

# Curbside Journal

No-Fee Yard Waste Collection Oct. 14 & Oct. 28

## Urban Forestry Grants Add Trees to the City

For 26 years, East Lansing has been recognized as a Tree City USA for its commitment to the local urban forest. Trees are a valuable part of East Lansing’s urban environment and the City maintains a forestry budget to ensure that healthy trees remain an integral component of the landscape.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the devastating effects of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) have diverted City funds from the planting of new trees to the removal of more than two-thirds of the City’s ash trees.

Prior to EAB the City had identified close to 1,400 potential tree planting sites - a number that has increased significantly in recent years with the removal of dying ash trees.

Fortunately, more than 100 trees were planted throughout East Lansing in 2013 thanks to a \$5,000 Urban Forestry Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ Forest Resource Division and a \$2,000 Arbor Day Grant through MSU Federal Credit Union. Focusing on diversification, these plantings incorporated more than 20 different hardy species, including native species such as Serviceberry and Redbud. Trees were planted in residential parkways by City staff and in Harrison Meadows Park by MSUFCU volunteer staff. These tree plantings have significantly furthered the City’s goal to strengthen and protect its urban forest from future disease and insect infestations in order to maintain a healthy, mature urban forest. A big thank you to the MDNR, MSUFCU, City staff, volunteers and residents whose contributions made these tree plantings possible.



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# New Name, Same Great Community Recycling Event

Formerly known as Project Pride, this year's Recycle! East Lansing event relied on more than 100 community volunteers to once again collect close to 40 tons of material to be recycled or reused. Volunteers at this year's event included members of local fraternities and sororities, East Lansing High School football players and a number of veteran Project Pride volunteers. In addition to collecting the usual scrap metal, polystyrene, electronics, tires, plastics and wood waste; volunteers made 36 curbside pickups for local seniors and collected 3,000 pounds of books and close to 400 pounds of medical waste.

The annual regional Recycle Rama event took place this past spring as well. Open to all Ingham County residents, Recycle Rama is held each April at the Ingham County Health Department. These two popular community recycling events saw more than 2,000 cars dropping off material to be recycled or reused.

# Patriarche Park Recycling Site to Open this Fall

For the sixth year in a row, the City will place recycling roll-off containers in the Patriarche Park parking lot to make corrugated cardboard and boxboard recycling more convenient for residents.

This seasonal site will be open around Oct. 1 and will remain open until mid-April when park use increases. Originally only open around the holidays, the site is now offered during the entire off season.

## Recycle Guide

The year-round recycling drop-off site is located at 1800 E. State Road.

### Brown Paper Bags

Can be recycled at the drop-off site. No curbside. Do not bundle. Place with corrugated cardboard.

### Boxboard

Can be recycled at the drop-off site. No curbside. Break down boxes. Dry only. No refrigerator/freezer items (cartons, soda cases).

### Corrugated Cardboard

Can be recycled at the drop-off site. No curbside. Break down boxes. Dry only.

### Newspapers

Can be recycled curbside and at the drop-off site. Keep clean /dry. Inserts accepted.

### Mixed Paper & Phone Books

Can be recycled curbside and at the drop-off site. Keep dry. Includes copier/colored paper, stationery and envelopes. No carbon, wrapping, tissue paper, manila envelopes, labels, tape or self-stick flaps.

### Magazines

Can be recycled curbside and at the drop-off site. Shiny/glossy only.

### Tin, Steel, Aluminum Cans, Foil

Can be recycled curbside and at the drop-off site. Rinse clean. Must be empty.

### Glass Bottles (Clear, Brown, Green)

Can be recycled curbside (separate from other materials) and at the drop-off site. Rinse clean and remove lids. Do not break. Food and beverage bottles only. No ceramic, Pyrex™ or window glass. No blue or yellow glass.

### Plastic Bottles/Containers

Plastic bottles, cups, tubs, pots and trays labeled #1 - #7 can be recycled curbside and at the drop-off site. Rinse clean and remove caps from bottles. Place bottle caps in small container in curbside bin. No plastic bags, strapping or Styrofoam. No bottles w/ oil, antifreeze or other household hazardous waste.

Visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide) for information on other recyclable items.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Ingham County's Household Hazardous Waste collections will continue through the end of September. Collections are on Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., at the Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St. Items accepted include pesticides, oil-based paints and more. Call (517) 887-4312 for info.

## Holiday Light Recycling

Holiday light strands can be recycled in curbside bins on regular collection days Nov. 18-29. Strands can also be dropped off in specially marked containers at DPW, 1800 E. State Road, and the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, during regular hours.

## CFL, Rechargeable Battery Recycling

Residents can recycle CFL bulbs and rechargeable batteries at DPW, East Lansing City Hall, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center and the East Lansing Public Library (batteries only). Look for the white and brown boxes at these locations.



# Yard Waste Program

**Yard waste includes leaves, plant materials, grass clippings and brush/limbs.**

## Containing Yard Waste

There are three options to contain yard waste (this guideline does not apply to no-fee days):

- City paper yard waste bags
- Rigid, 32-gallon plastic container or paper bag with City yard waste sticker (do not use Easy Carts or plastic bags to dispose of yard waste)
- Bundled (with string or twine) with a City yard waste sticker

Bags and stickers can be purchased at locations throughout East Lansing. Call (517) 337-9459 or visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste) for details. Yard waste may be placed at the curb after 8 p.m. the day before collection. Prior to that, it should be stored in a dry location.

## Disposing of Yard Waste

### Curbside Yard Waste Collection (runs through Nov. 25)

Curbside collection takes place on Mondays (excluding holidays) through Nov. 25. 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 or less. Visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/collectionrequest](http://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 7:30 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 (Oct. 14 and Oct. 28)

Dispose of yard waste for free on Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. 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.

## Fall Bulk Leaf Collection

Bulk leaf collection will be offered the weeks of Oct. 14, Oct. 28 and Nov. 12 on the City's east side and the weeks of Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 on the west side. The east side includes the east City limits at Park Lake to Abbot Road. The west side includes the west City limits at Coolidge and West roads to Abbot Road. Loose yard waste (except brush/limbs) can be raked to the curb for free collection.

# Christmas Tree Recycling Opportunities for Residents

The City will once again collect live-cut Christmas trees this winter, which will be chipped and used as mulch in East Lansing parks. Trees can be recycled curbside or at a variety of City drop-off locations. All bags, holiday decorations and tree stands should be removed; and trees taller than 6 feet should be cut in half.

Curbside collection of trees will take place on Monday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 6. Advance phone request and stickers are not required. Drop-off sites will be available through Jan. 10:

- Patriarche Park - parking lot on Alton Road
- Emerson Park - Arbor Drive entrance
- Fine Park - parking lot at Winchester Drive
- Valley Court Park - south of the Community Center
- White Memorial Park - parking lot at Pebblebrook Lane



## Controlled Medication Drop Box at ELPD

The East Lansing Police Department, 409 Park Lane, now 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.

## Protect Plants from Deer

Residents have reported damage to landscape plants as a result of the deer population in East Lansing. The following are a few tips to prevent or reduce damage to landscape plants by deer:

- Plant deer-resistant landscaping, such as Yarrow, Coneflower and Lavender. Prepare for spring by planting flowering bulbs like Daffodils, Snowdrops, Grape Hyacinth and Fritillaria; which don't attract deer or rodents.
- Use tall fencing barriers; fences 10 feet in height are the most effective because deer can jump!
- Use horizontal fencing barriers or woven wire fencing rolled over cement blocks. Deer cannot place their feet in holes to navigate through this type of fencing.
- Use repellents; both homemade and commercial odor/taste repellents can be effective. Homemade repellents include garlic, moth balls, human hair, liquefied eggs in water, etc.

\*For more information visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu> and search "Deer."

Still not sure if it's recyclable? Call DPW at (517) 337-9459 or visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycleguide) to find out!

# Holiday LED Light Exchange Nov. 14-27

Beginning Nov. 14, Lansing Board of Water and Light residential electric customers can exchange two strands of working incandescent holiday lights for two free strands of energy-saving LED holiday lights. The limit is two strands per household while supplies last.

