

# Be A Good Neighbor

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## Taking proper care of your household trash, bulk and recycling

- Your container is allowed at the curb from 6 p.m. on the day before collection and shall be removed by 9 p.m. on collection day (42-2-50).
- Do not store your garbage or recycling container in the front yard (42-2-48).
- Do not place garbage in someone else's container (42-2-43).
- Residents should not take garbage or recycling containers from vacant houses or when moving to another home. The City does not allow more than one garbage or recycling container per household unless permitted by the Department of Public Works. Containers are assigned to households, not individuals.



## What you need to know to be A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Place bulk items at the curb by 6 p.m. the day before collection. Do not place bulk more than 24 hours before designated time (42-2-97b).
- Bulk items, which now includes household renovation materials, may weigh **no more than 1000 lbs. or exceed two cubic yards** (about the size of two stoves).
- Household renovation materials include wood/lumber, cabinets (remove doors), carpet and padding (cut in strips, rolled and tied into bundles), toilets, paneling, tile and drywall.
  - Remove staples, screws and nails.
  - Bundle or place loose items in contractor bags.
  - Each item, bag and bundle must weight less than 50 lbs. and be under 4 feet in length and width.
  - Place items at the curb in separate piles; do not intermingle items.
  - Remove fridge doors and drain refrigerants.
- If items exceed these limits, call DPW at **(313) 876-0004** to get an estimate. You may drop off construction materials at J Fons for a fee.
- Do not place bulk items in front of another structure or lot (42-2-92b).

### UNACCEPTABLE



### ACCEPTABLE



### 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.



## Disposing of BULK ITEMS

City of Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department  
5800 Russell, Detroit, MI • (313) 876-0426

## Disposing of Yard Waste

### GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES AND TREE LIMBS



- Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) or a personal garbage can.
- Brush must not be longer than 4 feet in length or larger than 2 inches in diameter.
- Items accepted for pickup include: leaves, grass clippings, tree branches and twigs (Tree branches and limbs should be tied and bundled. Bundles should weigh no more than 60 lbs.

### Recyclable Items

Recyclables include paper, paper bags, paper board, boxes, clear and colored glass, metals, plastic bottles and containers

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- Southfield Yard, 12255 Southfield (bulk & yard waste)
- Davison Yard, 8221 W. Davison (bulk & yard waste)
- J. Fons Yard, 6451 E. McNichols (bulk & yard waste/construction debris for fee)
- Recycle Here!, 5960 Lincoln St. (recyclable items incl. styrofoam & batteries)
- Household Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility, 2000 E. Ferry (TVs, pharmaceuticals, oil, paint, batteries, light bulbs, pesticides, etc.)

### SIGN UP



to receive free weekly reminders about your trash, bulk and recycling collection. Text your address to (313) 800-7905.

## Maintaining the Appearance of Your Home

- Pick up litter from around your property (42-2-97a).
- Remove animal waste immediately from your property (42-2-26b).
- Maintain your property by keeping your grass cut below 8" and free of weeds or plant growth (8-15-104).
- Do not place grass clippings or leaves in the street.
- Do not keep inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on the property (8-15-110a).
- Do not maintain conditions that encourage rats (8-15-105a).

## Maintaining the Alley in Back of Your Home

- Residents are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the alley from their property to the middle of the alley. Residents must keep their portion of the alley free of overgrowth.