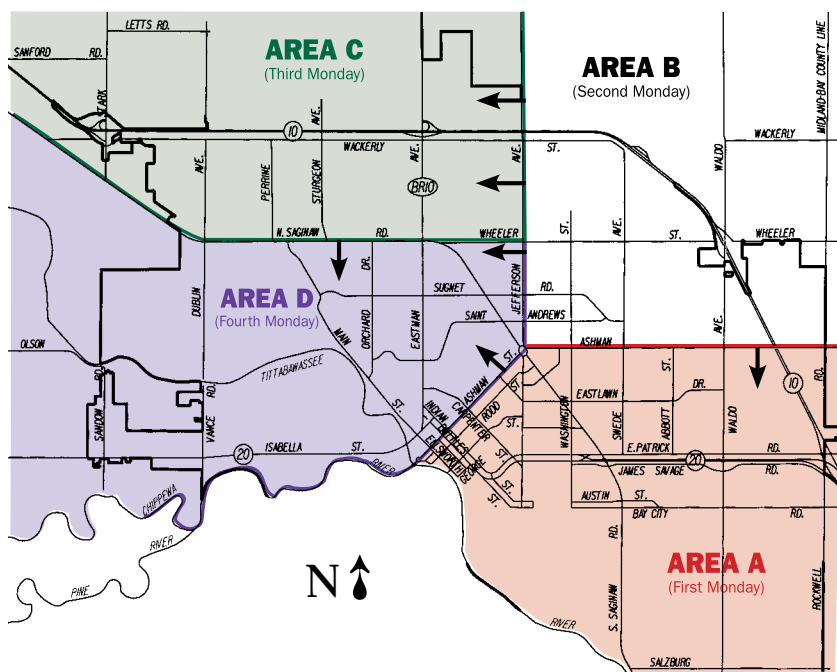




# The Department of Public Services

## Collection Guide for:

- Household Refuse • Yard Waste • Recycling • Brush • Heavy Item •
- Fall Leaf Collection • Borrow-A-Container • Snow Removal •



**Here are some important dates for you to remember during the month:**

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recycling, Refuse and Yard Waste Collection Day:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Recycling Week # (see enclosed schedule):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Monthly Brush and Heavy Item**

**Collection Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the Department of Public Services at 837-6900 or visit our website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices)

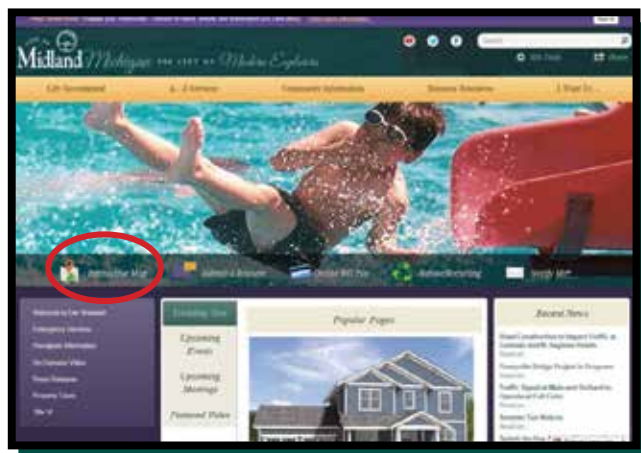


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## FORGOT YOUR COLLECTION DATES?

Go to our website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov) and click on the Interactive Map option.



• The Department of Public Services is located at 4811 N. Saginaw Road in the Municipal Service Center.



• Our trucks have a split bed, to enable us to pick up both refuse and yard waste at the same time.



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# Refuse Collection

## Refuse is collected in cans, plastic bags and refuse bins

Household refuse is collected weekly on your scheduled day, Monday – Friday. Refuse is collected in tied plastic bags, covered garbage cans with handles and gray bins purchased from the City. Place refuse and yard waste side-by-side at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day and no sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection. Refuse bins should be removed from the curb, after being emptied on the day of collection. A City refuse bin is a heavy duty, gray, 95-gallon wheeled bin. Each 95-gallon gray bin holds approximately 6-8 kitchen-size bags, has a 200 pound weight limit and comes with a 5-year warranty. This bin is available for purchase from the City of Midland for \$65.00. An order form (though not required) is available on the City’s website [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices). Click on Refuse and Yard Waste Bin Order Form. Complete the form and send a check or money order payable to the City of Midland to:



City Treasurer  
P. O. Box 1647  
Midland, MI 48641-1647

Allow two weeks for delivery. There is no charge for delivery.

