

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



The Department of Public Works (DPW) oversees the trash collection services for single-family residences. We hope you will find the following information useful. If you have any questions, you may reach us from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (248) 624-0141, Monday ~ Thursday or feel free to visit us at 2041 Charms Road.

### Rules and Regulations for Single-Family Residences Refuse Collection

The City of Wixom contracts with Waste Management for the collection of municipal refuse. The City of Wixom's collection day is Wednesday. **All items for trash collection must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of collection; however not earlier than 4 p.m. on the day before scheduled collection. Empty receptacles must be removed from curb by noon of the day after pick-up.** Collection services include: trash, recycling, yard waste (compost) and bulk items. Please place containers, bags, and bundles at the curb or at the edge of the street in front of your home.

In accordance with our contract with Waste Management, refuse material must be placed in approved containers, and/or bundles as applicable. The following with:

1. **MIXED WASTE** – Mixed waste is a mixture of garbage and rubbish (not yard waste or recyclables). Mixed waste can be placed at the curb in any of the following containers:
  - Metal or Plastic Containers **Must not be less than 10 gallons or more than 35 gallons in capacity.** Total weight of containers and contents must not exceed 60 pounds. Please do not fill containers above the rims.
  - Plastic Bags **Must not be less than 10 gallons or more than 35 gallons in capacity.** Total weight of bag and content must not exceed 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes are not acceptable containers.
2. **BULK ITEMS** – Bulk items such as furniture, refrigerators (with the doors removed), stoves, etc., will be picked up on collection day if they are placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. You do not need to call in advance for bulk pick up.
3. **CARPETING/RUGS** – Old carpets and rugs must be free of all nails or staples, and securely tied in bales no more than 2 feet high and 4 feet long.
4. **LATEX PAINT** – Latex paint can be thrown with the trash once it has been solidified. In order to dry out latex paint, put it in a well-ventilated area, open the can and add kitty litter or commercially available hardener. The paint will solidify in a few days. Once it is completely solid, place the can of dry paint either into a plastic garbage bag or out on the curb with the lid off on your regular trash day.
5. **COMPOSTABLES/YARD WASTE** – Compost includes grass, weeds, leaves, shrub and plant clippings, plant materials, twigs, and small limbs. **Compost service will be provided each year from the beginning of April through the end of November.** Christmas trees will also be collected and composted in January. Compost can be placed at the curb in any of the following containers:
  - Metal or Plastic Containers **Must not be less than 10 gallons or more than 35 gallons in capacity with a yard waste sticker adhered to it.** Total weight of containers and contents must not exceed 60 pounds. Please do not fill containers above the rims. Yard Waste stickers are provided by the City at no charge. Please do not place stickers on the brown compost bags.
  - Brown Compost Bags Total weight of bag and content must not exceed 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes and/or grocery bags are not acceptable containers.
  - Bundles Bundles of small branches must be tied and not exceed 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter, and 60 pounds in weight.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, ETC.** – A *Special Pick-Up* is required of construction debris or similar items, contact the DPW to arrange a cost quotation (minimum charge is \$75).

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION** – If the following holidays fall on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, there will be a one-day delay for garbage collection: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** – Household hazardous waste, such as oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides, etc., is not collected at the curbside. Instead, household hazardous waste will be collected annually at a location and time to be announced on the City's website ([www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org)). Or you may call the DPW to find out the exact date, time, and location.