The Dos and Don’ts of Bulk Collection

The City is reminding residents to follow the guidelines regarding bulk items and yard waste. Residents must adhere to the following guidelines to ensure your items will be picked up on your scheduled collection day and to prevent being ticketed.

Illegal Dumping

Placing items at vacant lots and vacant homes is prohibited. Avoid getting a ticket by following our guidelines. To report illegal dumping, please use the Improve Detroit mobile app.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS are NOT accepted at the curb

- If you have sinks, cabinets, windows, shingles, concrete, etc., contact the Department of Public Works for affordable, paid pickup service OR take the items to J. Fons for a fee.

Keeping Bulk Items Under the Limit

- Bulk items should be no more than 1000 pounds or exceed two cubic yards in volume (about the size of two stoves).
- ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include furniture, appliances, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.
- Remove doors from appliances first.

- Carpet should be cut in strips, no more than 4 feet wide, rolled and tied in bundles no more than 60 pounds per bundle.
- All refrigerants need to be drained from appliances first.
- UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS include: remodeling or construction debris, household hazardous waste, flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, tires, car parts, needles, radioactive materials, chemicals, etc.

Did you know DPW offers Paid Pickup?

DPW provides affordable curbside pickup for bulk and yard waste items that may exceed the City’s collection limits. Call 313-876-0004 to request a quote today.

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The DOs and DON’Ts of Refuse Disposal

- Place all items at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before collection.
- All items should be placed in front of your home. Placing items in front of another home, vacant lot, or other property is considered illegal dumping.
- Remove your container(s) from the curb by 9 p.m. on the day of collection.
- Each home is allowed only 1 trash container unless authorized by the Department of Public Works.
- Trash service is weekly.
- Recycling, bulk waste, and yard waste collection is every other week. Find your service information on next page or sign up for text alerts.
- Yard waste service dates are April 3 – December 22 (based on your collection schedule). Recycling and bulk collection are offered all year.
- Construction waste is NOT accepted at the curb.

Packing Yard Waste

- Grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs no more than 2 inches in diameter go in paper yard waste bags or in a personal container clearly marked yard waste.
- Branches and twigs up to 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter must be bundled and tied. They should weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- All yard waste should be 6 feet from your trash and recycling containers.
- Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.
- Yard waste should not be mixed with bulk items.
2023 City of Detroit Collection Schedule

GARBAGE • BULK • YARD WASTE • RECYCLING

All containers, bulk items and yard waste must be ready for pickup by 7 a.m.
Trash must be bagged and placed inside your trash container.
Recyclables in your recycling container should not be bagged.

A Week: Yard Waste*, Bulk Waste and Recycling Services
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*Yard waste collection is from April 3 - December 22.

Holiday: There will be no pickup on the following holidays: • New Year’s Day • Martin Luther King Jr. Day • Memorial Day • Independence Day • Labor Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day
Collection will be pushed back one day following a holiday. For example, if a holiday is on Tuesday and your normal collection day is Wednesday, you will be serviced on Thursday. Customers who are normally serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.

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Start recycling today! detroitrecycles.org

The City offers curbside recycling to all single-family homes and houses with up to 4 residential units. Join thousands of your neighbors who are protecting their environment by recycling. Just visit detroitrecycles.org to play our educational game and sign up for your free container.

- You can now place paper drink cups in your recycling container. Please take the lids off, and make sure the cups are empty!

**What goes in the container?**

- Place items loose in container. Do not bag recyclables.

- **Metal**
  - Aluminum and Steel Cans
  - empty and rinse

- **Glass**
  - Bottles and Jars
  - empty and rinse

- **Paper**
  - Cereal Boxes, Newspapers,
  - Magazines and Mail
  - Flattened Cardboard
  - & Paper Tubes

- **Plastic** (no #7)
  - Kitchen, Laundry, Bath Bottles
  - and Containers
  - empty and replace cap

**NO!**

- No Yard Waste
- No Garbage
- No Plastic Bags or Wraps
- No Paper Towels or Napkins
- No Batteries or Electronics

**FREE TEXT ALERTS**

Sign up to receive FREE weekly reminders about your trash, bulk and recycling collection. All you have to do is text your street address to 313-800-7905 to enroll!