Refuse bins are available for purchase and pickup (with larger vehicle) at the Municipal Service Center located at 4811 N. Saginaw Road. Payment to purchase refuse bins can also be made at City Hall located at 333 W. Ellsworth with free delivery the following week. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

**There is a 50 pound weight limit on garbage bags and trash cans. There is a 200 pound weight limit on the gray refuse bins purchased from the City.**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE SPECIAL PREPARATION

In addition to household refuse, the following items are also collected on your weekly refuse day:

- Dried out latex paint in cans – Remove lid or punch holes in the can and place separately. You can put cat litter or sand in with the paint to accelerate drying process
- Used motor oil & antifreeze – Label and place separately in a tightly-closed non-leaking container
- Animal waste – Place in a plastic grocery bag and then place the plastic grocery bag into a paper grocery bag or place in a hard plastic container with lid. Label and place next to your weekly refuse.
- Broken glass & light bulbs – Label and place separately in a puncture proof cardboard box or can with secure lid
- Needles & syringes – Label and place separately in a hard plastic or metal container with a secure lid
- Ashes, sawdust and drywall dust – Double bag, label and place separately



# DO

- Place your weekly refuse at the curb by 7:30 a.m.



# DON'T

- Boxes that are not flattened to fit inside the recycle cart should be put out for your monthly heavy item collection. Also, items that do not fit into covered refuse containers or tied plastic bags should be saved for your monthly heavy item collection.

## Items NOT Collected With Weekly Collection

- Cardboard boxes in excess of 3' x 3'. NOTE: Boxes of any size can be put out for your monthly Heavy Item Collection
- Refuse in containers without handles, such as wheelbarrows, boxes, barrels or grocery bags
- Hot ashes
- Explosives and live ammunition
- Dead animals
- Car parts and batteries
- Liquid paint
- Chemicals & household hazardous materials (contact the Midland County Health Department at 832-6681 for disposal information)
- Refuse bins and containers with items sticking out of the container (lids must close)
- Refuse that is frozen to the can or bin

# Yard Waste Collection



## DO

- Yard waste is collected in paper compost bags with a yard waste sticker or in a yard waste bin that can be purchased from the City.



## DON'T

- Put items in the street.



## DO

- Place yard waste and weekly refuse side-by-side at the curb.



## DON'T

- Yard waste bins with items sticking out of bin cannot be collected.

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small twigs, straw, plants and garden waste. Yard waste is collected for composting on the same day as your weekly refuse beginning the first Monday in April through November – depending on weather conditions. Place yard waste and refuse side-by-side at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day and no sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection. Yard waste bins should be removed from the curb, after being emptied on the day of collection.

### FREE YARD WASTE COLLECTION PERIODS – SPRING & FALL

Each spring, free yard waste collection begins the first Monday in April and extends through the end of April. During this free period, collection stickers for bags and bins are not required. Beginning the first Monday in May, current year stickers are required for all yard waste bins and 40-cent stickers for yard waste bags.

Each fall, free yard waste collections begins on the first Monday in October and extends through the end of the yard waste collection season. During this free period collection stickers for bags and bins are not required and residents can rake leaves to the street until final curbside collection has been completed in their area.

## Yard waste is collected in paper compost bags & yard waste bins

Yard waste is collected in paper compost bags and blue yard waste bins. 30-gallon paper compost bags have a 50 pound weight limit and are purchased directly from local retailers, including grocery, hardware and home improvement stores. Bag users pay a 40-cent per bag collection fee. Collection fee stickers for paper compost bags are available from local stores at their customer service counter or at the Municipal Service Center at 4811 N. Saginaw Road. The cost of a single sheet of 20 yard waste collection stickers is \$8.

