners at Battery Giant East Lansing for providing free household battery recycling for residents - just look for the bright green buckets at the locations listed above!

## RECYCLE GUIDE

Material	Curbside	State Road Drop Off	Seasonal Drop Off	Note
Brown Paper Bags	✓	✓	✓	Place with corrugated cardboard
Boxboard	Coming Soon!	✓	✓	
Corrugated Cardboard	Coming Soon!	✓	✓	
Newspapers	✓	✓		Inserts accepted
Mixed Paper and Phone Books	✓	✓		Includes junk mail (no wrapping paper, tissue paper or manila envelopes)
Magazines	✓	✓		
Tin, Steel, Foil, Aluminum Cans	✓	✓		
Glass Bottles	✓	✓		Clear, brown and green only
Plastic Bottles and Containers	✓	✓		Labeled #1-#7 (no plastic bags, strapping or Styrofoam and no household hazardous waste containers)
Clothing/Textiles	✓			Only in green Simple Recycling bags
Small Household Goods/Appliances	✓			Only in green Simple Recycling bags

# Controlled Medication Drop Box

The East Lansing Police Department, 409 Park Lane, hosts a drop box where residents can properly dispose of controlled medications. Pain relievers, anti-depressants, sleep aids, behavior modification medications and cough medications are accepted. All personal information should be blacked out or removed.

This program is provided by the Ingham County Health Department and is made possible through a Pollution Prevention Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

# Document Destruction Day

The Old Town Commercial Association and Friedland Industries will host a Document Destruction Day on Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. This free event will take place at 405 E. Maple Street in Lansing. Learn more at [www.friedlandindustries.com](http://www.friedlandindustries.com).

# Seasonal Site

Residents will have through mid-April to drop off boxboard and corrugated cardboard at the seasonal recycling drop-off site located at Patriarche Park, at the corner of Saginaw Street and Alton Road. The site will remain open until park use picks up in the spring. The site will re-open in October.

# YARD WASTE PROGRAM

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

## Containing Yard Waste

There are three options to contain yard waste (this guideline does not apply to no-fee days):

- City paper yard waste bags.
- Rigid, 32-gallon plastic container or paper bag with City yard waste sticker (do not use Easy Carts or plastic bags to dispose of yard waste). No more than 40 pounds.
- Bundled (with string or twine) with a City yard waste sticker. No more than 4 feet long and 1 foot in diameter.

Bags and stickers can be purchased at locations throughout East Lansing. Call (517) 337-9459 or visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste](http://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. the day of collection. Prior to that, it should be stored in a dry location.

## Disposing of Yard Waste

### Curbside Yard Waste Collection (April 6-Nov. 30)

Curbside yard waste collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) April 6-Nov. 30. 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](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/collectionrequest) or call DPW at (517) 337-9459 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 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 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Monday collection.

### No-Fee Curbside Yard Waste Collection (May 4 and May 18)

Dispose of yard waste for free on May 4 and May 18. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag/rigid plastic 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.

Visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste) for additional details.

# City of East Lansing Partners on CGAP Grant

A regional partnership that includes the City of East Lansing, the City of Lansing, Eaton County and others has been awarded a CGAP Grant (Michigan Department of Treasury's Competitive Grant Assistance Program) to fund the Tri-County Regional Recycling Project.

This shared service analysis will be conducted by a Michigan-based consulting firm, Resource Recycling Systems, Inc., which will work closely with the Project Team in collecting data, analyzing material tonnage and processing capacity and infrastructure throughout the tri-county area.

The information collected will help in developing an overview and assessment of potential regional collaboration options.



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## GLRC FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Polluted stormwater runoff is often transported to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Stormwater Phase II Rule establishes an MS4 stormwater management program that is intended to improve the nation's waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that stormwater carries into storm sewer systems during storm events.

The City of East Lansing has been a strong advocate and leader with the Greater Lansing Regional Committee (GLRC), which began meeting in 1999 and was established in 2004 to guide the implementation of the MS4 program for the communities within three identified watersheds: the Grand, the Red Cedar and the Looking Glass River.



The six MS4 program elements termed "minimal control measures" that drive the efforts of the GLRC and the City of East Lansing's Stormwater Management Plan include: Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-construction Runoff control, Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping, Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation/Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.

