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# 2026 Information from the City of Detroit Department of Public Works

Use these guidelines to properly dispose of all waste to **prevent being ticketed** and **ensure items are picked up**.

## Curbside Collection

Trash, recycling, bulk, and yard waste are picked up **WEEKLY**



You can place **household renovation materials** at the curb as part of bulk collection

LIMIT – 2 Cubic Yards  
(about the size of 2 stoves)

### BULK COLLECTION GUIDELINES

#### PROPER PACKAGING

- Place renovation materials on the curb for bulk pickup, do not intermingle items
- Each item, bag, and bundle must weigh less than 50 lbs.
- Debris must be under 4 feet in length
- Debris greater than 4 inches thick must be less than 2 feet in length
- Loose material (such as tile and drywall) must be bagged in black contractor bags
- Paneling should be broken down and bundled in pieces 2 feet x 4 feet or smaller
- Cut carpet into strips up to 4 feet wide, rolled and tied into bundles.
- REMOVE NAILS, SCREWS AND STAPLES from materials



#### ACCEPTABLE

- Wood and lumber (bundle and remove nails, screws and staples)
- Cabinets (remove doors)
- Carpet and padding (bundle and remove staples and nails)
- Toilets
- Paneling (bundle or place in contractor bags, remove nails and screws)
- Tile (in contractor bags)
- Drywall (in contractor bags)
- Each item, bag and bundle must weigh less than 50 lbs.



#### NOT ACCEPTED

- Concrete, brick, asphalt and shingles
- Tires and other auto parts
- Metal poles and pipes
- Tree trunks
- Hazardous waste including asbestos and lead, liquids and paint (these items should be dropped off at the Hazardous Waste Facility, 2000 E. Ferry)

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# The DOs and DON'Ts of Curbside Collection



## DO

- Place items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day

### TRASH

- Place **bagged** trash in your black trash container

### RECYCLING

- Empty and rinse items and place them loose in your blue recycling container

### YARD WASTE

- Bag or bundle yard waste and place at least 6 feet away from containers. Residents may use a personal container labeled **YARD WASTE** on **BOTH SIDES**.



- Yard waste is collected from March 30 – December 19.
- **BAG:** Place grass clippings, leaves and twigs smaller than 2 inches in diameter in paper, biodegradable bags
- **BUNDLE:** Branches and twigs up to 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter

### BULK ITEMS

- Place up to 2 cubic yards of bulk and renovation debris at the curb (about the size of two stoves)
- **APPLIANCES:** Remove doors and drain refrigerants
- Household renovation materials must be properly packaged in contractor bags or bundled, be under 4 feet in length and width, and weigh less than 50 lbs.



## DON'T

- **Do NOT** leave containers at the curb past 9 p.m. on collection day

### TRASH

- **DO NOT** leave bags of trash at the curb
- **DO NOT** place more than one trash container at curbside on collection day. Residents using a second container without DPW approval will be subject to having the second container removed.

### RECYCLING

- **DO NOT** place paper towels or napkins in cart
- **DO NOT** place plastic bags of any kind in cart
- **DO NOT** bag recyclables

### YARD WASTE

- **DO NOT** place yard waste in plastic bags or mix yard waste and bulk/renovation materials
- Disposal of yard waste larger than 4 inches in diameter is the resident's responsibility. Yard waste may be dropped off at J. Fons Transfer Station, Southfield Yard or Davison Yard.

### BULK ITEMS

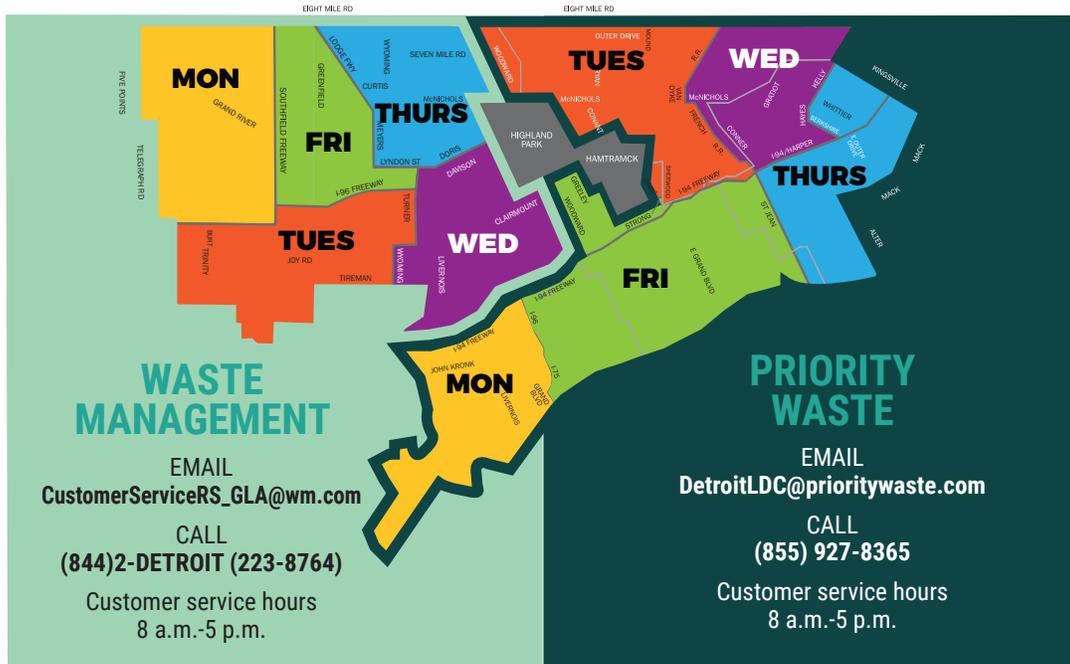
- **DO NOT** place bulk items at the curb that exceed 1000 pounds or 2 cubic yards.
- **DO NOT** place bulk items in front of vacant lots on your block; it will increase the likelihood of it not being collected on your scheduled collection days.
- **DO NOT** place household renovation materials longer than 4 feet in length and width, more than 50 pounds in weight, or that are loose on the curb (not bagged or in bundles) are unacceptable.
- **DO NOT** place these items at the curb: Flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, medical waste, fuel, oil, tires, car parts, needles, radioactive materials, and chemicals. Hazardous waste may be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 2000 E Ferry St. .