Blue 95-gallon, wheeled yard bins are available for purchase from the City of Midland for \$65.00. The bin has a 200 pound weight limit and comes with a 5-year warranty. These bins are designed to be compatible with the City's semi-automated collection process. Bin users pay an annual collection sticker fee of \$40.00 for the first bin and \$17.00 collection sticker fee per bin for each additional bin at a single address. An order form (though not required) is available on the City's website [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices). Click on Refuse and Yard Waste Bin Order Form. Complete the form and send a check or money order for the bin price and annual collection fee (\$105.00) payable to the City of Midland to:

City Treasurer  
P. O. Box 1647  
Midland, MI 48641-1647  
Allow two weeks for delivery. There is no charge for delivery.



There is a 50 pound weight limit on yard waste bags and a 200 pound weight limit on yard waste bins purchased from the City.

Yard waste bins are available for purchase and pickup (with larger vehicle) at the Municipal Service Center located at 4811 N. Saginaw Road. Payment to purchase yard waste bins can also be made at City Hall located at 333 W. Ellsworth with free delivery the following week. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.



## Items NOT Collected

- Large brush & tree branches (collected with monthly heavy item and brush collection – see page 6)
- Artificial flowers, plastic flower pots and flats (dispose with weekly refuse collection or recycling if applicable)
- Loose soil & sod, or stones
- City yard waste bins with brush sticking out of the bin (lid must close)
- Yard waste in plastic bags
- Yard waste in paper compost bags or bins WITHOUT a collection fee sticker
- Yard waste bags over 50 lbs.
- Yard waste that is frozen to the bin
- City yard waste bins weighing over 200 lbs.

# Monthly Curbside Recycling Collection

The City of Midland offers single stream monthly curbside collection of recyclables. The single stream process eliminates sorting and allows for recycling of a variety of plastic, paper, metal, glass, steel and aluminum items (see list to right). Recycling

must be placed out for collection in the brown 96-gallon cart. Each household is provided with one brown 96-gallon cart which is owned by Republic Services. Residents are allowed up to three 14-gallon recycle bins/or like size container to set out with their 96-gallon brown cart. A magnet detailing your monthly recycling collection schedule is available by calling 837-6900. You can also visit our website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices).



## Acceptable Curbside Recycling Items

- Cardboard (flatten and cut to fit loosely inside the cart)
- Junk Mail (envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, etc.)
- Paperboard
- Newspaper (do not bag or tie in bundles)
- Phone books
- Clear colorless glass (colored glass is not accepted)
- Steel and tin cans (rinsed)
- Aluminum cans
- #1 through #7 household plastics (rinsed) (check bottom of container for number)
- Pizza boxes (free of any food or grease)
- Kitchen cookware (metal pots, pans, tins and utensils)

## Additional Notes

- The 96-gallon cart can be exchanged on a one-time only basis for a smaller 65-gallon cart
- Please note the serial number of your brown recycle cart. If your cart is stolen you will need to provide a police report with the serial number in order to receive a replacement cart
- The brown recycling cart has a 200 lb. weight limit
- Additional 96-gallon carts (3 carts maximum per address) can be leased for \$36.00 per year per cart
- Additional recycling options are available from Midland Recyclers (see page 9)

## Tips for best service

- Do not bag or sort your recycling. Simply place your recyclables loose in the cart
- Reference your monthly recycling schedule
- Place recycling out by 7:30 a.m. on your scheduled monthly collection day and no sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection. Recycle carts should be removed from the curb, after being emptied on the day of collection.
- All boxboard and cardboard must fit loosely inside the cart. Cardboard and boxes placed outside the cart cannot be collected unless they will fit inside the cart
- Rinse out all food residues from containers
- Place your cart with the handle facing your home
- Allow at least a four foot space around your cart for the automated recycling arm of the truck to access your cart

## Items NOT Collected

- Any item with food residue on it
- Batteries or electronics
- Colored glass
- Concrete
- Electrical cords
- Garden hose/rubber
- Paint cans
- Paper plates, napkins, paper cups, Kleenex, paper towel
- Plastic grocery bags
- Polystyrene foam containers and packing material
- Propane tanks
- Shredded Paper
- Tires
- Wood items
- Visit our website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices) for a complete list of accepted and not accepted recyclables.



