

# Curbside Journal

No-Fee Yard Waste Collection Oct. 8 & Oct. 29

## Curbing Contamination in the City's Recycling Stream

Maintaining a clean, uncontaminated recycling stream takes effort and vigilance. Contamination, meaning the inclusion of unacceptable materials in recycling carts, increases the City's costs, causes unsafe conditions for employees in the material processing facility (MRF) and can render an otherwise clean load of recycling unacceptable at the MRF. Plastic bags, polystyrene, yard waste, plastic film, textiles, food waste, cords, wood and other trash cannot be recycled in residents' curbside carts. Carts that include unacceptable materials must be rejected in order to maintain curbside recycling services and protect the value of recyclables collected.

Plastic bags, of any kind, are not accepted in East Lansing's curbside recycling carts. The City has a single-stream, bag-free program, meaning accepted materials should be placed loose in carts and loose plastic bags and plastic bags filled with recyclables should never be placed in carts. Residents are encouraged to use the Curbside Recycling Guide on Page 2 to ensure that they are recycling acceptable items. Plastic bags are collected at most grocery stores and residents can now recycle polystyrene at the East Lansing Department of Public Works drop-off site, 1800 E. State Road.

Residents should also ensure that their recyclables are clean by emptying and rinsing all containers. There is no need to remove labels, caps, paper clips, staples, spiral bindings, plastic tabs, etc... All recyclables, including cardboard, must fit inside carts with the lid closed. Happy Recycling!



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Have questions about the City of East Lansing's curbside recycling program? Visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle](http://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	cellophane
stamps	address windows
address labels	rubber bands
staples	spiral bindings
metal fasteners	plastic tabs

Say **NO!**

to the following items:

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

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

Learn more:  
[cityofeastlansing.com/recycle](http://cityofeastlansing.com/recycle)  
(517) 337-9459



# 2019 Curbside Recycling Schedule

## JANUARY

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## Placement Guidelines and Information

- Carts should have at least 3 ft. of clearance on all sides.
- 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.
- No plastic bags, styrofoam, yard waste, food waste, etc.
- Not sure whether you are in green week or blue week? Unsure of your collection day? Call (517) 337-9459 or visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle).

# CFL Bulb & Battery Recycling

Community members can recycle Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs at DPW, East Lansing City Hall and the East Lansing Hannah Community Center. Just look for the white boxes. At this time, battery recycling is only available at DPW.

# Foam Polystyrene #6 Drop-Off Site

The DPW recycling drop-off site at 1800 State Road is now accepting foam polystyrene #6 (commonly known as Styrofoam™)! As Styrofoam™ is not accepted in the City's curbside recycling program, this new station provides residents with an opportunity to divert their Styrofoam™ from the landfill to be recycled. Here's what residents need to know about using the foam polystyrene #6 recycling station:

- 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](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 (runs through Nov. 19)

Curbside collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) through Nov. 19. 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 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. 8 and Oct. 29)

No-Fee Yard Waste days are Oct. 8 and Oct. 29. 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. 15, Oct. 29 and Nov. 13 on the City's east side and the weeks of Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 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**: Dec. 10, Dec. 17 and Jan. 7.

For items that can't be recycled, the City will offer No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection Dec. 18-Jan. 4. 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 Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Jan. 11. Advance phone requests and stickers are not required. Drop-off sites will be available through Jan. 11 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

### October

- 8 First **No-Fee** Yard Waste Collection (City-wide)
- 15 Bulk Leaf Collection Begins on East Side
- 22 Bulk Leaf Collection Begins on West Side
- 29 Final **No-Fee** Yard Waste Collection (City-wide)
- 29 Bulk Leaf Collection Continues on East Side

### November

- 5 Bulk Leaf Collection Continues on West Side
- 12 DPW Closed; No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection this Week
- 13 Final Week of Bulk Leaf Collection on East Side (Tuesday-Friday)
- 19 Final Week of Bulk Leaf Collection on West Side
- 19 Final Curbside Yard Waste Collection of 2018
- 22 DPW Closed; No Refuse/Recycling Collection
- 23 DPW Closed; Thursday's and Friday's Refuse & Recycling Collected Friday

### December

- 10 Extra Recycling Day (Monday only; City-wide); Recycling Contained in Carts Only
- 17 Extra Recycling Day (Monday only; City-wide); Recycling Contained in Carts Only
- 18 No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection Begins (Dec. 18-Jan. 4); Bulk Item/Yard Waste Not Included
- 24 DPW Closed; No Bulk Item Collection
- 25 DPW Closed; Tuesday's and Wednesday's Refuse & Recycling Collected Wednesday
- 26 Christmas Tree Recycling Begins
- 31 DPW Closed; No Bulk Item Collection

### January

- 1 DPW Closed; Tuesday's and Wednesday's Refuse & Recycling Collected Wednesday
- 7 Extra Recycling Day (City-Wide); Recycling Contained in Carts Only
- 11 Christmas Tree Recycling Ends
- 21 DPW Closed; No Bulk Item Collection

### February

- 18 DPW Closed; No Bulk Item Collection

# East Lansing Urban Forestry News

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance and the Lansing Board of Water and Light's tree replacement program, almost 75 new street trees were planted throughout the City in late summer 2018. Fall tree planting will include an additional 40 trees planted in parkways and parks, and will again be focused on planting a diverse array of trees, including natives.

In not-so-happy urban forestry news, 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. The dry conditions have reduced the effect of the fungal pathogen *Entomophaga maimaiga* that kills the Gypsy Moth caterpillars. Residents are encouraged to help the City monitor and control this threat through early identification and intervention:

- Keep an eye out for presence of large numbers of whitish/tan egg masses on oak trees this fall and winter.
- A sticky substance called Tanglefoot is available through retailers locally and online. It 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, thus reducing the Gypsy Moth population.

Residents can report suspected infestations to Environmental Services Administrator Cathy DeShambo at [cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com) or (517) 319-6936. Visit the City's Urban Forestry webpage for more detailed info: [www.cityofeastlansing.com/UrbanForestry](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/UrbanForestry).

## Simple Recycling Makes it Easy

Simple Recycling offers curbside pickup of household items to East Lansing residents. Textiles, clothing, shoes, pillows, toys, jewelry, purses, small appliances, small furniture, dishes and other items are collected. Residents simply put their items in orange Simple Recycling bags (or boxes with a Simple Recycling sticker) next to their curbside recycling on their regular recycling day. Simple Recycling will leave more bags each time this convenient, 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 normal business hours. Bags can also be requested by calling (866) 835-5068 or visiting <http://simplerecycling.com/supplies>.

## Out & About with DPW



Pictured Above (from top to bottom): Kyle Kaufman, Jason Chubb and Ken Johnson



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