

# Curbside Journal

No-Fee Yard Waste Collection April 18 and May 2

## Curbside Recycling Volumes Soar with New Carts

In the first three months of the City's new automated curbside recycling cart system, curbside recycling volumes have increased an impressive 82 percent. In early October, more than 7,000 carts were delivered to homes at no cost to residents thanks in part to a grant from The Recycling Partnership. These changes to the City's curbside recycling system have created additional efficiencies: the City's new hybrid recycling truck, the first of its kind in Michigan, replaced three recycling trucks that previously serviced the City's routes. Bi-weekly collection uses less fuel (a 44 percent reduction so far) and creates less wear and tear on City streets. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about the new system, with residents frequently citing the ability to recycle additional materials and greater volumes of material as positive attributes.



The City also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Lansing last year. East Lansing recyclable materials are now being hauled to Lansing's transfer station, where they are then transported, along with Lansing's materials, to Re-Community's Material Recovery Facility. Combining recycling volumes for the two cities creates greater regional pricing power and efficiencies.

So what's on the horizon? A waste reduction sub-committee is working diligently to improve opportunities for on-site recycling in large, multi-family housing complexes. The goal is simple: for all East Lansing residents to have access to on-site, convenient and comprehensive recycling services.

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For more information about the curbside recycling program, visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle).



# 2016 Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Schedule

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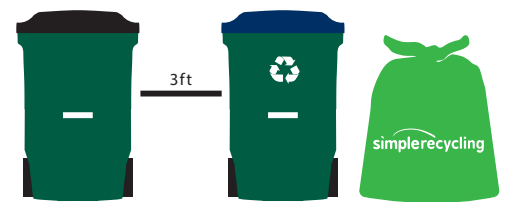
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## PLACEMENT GUIDELINES & INFO













- Recycling and refuse should be placed at the curb no earlier than 8 p.m. the day before collection and no later than 7:30 a.m. the day of collection.
- All recycling should be contained within carts with lids closed and the lid opening facing the street.
- Carts should have three feet of clearance from each other, mailboxes and bushes at the curb. Simple Recycling bags can be next to carts (not on top).
- Refuse (weekly), curbside recycling and Simple Recycling (bi-weekly) are collected the same day.
- Store carts in an enclosed home, garage or shed; or outside to the rear or side (placed back at least one-half the length of the structure) of a home, garage or shed.



**Not sure whether you are in green week or blue week? View a map at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle) or call (517) 337-9459.**

**Other questions? Unsure of your collection day? Call (517) 337-9459**

# NEW CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

	Material	Details (single stream, no sorting required)
	Glass Bottles & Jars	Paper labels acceptable • All colors accepted, including green
	Tin, Foil, Steel & Aluminum Cans	Paper labels acceptable • All sizes accepted • Remove food residue
	Household Scrap Metal	Includes metal pots/pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, metal utensils, etc. • Empty aerosol containers accepted • NO wire hangers
	Plastic Bottles & Containers	Labeled #1-#7 (NO #3 PVC, Styrofoam or plastic bags)
	Bulky Rigid Plastic	Includes buckets, lawn chairs, toys, bins, etc. (look for HDPE symbol)
	Cartons	Includes milk cartons, juice cartons/boxes, etc.
	Newspapers, Magazines & Phone Books	Includes inserts • NO plastic bags or packaging wrap
	Paper	Includes office paper, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, cards, paper bags, shredded paper in secured clear plastic bag, etc.
	Boxboard	Includes dry food/cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.
	Corrugated Cardboard	Break down boxes
	Clothing/Textiles	Only in green Simple Recycling bags
	Small Household Goods/ Appliances/Electronics	Only in green Simple Recycling bags

## Simple Recycling Makes it Easy

In just over a year, nearly 122,000 pounds of material has been collected for reuse/recycling through the City's partnership with Simple Recycling. Acceptable materials include textiles/clothing, shoes and a variety of household items, such as small appliances, dishes, jewelry, purses, pillows, small furniture and more. Residents simply place their Simple Recycling bags (or boxes with a Simple Recycling sticker) next to their curbside recycling on their regular recycling collection day. Simple Recycling will leave more bags each time the free service is used. Need additional bags? Visit East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center or the Department of Public Works; or contact Simple Recycling at (866) 835-5068 or via their online request form: <http://simplerecycling.com/supplies>.

## CFL, Battery Recycling

CFL bulbs and household batteries can be recycled at DPW, East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center and the East Lansing Public Library (batteries only). Special thanks to Battery Giant East Lansing for partnering to provide the free battery recycling to residents - just look for the bright green buckets!

# Document Destruction Day

The Old Town Commercial Association and Friedland Industries will host a Document Destruction Day on Saturday, April 16 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).

# 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.



# 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 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](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. on the day of collection. Prior to that, it should be stored in a dry location.

## Disposing of Yard Waste

### Curbside Yard Waste Collection (April 4-Nov. 21)

Curbside collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) from April 4-Nov. 21. 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 (April 18 and May 2)

Dispose of yard waste for free on April 18 and May 2. 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.



# Recycle! East Lansing to Take Place June 4

Recycle! East Lansing, East Lansing's annual spring recycling event, will take place on Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road.

Please note one important change to this year's event: Due to escalating costs to recycle electronics, there will be a charge of \$20 each to recycle TV's and computer monitors - cash or checks only. Other electronics can be recycled for free. Numerous household items will also be accepted: 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 working unit. Please bring proof of residency to the event. Learn more at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/RecycleEL](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/RecycleEL).

Interested in volunteering at the event? Contact Cathy DeShambo at [cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com) or (517) 319-6936 for more 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, 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

- 4 Curbside Yard Waste Collection Begins
- 16 Recycle Rama & Document Destruction Day (Friedland Industries)
- 18 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection  
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 29 Arbor Day

### May

- 2 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection  
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 30 Memorial Day  
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection

### June

- 4 Recycle! East Lansing
- 5 East Lansing Farmer's Market Opening Day

### July

- 4 Independence Day  
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection

### September

- 5 Labor Day  
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection



# Energy Efficiency Incentives Available through the BWL

Making energy efficiency improvements to a home will help residents reduce their energy usage and allow them 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 Appliance Rebates-** Cash rebates ranging from \$10 to \$250 are available when customers buy high efficiency products such as refrigerators, televisions, programmable thermostats, dehumidifiers and more. Customers can also take advantage of instant, in-store rebates when they purchase specially marked LED and CFL bulbs at participating retailers. For rebate applications and to locate a participating retailer, visit the BWL online at [www.lbw.com/energysavers](http://www.lbw.com/energysavers).

**Appliance Recycling-** Customers can

recycle their older, working refrigerator or freezer. The BWL will pick it up for free and customers will receive a \$50 rebate. The BWL will also pick up older, working dehumidifiers and room air conditioners for recycling and customers will receive a \$25 rebate. Limit of 2 each per household. To schedule a pickup, call 1-800-573-3503.

**Go Solar-** BWL has launched its first community solar project, giving customers the opportunity to benefit from locally produced, renewable energy without having to install solar panels on their own property. Business and residential electric customers may lease solar panels and receive credit on their utility bill for the power they produce. The lease cost for a 300-watt panel is \$399. For more info and to sign up, visit [micommunitysolar.org](http://micommunitysolar.org).



# Out & About with DPW



Pictured Above (from top to bottom): Homer Allen, Rusty Perleberg, Lauren Maddox & Joy Ketchum.



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