# Residential Monthly Heavy Item & Brush Collection

Place items at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on the Monday of your area's scheduled collection week (i.e. Area A = the first Monday of the month, Area B = the second Monday of the month, Area C = the third Monday of the month, Area D = the fourth Monday of the month). See map at right or visit the City of Midland's website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices). Crews begin collection for each area on the designated Monday. Your collection day will vary, depending on the volume of items out. Once the crew has finished collection on your street, they do not go back. To ensure collection, items must be placed at curb by 7:30 am on your designated collection Monday. Any container placed at the curb for heavy item collection will be disposed of. Crews do not empty containers and return them to the curb. If you miss your monthly collection, try Borrow-A-Container (see page 8) or you can take material to the City of Midland Sanitary Landfill for one free disposal of up to 3 cubic yards per month (837-6988).

There are three disposal options for heavy item and brush collection for occupied dwellings:

1. Heavy items and brush are collected once per month, year around. See map on opposite page to locate your area, check the city's website ([www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices)) or call the Department of Public Services at 837-6900. Items can be placed at the curb on the Saturday preceding your scheduled collection Monday.
2. Up to three cubic yards per month can be taken to the City of Midland Sanitary Landfill, located at 4311 E. Ashman Street for free disposal. See page 9 for more information.
3. A 4X6X4 foot dumpster (approximately 4 cubic yards) can be reserved for residential use for overnight loading. For more information on Borrow-A-Container, please see page 8.

Residential heavy item collection is designed to pick up items that do not fit into a tied plastic bag or covered garbage can, such as:

- Boxes of any size, including moving boxes
- Appliances with doors and covers removed (NOTE: Appliances are also collected weekly on a call-in basis, 837-6900)
- Furniture, mattresses & carpeting
- Demolition, remodeling & building materials (at established residences ONLY)
- Fluorescent bulbs – wrap in newspaper or put in bulb sleeve
- Scrap metal
- Asphalt, concrete & other masonry rubble
- Logs, cut branches, tree trimmings and brush in lengths less than 8 feet at established residences only (NO service for land clearing)
- Up to 4 tires per year

## Items NOT Collected

- Old cars, car bodies, car parts and batteries
- Chemicals or household hazardous materials
- Explosives and live ammunition
- Liquid paint
- Dead animals
- Loose soil, sod and rocks
- Excess of 4 tires per year



**DON'T** 

- Put heavy items or brush piles in the street.



**DON'T** 

- Mix brush and heavy items together. Always put heavy items and brush into clearly separated piles.