Go to <http://www.mywatersheds.org/> for the full report and more information about stormwater management in Greater Lansing.

**Still not sure if it's recyclable? Call DPW at (517) 337-9459 or visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide) to find out!**

# Recycle! East Lansing to Take Place May 30

Recycle! East Lansing (formerly Project Pride), East Lansing's annual spring recycling event, will take place on Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road. Last year's event proved to be one of the most successful to date, with more than 100 volunteers, a terrific community turnout and collection of more than 30 tons of material.

This year, numerous household items will be accepted for reuse, recycling, and proper disposal, including electronics, small appliances, clothing, shoes, textiles, books, scrap metal, scrap wood, polystyrene, bicycles, medication, cell phones and more. BWL customers who recycle a working room air conditioner or dehumidifier will receive a \$25 rebate per unit. To volunteer for the event, contact Susan Schmidt at (517) 333-3587 or [recycle48823@hotmail.com](mailto:recycle48823@hotmail.com). Interested in joining the planning committee? Contact Cathy DeShambo at (517) 319-6936 or [cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com) for info.

## Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Ingham County's Household Hazardous Waste collections run May-September on Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., at the Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St. Items accepted include pesticides, oil-based paints and more. Call (517) 887-4312 for more information.

Latex paint is not accepted at these collections; however, the Habitat for Humanity Restores of Lansing, (517) 374-6235, and Haslett, (517) 999-0488, will accept sealed paint by the gallon for a \$2 per gallon fee. For steps on properly disposing of partial cans of latex paint, visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/311/Latex-Paint-Disposal](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/311/Latex-Paint-Disposal).

## CALENDAR

### April

- 6 Curbside Yard Waste Collection Begins
- 18 Recycle Rama & Document Destruction Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 Arbor Day

### May

- 4 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection  
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 18 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection  
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 25 Memorial Day  
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection
- 30 Recycle! East Lansing  
[www.cityofeastlansing.com/RecycleEL](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/RecycleEL)

### June

- 7 East Lansing Farmer's Market Opening Day

### July

- 3 No Refuse or Recycling Collection;  
Friday's Refuse and Recycling Collected  
Monday, July 6;  
No Bulk Item Collection or Yard Waste  
Collection on Monday, July 6

### September

- 7 Labor Day  
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection



# Energy Efficiency Incentives Available to Residents

Making energy efficiency improvements to your home will help you reduce your usage and allow you to take advantage of rebates from the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL).

A variety of financial incentives and programs are available for BWL residential electric customers.

## High Efficiency Products

Cash rebates from \$15 to \$150 are available for the purchase and installation of qualifying equipment such as high efficiency central air conditioners, furnace motors (with new furnace) and more.

Rebate applications are available at [www.lbwl.com/energysavers](http://www.lbwl.com/energysavers) and at participating retail locations.

## MI Saves Financing

BWL has partnered with MI Saves, Consumers Energy and the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union to provide customers with low-interest financing for energy efficiency home improvements. BWL customers can take advantage of this limited-time offer of 0.9% financing and make their home more comfortable and more energy-efficient!

## EnergySmartHome

Customers can go online and

learn about their home's energy usage with EnergySmartHome - an interactive tool that tracks actual energy use. It offers answers to questions about where energy dollars are going and provides no-cost and low-cost recommendations that will help customers save.

Call 800-573-3503 or visit [lbwl.com/energysavers](http://lbwl.com/energysavers) for more information or to participate in any of these programs.

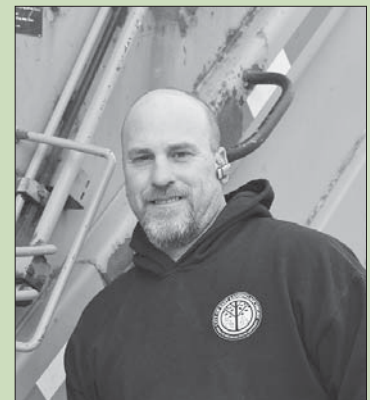
There are also a variety of energy efficiency incentives available to Consumers Energy customers, including appliance rebates, new home construction rebates, heating/cooling rebates and more.

Consumers Energy also hosts a home analyzer tool, where customers can learn more about their home's energy usage.

Visit [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com) and click on "Energy Efficiency Rebates & Savings" for more information.

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