



things you _____ **NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRASH COLLECTION**

1. When do I put my trash/recycling/yard waste out?

Trash, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7 am on your collection day. If you do not know your community's service day, call MMWA or visit our website at www.recyclemotion.org. Yard waste season runs April 1 through November 30 in communities that receive that service.

2. Who do I call to report a missed pickup?

If you put your trash out after the truck goes by, there will be no return for service until your next service day. If you had your trash out by 7 am and think you were missed, call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 on or within one business day of your service day to report the issue.

3. What if there is a holiday?

Holidays that fall on weekdays cause service to be delayed one day for that day and any other service days for the rest of the week. For example, if a holiday falls on a Wednesday, there will be a one-day delay for people who live in communities that are serviced on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is no service delay for holidays falling on a weekend. MMWA observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

4. How much trash can I put out?

Residents may set out an unlimited number of trash bags or cans of household generated trash each week, with the exception of the City of Saginaw, where residents have a 20-bag or can limit.

5. What kind of cans or bags do I use for my trash/recycling/yard waste?

Trash must be in rigid plastic cans with handles that are no larger than 35 gallons or smaller than 20 gallons, or bags no larger than 55 gallons. Recyclables must be in labeled cans no larger than 45 gallons or in community-issued recycling bins. Yard waste must be in labeled cans no larger than 35 gallons or in paper yard waste bags. Do not use plastic bags to contain yard waste or recycling; it will not be collected by the driver. All cans, bins, and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each. In the City of Frankenmuth, only community-issued recycling bins may be used for recycling and only trash bags for trash.

6. Why did the driver put an orange sticker on my materials?

An orange sticker means either that your materials were improperly prepared or your bulky item has been scheduled for pick-up by the bulk truck. Look on the sticker for the reason. If you do not see an orange sticker or you do not understand the reason listed, call MMWA at (989) 781-9555.

7. What is a bulky item and how do I get it picked up?

Remember that anything that is not in a can or a bag – whether it is a clock radio or a refrigerator - is considered a bulky item. Each household is allowed up to two per week. If your item is too big or bulky for the driver to collect with your trash, he will schedule it for pick-up by the bulky truck within two business days of your service day. Bulky pickup is not scheduled in advance. Call MMWA only if you have questions about how to properly prepare your item for collection.

8. What recyclables do you accept?

MMWA is asking residents to help reduce the cost of recycling by reducing contamination in their recycling bins. Residents should focus on recycling cardboard, plastics #1 and #2, steel and aluminum cans, and mixed paper. All plastics must have the resin code # in chasing arrows marked somewhere on the item. If there is no resin code marked, please throw the item away. When in doubt, throw it out!

9. What is the difference between yard waste and brush?

Yard waste is defined by state law as grass clippings, twigs less than 2" in diameter, leaves, and other yard vegetation. Larger branches, between 2" and 6" in diameter, are considered brush and are collected as trash, not yard waste. One bundle of brush (cut or broken branches 3 to 4 feet in length and at least 2" in diameter) may be put each week with trash.

10. How do I dispose of hazardous waste?

Hazardous waste, like varnish, paint thinner, motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, lawn and garden products, acids, pool and hobby chemicals, and mercury should never be placed in your curbside trash. MMWA holds special drop-off days for these items in the spring and summer - call MMWA for this year's schedule or check out the events section on our website.



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