**DON'T** 

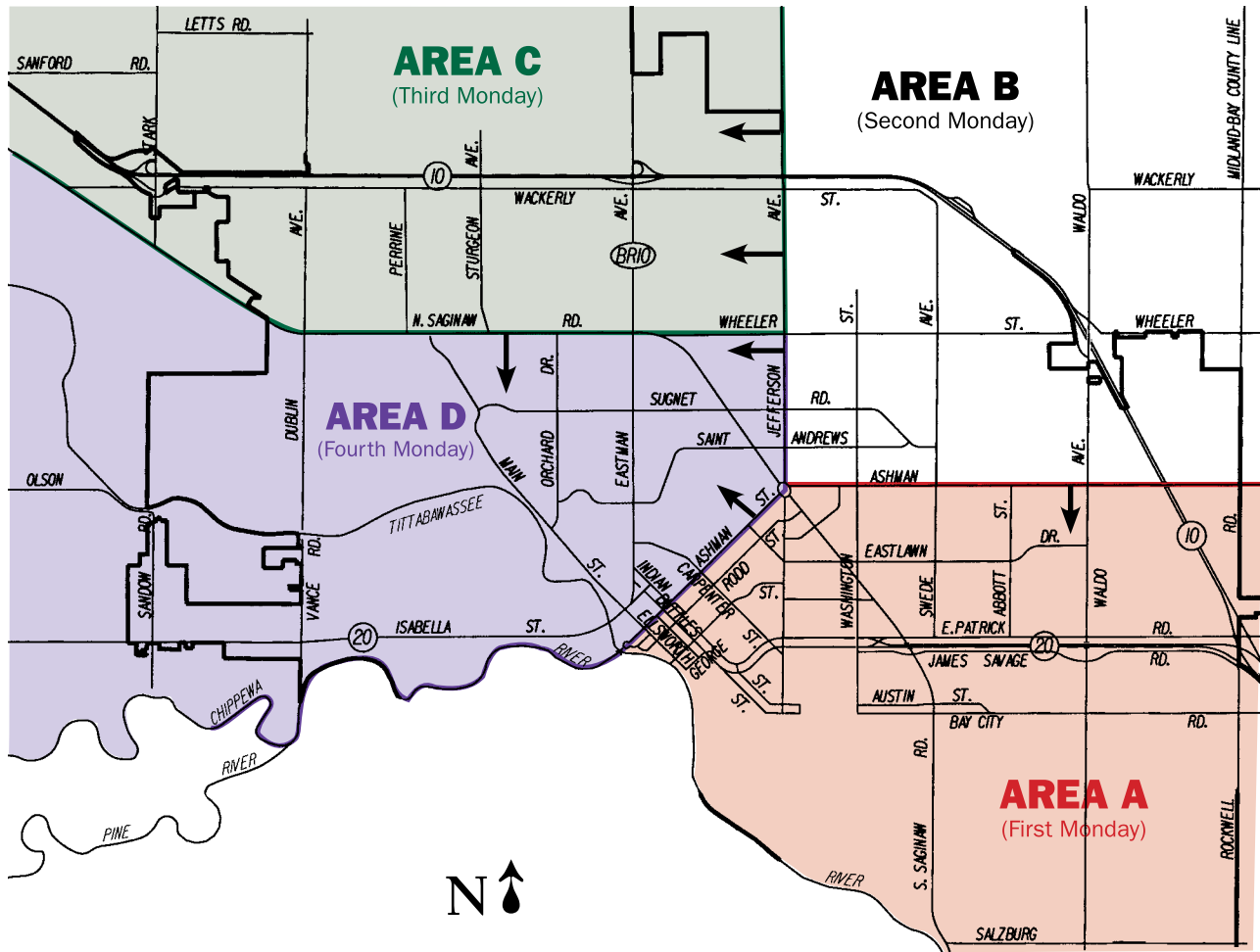
- Place brush piles near poles, hydrants, trees, signs, mailboxes, wires or other obstacles.



**DON'T** 

- Don't set our brush in lengths of more than 8 feet or in a continuous pile.

# Residential Monthly Heavy Item & Brush Collection



## Residential Heavy Item & Brush Preparation

- Put household items and brush in clearly separated piles
- Avoid placing items near poles, hydrants, trees, signs, wires, mailboxes and other obstacles
- NEVER put items or brush in the street
- All items, brush and brush piles must be less than eight feet in length. Leave a one foot space between brush piles
- Containers put out for Heavy Item Collection will be disposed of along with their contents



**DO**

- Put brush and heavy items in clearly separate piles.



**DO**

- All brush piles must be less than 8 feet in length with a minimum of 1 foot between piles.

# Additional Disposal Options

## Residential Borrow-A-Container, 837-6900

A 4x6x4 foot (4 cubic yards) dumpster can be reserved by residential customers for overnight loading. This service is available Monday – Friday. A container is placed on either your outlawn or driveway approach before 3:30 p.m. and collected the following morning. Friday reservations may load over the weekend for Monday morning pickup. Residents can reserve up to 4 dumpsters per calendar year. There is no charge for this service. Reservations are required as the dumpsters are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. The Borrow-A-Container can only be placed between the sidewalk and the curb. The driver will determine the safest location for the Borrow-A-Container in the residence's choice of the outlawn or driveway approach.

