

Curbside Journal

No-Fee Yard Waste Collection April 16 and May 14



Foam Polystyrene Recycling Station Opens

Thanks to a Recycling Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and a partnership with Dart Container, the East Lansing Department of Public Works recycling drop-off site at 1800 E. State Road is now accepting Foam Polystyrene #6 (commonly known as Styrofoam®). As Styrofoam® is not accepted in the City’s single-stream curbside cart collection, this drop-off station provides residents an opportunity to divert their Styrofoam® from the landfill to be recycled. As the City continues to work toward waste diversion goals of the Climate Sustainability Plan, this new recycling opportunity is another positive step.

The MDEQ Recycling Infrastructure Grant helped pay for the station’s container and signage and Dart Container is hauling and processing the Styrofoam® for the City at no cost. 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, stickers, straws and lids
- No insulation material, foam peanuts or starch-based packing peanuts (these can be taken to UPS stores)
- No trash, labels, stickers or plastic film

Keeping the station and materials clean and free of contaminants will ensure the City’s ability to maintain this recycling opportunity for residents.

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For more information about the Curbside Recycling Program, visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/Recycle.



2018 Curbside Recycling Schedule

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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.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

	Material	Details (single stream, no sorting required)
	Glass Bottles & Jars	Paper labels acceptable • All colors accepted, including green
	Tin, Foil, Steel & Aluminum Cans	Paper labels acceptable • All sizes accepted • Remove food residue
	Household Scrap Metal	Includes metal pots/pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, metal utensils, etc. • Empty aerosol containers accepted • NO wire hangers
	Plastic Bottles & Containers	Labeled #1-#7 (NO #3 PVC, Styrofoam or plastic bags)
	Bulky Rigid Plastic	Includes buckets, lawn chairs, toys, bins, etc. (look for HDPE symbol)
	Cartons	Includes milk cartons, juice cartons/boxes, etc.
	Newspapers, Magazines & Phone Books	Includes inserts • NO plastic bags or packaging wrap
	Paper	Includes office paper, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, cards, paper bags, shredded paper in secured clear plastic bag, etc.
	Boxboard	Includes dry food/cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.
	Corrugated Cardboard	Break down boxes
	Clothing/Textiles	Only in orange (or green) Simple Recycling bags
	Small Household Goods/ Appliances/Electronics	Only in orange (or green) Simple Recycling bags

Household Goods Recycling

In just three years, 265,000 pounds of material has been collected for reuse or recycling in East Lansing through the City's partnership with Simple Recycling. Materials accepted for Simple Recycling's free curbside pickup include textiles, clothing, shoes, pillows, toys, jewelry, purses, small appliances, lamps, small furniture and more. Residents simply put their orange Simple Recycling bags (or boxes with a Simple Recycling sticker) next to their curbside recycling on their regular recycling day. New bags are left each time the service is used. Need extra bags? Visit East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center or the East Lansing Department of Public Works during business hours or contact Simple Recycling at (866) 835-5068. Bags can also be requested at <http://simplerecycling.com/supplies>.

CFL, Battery Recycling

Community members can recycle Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs at the East Lansing Department of Public Works, East Lansing City Hall and the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.

Household battery recycling is currently only available at the Department of Public Works.

Document Destruction Day

The Old Town Commercial Association and Friedland Industries will host a Document Destruction Day on Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. This free event will take place at 405 E. Maple Street in Lansing. Learn more at www.friedlandindustries.com.

Controlled Medication Drop Box

The East Lansing Police Department, 409 Park Lane, hosts a drop box where residents can properly dispose of controlled medications. Pain relievers, anti-depressants, sleep aids, behavior modification medications and cough medications are accepted. All personal information should be blacked out or removed. This program is provided by the Ingham County Health Department and is made possible through a Pollution Prevention Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.



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 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 (April 2-Nov. 19)

Curbside collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) from April 2-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 or call DPW at (517) 337-9459 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 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 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Monday collection.

No-Fee Curbside Yard Waste Collection (April 16 and May 14)

Dispose of yard waste for free on April 16 and May 14. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag/rigid plastic 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.

Visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste for additional details.

Recycle! East Lansing to Take Place June 2

Recycle! East Lansing, an annual spring recycling event for community members, will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road. Proof of residency is required.

There will be a charge of \$20 each to recycle all TV and computer monitors - cash or checks only. Other electronics can be recycled for free. Numerous household items will be accepted for reuse, recycling or proper disposal, including small appliances, clothing, textiles, books, scrap metal, polystyrene, bicycles, medication, cell phones, eyeglasses, car batteries, freezers, furniture, lawn mowers, pillows/blankets, stoves, working vacuums and more. Lumber and tires will also be accepted for a fee. BWL customers that recycle a working air conditioner or dehumidifier will receive a \$25 rebate per unit.

Volunteer to help! This great event utilizes more than 100 volunteers. Contact Cathy DeShambo at (517) 319-6936 or cdesham@cityofeastlansing.com for more information. Seniors and disabled residents can receive free curbside pickup thanks to the Friends of East Lansing Seniors. Call (517) 337-1113 by May 30 to schedule a pickup.

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Ingham County's Household Hazardous Waste collections run May-September. Collections are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., at the Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St.

Items accepted include pesticides, oil-based paints and more. For more information, call (517) 887-4312 or visit <http://hd.ingham.org/forparents/healthyhomes/hazardoushouseholdwaste.aspx>.

Calendar

April

- 2 Curbside Yard Waste Collection Begins
- 14 Recycle Rama
- 16 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 21 Document Destruction Day at Friedland Industries
- 22 Earth Day
- 27 Arbor Day

May

- 14 No-Fee Yard Waste Collection
No Bulk Item Collection this Day
- 28 Memorial Day - DPW Closed
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection

June

- 2 Recycle! East Lansing
- 3 East Lansing Farmer's Market Opening Day

July

- 4 Independence Day, DPW Closed
Wednesday's and Thursday's Refuse/
Recycling Collected Thursday

September

- 3 Labor Day
No Yard Waste or Bulk Item Collection



Energy Efficiency Rebates for BWL Customers

Making energy efficiency improvements to a home can help reduce usage and allow customers to take advantage of Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) rebates. A variety of incentives and educational opportunities are available for BWL residential electric customers.

High Efficiency Products

Cash rebates from \$5-\$550 are available for the purchase and installation of qualifying equipment such as high efficiency ENERGY STAR® central and room air conditioners, furnace motors (with new furnace), smart thermostats,

televisions, refrigerators, LED bulbs and more. Rebate applications are available on BWL's website and at participating local retailers.

Appliance Recycling

Customers can take advantage of free pickup and recycling of older, inefficient refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Customers may recycle up to two of each item per year for a rebate of \$25-\$50 per working unit. Dispose of these appliances properly and get money back with BWL!

Help Keep EL Recycling Clean

Residents are encouraged to help protect East Lansing's Curbside Recycling Program and keep costs down by only recycling acceptable materials in carts. East Lansing Department of Public Works staff must reject carts that include unacceptable materials in order to protect the value of the recyclables collected. Residents should keep the following in mind:

- Plastic bags are not an acceptable

material in recycling carts. The City has a single-stream, bag-free system with one exception: shredded paper can be placed in clear plastic bags.

- Other items that cannot be recycled in carts include Styrofoam® (take to the East Lansing DPW drop-off site), yard waste, plastic film, textiles, food waste, cords, light bulbs, electronics and lumber/wood.

Out & About with DPW



Pictured Above (top to bottom): DPW employees Joy Ketchum, Ken Johnson (during a Kids Camp visit to DPW) and Peggy Clark.



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