The exchange will end on Nov. 27 or earlier if supplies run out. LED lights are safer, brighter, last longer and offer up to 90 percent in energy savings.

To participate in the exchange, residents are asked to bring a valid Michigan I.D. and current BWL electric bill (along with their lights to exchange) to the East Lansing Department of Public Works, 1800 E. State Road; the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road; or the BWL Customer Service Center, 1232 Haco Drive in Lansing, during regular business hours.

## No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection

In order to assist residents with disposal of extra refuse generated over the holidays, the East Lansing Department of Public Works will again offer the annual No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection Dec. 17-27.

During this time, residents can dispose of extra refuse without the use of a yellow City trash bag. Refuse is collected on residents' normal collection day only, except where changes are necessary due to the holidays - see calendar.

Yard waste and bulk items are not included. All bags must weigh no more than 40 pounds. Residents are encouraged to help keep disposal costs down by using the City's drop-off sites for cardboard and boxboard.



## Calendar

### October

- 14 First No-Fee Yard Waste Day & Bulk Leaf Collection Begins on the City's East Side
- 21 Bulk Leaf Collection on the City's West Side
- 28 Final No-Fee Yard Waste Day & Bulk Leaf Collection on the City's East Side

### November

- 4 Bulk Leaf Collection on the City's West Side
- 11 Veterans' Day Holiday; No Bulk Item, Yard Waste or Bulk Leaf Collection
- 12 Final Week of Bulk Leaf Collection on the City's East Side
- 18 Final Week of Bulk Leaf Collection on the City's West Side
- 25 Final Curbside Yard Waste Collection
- 28/29 DPW Closed for Thanksgiving; No Refuse/Recycling on Nov. 28. Thursday and Friday's Refuse/Recycling Collected Friday. No Bulk Leaf Collection.

### December

- 17 No-Fee Holiday Refuse Collection Dec. 17-27. Bulk Item/Yard Waste Not Included.
- 24/25 DPW Closed for Christmas; Tuesday's Refuse/Recycling Collected Tuesday, Dec. 24. No Refuse/Recycling Collection Dec. 25. Wednesday and Thursday's Refuse/Recycling Collected Thursday, Dec. 26.
- 30 Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

### January

- 1 DPW Closed for New Year's Day. No Refuse/Recycling Collection. Wednesday and Thursday's Refuse/Recycling Collected Jan. 2
- 6 Curbside Christmas Tree Collection
- 10 Last Day to Drop Off Live-Cut Christmas Trees
- 20 MLK Holiday; No Bulk Item Collection

### February

- 17 Presidents' Day; No Bulk Item Collection

# Residents Encouraged to Make Homes Energy Efficient

The Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) and Consumers Energy are both currently offering a variety of consumer incentives to upgrade home appliances, fixtures, lights and more.

The BWL Hometown Energy Savers® Program offers cash rebates when residential and business electric customers buy qualifying products, including CFL and LED bulbs and fixtures, a variety of Energy Star® appliances, high-efficiency pool pumps and more.

The BWL also offers the Be Bright! Retailer Lighting Program, in which customers can purchase reduced-price bulbs with an instant rebate from participating retailers in the utility's service territory.

A complete list of rebate amounts and participating retailers and contractors can be found at [www.lbwl.com/energysavers](http://www.lbwl.com/energysavers).

In addition, BWL customers can have their old, but functional room air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers hauled away and recycled properly by BWL free of charge. These appliances are wasting energy and money! If interested in taking advantage of BWL's free appliance recycling, call

(866) 341-8729 to schedule an appliance pickup.

Consumers Energy has rebates and instant savings on lighting, heating and cooling and energy efficient appliances as well. Similar to the BWL program, Consumers features rebates on CFL bulbs, Energy Star products, insulation/windows and more.

Also similar to BWL, Consumers Energy offers free collection and recycling of old refrigerators and freezers.

Visit [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com) and click on "Our Environment," "Energy Efficiency" and "Residential Energy Efficiency Programs" to learn more about Consumers Energy's rebates and incentives.

Taking advantage of these programs will help residents to reduce electric use, save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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# Out & About with DPW



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