### Residential Borrow-A-Container Guidelines

- Only one Borrow-A-Container per night per address
- Due to weight restrictions the Borrow-A-Container can only be filled UP TO HALF FULL with shingles. (overfilled containers must be unloaded by the resident to meet specifications)
- The Borrow-A-Container cannot be used for yard waste, soil, stone, sod, bricks and concrete
- The Borrow-A-Container cannot be used to dispose of hazardous household materials, chemicals, liquid paint, dead animals, car parts, car bodies or car batteries
- Due to disposal regulations, the Borrow-A-Container can be filled with EITHER refuse or brush but not both
- Everything must fit inside the Borrow-A-Container so that the lid of the dumpster can completely close



## DO

- Items must be placed inside the dumpster so the lid can completely close. The Borrow-A-Container is 4x6x4.



## DO

- Remove doors from refrigerators and freezers.

## Appliance Pick-Up

Appliances can be collected on a call-in basis, 837-6900. All doors and covers must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Department of Public Services at 837-6900 or visit the City of Midland website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices)



# Additional Disposal Options

## City of Midland Sanitary Landfill

4311 E. Ashman Street, 837-6988

[www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/landfill](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/landfill)

Hours of operation for the Landfill are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. year around. Beginning the first weekend in March through the last week of November the Landfill is also open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

The Landfill is a division of the Utilities Department. Please call 837-6988 for specific information. Each month, City of Midland residents can dispose of up to 3 cubic yards of general refuse, construction/demolition debris, brush or yard waste at no charge. Please note that items must be separated. Customers must present a current drivers license, Michigan ID or current property tax billing to verify residency. The gatehouse attendant will assess a fee for any excess yardage based on the type of material and the amount of cubic yards being disposed.



## Midland Recyclers

4305 E. Ashman Street, 631-1668



Midland Recyclers operate a do-it-yourself drop-off recycling center that accepts many types of materials not accepted at curbside and offers recycling options to those residents and businesses that do not have curbside recycling service.

Other items that can be recycled at this location are plastic bags, polystyrene foam, shredded paper, electronics/appliances, inkjet cartridges, batteries of all types, clothing/shoes, vinyl siding and oversized boxes. The list of acceptable items is extensive and growing. Please call or visit their website [www.midlandrecyclers.org](http://www.midlandrecyclers.org) with questions. The recycling center is open Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays until 6:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

# Fall Leaf Collection

Beginning the first Monday in October residents can rake leaves to the street for the curbside Fall Leaf Collection Program. Curbside collection of leaves will begin after significant leaf fall has occurred city-wide, which is typically late October. A collection schedule using Heavy Item and Brush Collection areas A, B, C and D (see map on page 7) is determined based on actual leaf fall. When the majority of leaves have been collected city-wide, a final collection round is announced. Streets are swept after the Leaf Collection Program has been completed, weather permitting.

**Any leaves that have not been collected after the final round must be bagged or placed in a yard waste bin for weekly refuse collection.**



**NOTE: Leaves are collected from the street ONLY during the Fall Leaf Collection program. In the spring all leaves must be bagged in paper compost bags or placed in the blue City yard waste bins.**



**DO**

- Leave at least one foot of gutter space between the leaf pile and the curb.

**DON'T** 

- Put brush and refuse in leaf piles.

## How to prepare leaves

- As collection nears your area, rake leaves into the gutter
- Leave at least one foot of clear gutter space between the leaf pile and the curb. This will allow a more thorough collection, as the leaves will not spill back onto your property
- Do not mix brush or refuse in with the leaf piles
- Do not park in the street when leaf collection is in your area
- Leaves can also be placed in blue yard waste bins or paper compost bags and set out with your weekly refuse collection

**NOTE: Stickers are not required on paper compost bags or blue City yard waste bins beginning the first Monday in October through the end of the Fall Leaf Collection Program.**

