

City of Mt. Pleasant *Refuse & Recycling Guide*

Refuse & Recycling Basics:

- Refuse and recycling must be placed in the designated pick-up area no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection day, and removed by midnight on collection day.

Refuse Guidelines:

- Residents of single family dwellings, duplexes and triplexes are required to use the City's bag/tag system for refuse collection. Qualifying multi-family properties may choose to use City refuse carts.
- Residents of rooming houses, multi-unit apartment complexes, or qualifying multi-family properties must make collection arrangements with, and use refuse carts or dumpsters from a licensed waste hauler who is authorized to operate within the City limits.
- City bags and tags may be purchased at City Hall, GreenTree Grocery, Meijer and Ric's.
- Place one tag on each generic trash bag, or on the handle of a 34-gallon or less trash can.
- Trash cans cannot weigh more than 50 pounds and trash may not exceed the top rim of the can.
- There is no limit on the number of City refuse bags or tagged trash cans you may use at one time.

Recycling Guidelines:

- Residents of single-family homes and some rental units are eligible for curbside recycling. A blue City recycling bin is required. These bins can be purchased from the Utility Billing Department located at City Hall.
- Residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings may also participate. To find out if you qualify for this service, please contact the Public Works office at (989) 779-5401.
- The current charge for curbside recycling is \$2.50 and is listed as a separate item on your water and sewer bill.

- If your recyclable materials will not fit inside the blue City bin, you may use additional bins or a laundry basket. Do not use cardboard boxes.
- On windy days, place a brick or rock in the bin to prevent it from blowing away.
- **Items not accepted for recycling:** Dog and cat food bags, pizza boxes, or any cardboard which food has had contact, wax or plastic-coated cardboard/boxboard (milk and juice cartons), laundry soap boxes, tape, staples, cellophane envelope windows, disposable plastic gloves, plastic shopping bags, non-transparent glass.

Large Item Pick-Up:

Non-refundable stickers must be purchased from City Hall and affixed to each item prior to collection.

- Large items must be placed at your trash collection site by 7:30 a.m. on your scheduled trash pick-up day.

Questions? Call (989) 779-5401.

Leaf Collection and Yard Waste:

The City offers no fee leaf collection services in the Fall. (Late October, November.)

- Rake leaves into low piles into the gutter, do NOT cover storm basins.
- If you live on a boulevard, do not place leaves in the median, place them in front of your home.
- On High and Pickard Streets, where high traffic volume prohibits leaves in the gutter, leaves should be raked onto the rights-of-way, between the curb and sidewalk.

All other **yard waste** which includes; grass clippings, garden debris, shrubbery, brush, tree trimmings, and leaves (outside of the Fall leaf collection) should be taken to the Material Recovery Center (MRF) at 4208 E. River Road. **(989) 773-9631**

