

# RECYCLE ONLY THESE ITEMS

**All Items Should Be Clean  
Please Do Not Bag Items**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**CARDBOARD & BOXBOARD**  
Examples include: pizza boxes, shipping boxes, and food boxes. Flatten as needed.

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & CATALOGS**

**JUNK MAIL, OFFICE PAPER & PHONEBOOKS**

**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**  
All colors are accepted.



**HOUSEHOLD METALS**  
Empty cans, foil, pans and small scrap metal are accepted.

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**  
All narrow-neck and wide-mouth plastic bottles and containers (#1, #2, #4 - #7). Caps and labels may be left on bottles.

**PAPER DRINK CARTONS**  
Plastic-coated paper beverage cartons, including milk and juice cartons.

**Brownstown Township and Waste Management are proud to announce the new residential solid waste program that begins April 4, 2016!**

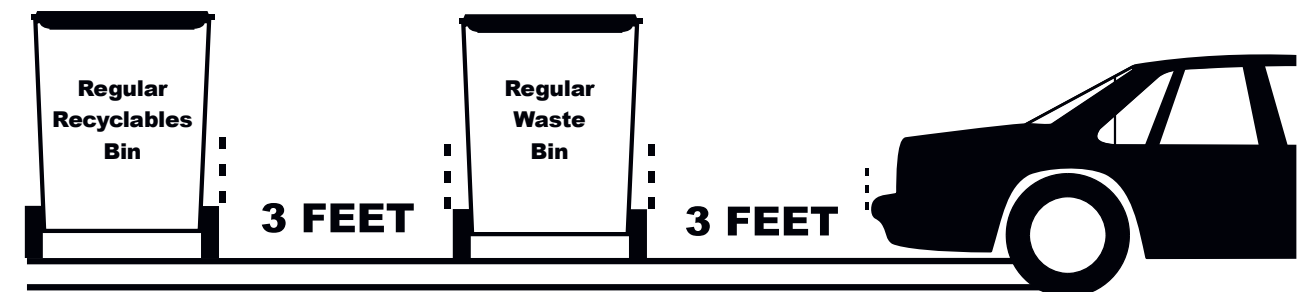
**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ ALL OF THE PROGRAM INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS GUIDE TO BE SURE YOU GET THE MAXIMUM VALUE FROM THE PROGRAM.**

**WHAT'S NEW?**

- One 64-gallon trash cart (green lid) is provided for each residence.
- Cart use is required. Other bags and receptacles for trash or recycling will not be accepted.
- Residents can acquire additional carts at a charge. Contact Waste Management for pricing information.
- Every cart has a serial number coded to the address where originally delivered. Contact WM for information on cart replacement and warranty.
- Have your cart at the curb by 6:00 am or the night before collection.
- Contain all rubbish inside the trash cart, loose items can turn into blowing litter.
- There are no changes to the current recycle and yard waste program. See guidelines and service dates.**



**Please place your containers with the lids opening towards the street with a minimum of three feet between each container and other objects.**



**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Frozen Food Containers
  - Styrofoam Containers/Packing
  - Garbage
  - Compost Food Waste
  - Propane Tanks
  - Paint Cans
  - Medical Waste\* (Syringes/Needles)
  - Batteries
  - Flammable Liquids
  - Household Cleaners (Dry or Liquid)
  - Wood Items
  - Concrete
  - Garden Hose/Rubber
  - Electrical Cords
  - Tires
- \*Please help protect our workers... DO NOT PLACE SYRINGES OR NEEDLES IN RECYCLE CART*



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### BROWNSTOWN TWP. SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Overview of Waste Collection Service

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2016**

#### PICK UP SCHEDULE & CART PLACEMENT

**To ensure pick-up, have your carts at the curb by 6:00 a.m. or no earlier than 4 pm the night before your collection day.**

Due to traffic, road conditions, weather and volumes we may sometimes run at a different time.