**Residents living on these major streets should rake leaves into the OUTLAWN (the area between the sidewalk and street). The City will collect the leaves directly from these outlawn areas:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Ashman Street<br>(from Circle to Main Street)               | Isabella Street                           |
| Bay City Road   | Lyon Road                                 |
| Buttles Street  | Main Street                               |
| Eastman Avenue  | Patrick Road<br>(Indian to West of Waldo) |
| George & Cronkright Streets<br>(between Indian & Ellsworth) | Rodd Street                               |
| Indian Street   | Saginaw Road                              |

**ALL OTHER RESIDENTS SHOULD RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET**

## Follow the Process

Daily updates (Monday-Friday) are made to the following sources to help you determine the location of leaf collection crews:

- **MGTV Channel 188 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99**
- **City of Midland's website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices)**
- **The DPS Information Hotline at 837-3405**
- **The Department of Public Services at 837-6900**

# Snow Response & Removal

Snow response and removal is a high priority for the City of Midland. The methods and response time for snow removal throughout the 35 square miles of Midland depend upon the amount of snow that falls. The following describes the general procedures for snow removal and response in the City. For additional information, contact the Department of Public Services at 837-6900.

## **SNOW WATCH SHIFT**

“Snow Watch” ensures the City’s readiness in the event of a snowfall. Snow Watch is staffed 24 hours a day beginning on the Sunday following Thanksgiving through April 1.

## **IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**

When the conditions of light snow or ice appear on road surfaces, the Snow Watch operators begin to salt the priority routes. The priority routes include bridges, overpasses, Business Route 10 expressway, state trunk lines, (Eastman, Saginaw, Patrick, Lyon, M20) major streets and the hospital zone.

## **PLOWING & SALTING RESPONSE**

If additional crews are needed they will be added as conditions warrant. Crews will continue to salt streets in the priority route schedule. When a snowfall of 4 inches or more occurs, and/or accompanying weather conditions warrant, street plowing begins:

- A team of trucks plow the priority routes, including state trunklines, Business Route 10 expressway and major streets.
- Additional trucks are assigned to salt/plow major streets and along school routes throughout the city.
- Once the priority routes have been cleared, the road crews begin plowing the residential areas, starting with the next day’s garbage collection route and continuing through the days of the week. (For example: if the snow fall stopped on Monday, the road crews would begin plowing in the areas scheduled for Tuesday collection and would then proceed to plow through the areas scheduled for collection on Wednesday, then Thursday, etc.).
- Courts will be plowed as any other residential street. A smaller plow truck will follow the route to clean up any snow that is left at the end of the cul-de-sac.

## **PRIVATE STREETS**

The City of Midland does not provide snow removal or salting for private streets.



# Holiday Collection Schedule

Detailed below is the Holiday Collection Schedule for weekly refuse and recycling. The Department of Public Services doubles refuse and recycling runs on the day before or after the holiday, as indicated below. This allows the rest of the week's refuse and recycling pickup to remain on their regularly scheduled collection day.

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Holiday Collection Day</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b> .....	The Next Working Day <b>After</b> New Year's Day
<b>Good Friday</b> .....	The Monday <b>After</b> Good Friday
<b>Memorial Day</b> .....	The Tuesday <b>After</b> Memorial Day
<b>4th of July</b> .....	The Next Working Day <b>After</b> the 4th of July
<b>Labor Day</b> .....	The Tuesday <b>After</b> Labor Day
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> .....	The Wednesday <b>Before</b> Thanksgiving
<b>Day After Thanksgiving</b> ...	The Monday <b>After</b> Thanksgiving
<b>Christmas Eve</b> .....	The Working Day <b>Before</b> Christmas Eve
<b>Christmas Day</b> .....	The Next Working Day <b>After</b> Christmas Day

Collection information is available in the City of Midland calendar, on the website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/publicservices) or by calling 837-6900 or the 24 hour information line at 837-3405.

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees are collected and recycled the first two weeks of January with your weekly refuse collection. After this collection period, trees should be placed at the curb for monthly heavy item and brush collection.

### To prepare Christmas trees for collection:

- Remove stands, ornaments, tinsel and garland
- Remove plastic tree bags



**DO**

- Place tree at curb.



**DON'T** 

- Leave the plastic bag on tree. Bag must be removed for collection.