# Drop Off Locations

Drop off up to 2 cubic yards of 1,000 lbs of material for free, unless otherwise specified

<b>Southfield Yard</b> 12255 Southfield	<b>Bulk, Recycling, and Yard Waste. FREE</b>	Mon - Sat	8 am - 6 pm 8 am - 4 pm	APR 1-OCT 31 NOV 1-MAR 31
<b>Davison Yard</b> 8221 W. Davison	<b>Bulk, Recycling, and Yard Waste. FREE</b>	Mon - Sat	8 am - 6 pm 8 am - 4 pm	APR 1-OCT 31 NOV 1-MAR 31
<b>J. Fons Transfer Station</b> 6451 E. McNichols	<b>Bulk and Yard Waste FREE</b>  <b>Renovation Materials PAID</b>  Items <b>NOT</b> Accepted: Tires, paint, liquids, and hazardous materials Cost: \$95 for the first 2,000 lbs. (with a 2,000 lb. minimum). There is a prorated cost after the first 2,000 lbs.	Mon - Fri Saturday	8 am - 4 pm 8 am - 12 pm	APR 1-OCT 31 NOV 1-MAR 31  APR 1-OCT 31 NOV 1-MAR 31
<b>Recycle Here!</b> 5960 Lincoln	<b>Recyclable Items FREE</b>	Mon & Wed Saturday	10 am - 6 pm 9 am - 3 pm	
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility</b> 2000 E. Ferry	<b>Hazardous Waste Items FREE</b>  Items Accepted: Electronics, small appliances, medical waste, fuel, oil, paint, batteries, light bulbs, pesticides, etc.  Items <b>NOT</b> Accepted: Household or commercial trash, bulk or yard waste.	Thursday 4th Saturday	7:30 am - 2 pm 8 am - 2 pm	

## Curbside Collection Schedule



### COLLECTION DAY EXCEPTIONS

**Yard Waste:** Collection is from **March 30 - December 19**

**Holidays:** Collection is pushed back one day following New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For example, if a holiday is on a Monday, and your normal collection day is Friday, you will be serviced on Saturday.

# KEEP DETROIT CLEAN



## NEED A WEEKLY REMINDER?

Text your street address to **(313) 800-7905** to sign up for collection reminders, which come the day before collection.

## END ILLEGAL DUMPING

Please properly dispose of ALL waste. It is prohibited to place items in front of vacant lots and vacant homes. Avoid a ticket by following the guidelines.

Use the **Improve Detroit** mobile app to report illegal dump sites.

Call **9-1-1** to report illegal dumping in progress.



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## HAVE TOO MANY BULK ITEMS OR RENOVATION MATERIALS?

Spread the items out over multiple collection weeks, and stay within the 2-cubic yard maximum each week.

DPW also offers affordable paid pick-up for bulk items or renovation materials.

Residents can also take bulk items and yard waste to a free drop-off location. Note: There is a fee to dispose of construction materials at J. Fons Transfer Station.

Call **313-876-0004** for a quote or more information.

# Recycle Right, Recycle More!

Clean and place these items loose in the blue container:

### CARDBOARD

- Boxes
- Towel Rolls
- Cartons



### PLASTIC

- Bottles
- Jugs
- Tubs



### PAPER

- Office Paper
- Newspaper/Mail
- Paper Cups



### METAL

- Tin Cans
- Drink Cans
- Clean Foil



### GLASS

- Bottles
- Jars (any color)



## TAKE PART



Request a **FREE** blue recycling cart today!

Go to [DetroitRecycles.org](http://DetroitRecycles.org)  
Or call **(313) 871-4000, ext. 3**



Do not bag recyclables, no trash



No plastic bags or plastic wrap



No yard waste or wood



No food or liquid



No clothes or linens



No foam



No chains, hoses, hangers, or cords

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For curbside collection issues and cart replacements, contact your assigned waste hauler