**Follow trash and recycle cart placement instructions found on lid of each cart. Place lid opening towards street.**

**Contain all trash and recycle in WM provided carts.**

**Help keep your township clean by containing all trash items; loose items can turn into blowing litter in your neighborhood.**

**See yardwaste guidelines for yardwaste container information.**

#### WHAT ABOUT LARGE ITEMS?

Large items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet, etc. should be placed at the curb with your rubbish cart on your regular collection day

**Please cut and roll carpet into sections 4-foot or less in length weighing 50 lbs or less. Tie with string or tape.**

**Please call WM (866-797-9018) at least 24-hours in advance of your collection day before placing items containing Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) at the curb for collection. A fee of \$40.00 per freon item applies.**

#### ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT TAKE

- Liquid waste (gasoline & automobile oil)
- Construction/roofing debris (have your contractor haul away or call Waste Management for a quote on a dumpster: 866-797-9018)
- Loose needles/sharps (SEE BELOW)
- Car and truck parts/engines
- Yard waste mixed w/ rubbish
- Concrete/bricks
- Tree stumps over 50lbs
- Propane tanks
- Tires
- Hazardous wastes
- Wood/dry wall
- Fencing/railroad ties
- Propane tanks
- Wet paint cans (let paint dry and place at curb with lid off.)

#### Unacceptable Trash

If the trash placed on the curb is not acceptable under the Township's Solid Waste Program, a large tag will be placed on the unacceptable trash.

#### SHARPS/NEEDLES

Please do not place needles loose in your trash, this creates a safety hazard for our workers. Never place needles in recycling.

An economical way to safely dispose of your needles is to place them in a hard plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle. Once full, secure the lid and place the container in your rubbish cart.

Waste Management does offer a needle disposal program for as little as \$20.00. For more information log on to [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com).

#### YARD WASTE – IT'S THE LAW

**Michigan law prohibits the depositing of yard waste in landfills. This means yard waste must be separated from regular household trash at the curb and taken to a yard waste recycling site.**

**YARD WASTE IS COLLECTED FROM THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN APRIL THROUGH THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN DECEMBER.**

##### YARD WASTE IS:

Grass clippings • Leaves • Garden debris • Shrubs & bush trimmings under 2 inches in diameter.

##### YARD WASTE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Sod • Pet waste • Branches over 2 inches in diameter • Stumps over 50lbs, logs, wood, dirt, rocks, trash.

##### WHAT DO I DO?

- Place yard waste at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your normal rubbish collection day or no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the night before your collection day.
- Place yard waste at least 3 feet from your rubbish or on opposite sides of the driveway.
- Grass clippings, leaves, etc. should be placed at the curb in:
  - **20 to 32 gallon cans** clearly marked "YARD WASTE." Cans over 32 gallons are not acceptable
  - Free, self adhesive yard waste stickers can be obtained from the Township Hall OR
  - **Place yard waste in designated paper yard waste bags** available at local retail stores. Do not use paper grocery bags or boxes. Please do not mix rubbish with yard waste rubbish in paper bags.
- 50 lbs. maximum per bag/can.

##### BUSHES AND BRANCHES

- Cannot be greater than 2 inches in diameter
- Cannot exceed 3 - 4 foot in length
- Must be bundled using string
- Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches around (circumference)
- Bundles and branches/stumps cannot weigh more than 50 pounds

##### QUESTIONS:

Call Waste Management at 1-866-797-9018

Yard Waste is collected as follows:

2016 April 4th	December 9th
2017 April 3rd	December 8th
2018 April 2nd	December 7th
2019 April 1st	December 6th
2020 March 30th	December 5th
2021 March 29th	December 4th
2022 March 28th	December 3rd

#### RECYCLING INFORMATION

##### NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- Fill your recycle cart with recyclables (see guide on back)
- Place the cart at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day or no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the night before your collection day.
- Follow cart placement instructions on lid. Face lid opening towards street.
- Questions, please call Waste Management at 1-866-797-9018

#### SPRING & FALL CLEANUP

The township provides an annual Spring & Fall Cleanup along with a Shred Day. During the Spring & Fall Cleanup a limited tire dropoff is provided at the Township Hall for Township residents. Items containing Freon can be placed at the curb and will be removed at no charge during the week of the Spring & Fall Cleanup.

##### SHRED DAY

The Township also provides an annual document shredding day each fall for Township residents. Watch your Recreation Newsletter and the Township website for event dates and information.

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**If one of the following holidays falls during the week (M-F) ON OR BEFORE your collection day in a given week, your collection of rubbish, recycle & yard waste will be one day behind.**

#### HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

*New Years Day  
Memorial Day  
4th of July  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day*