

# 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 am until 5:00 pm 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 7:00 am the day of collection; however, not earlier than 4:00 pm the day before scheduled collection. Empty receptacles must be removed from curb by noon 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.

**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	<b>Must be between 10 to 35 gallons in capacity.</b> Total weight of containers and contents must <u>NOT</u> exceed 60 pounds. Please do not fill containers above the rims.
Plastic Bags	<b>Must be between 10 to 35 gallons in capacity.</b> Total weight of bag and contents must <u>NOT</u> exceed 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes are <u>NOT</u> acceptable containers.

**BULK ITEMS:** Bulk items such as furniture, refrigerators (with the doors removed), stoves, water heaters, etc. will be picked up on collection day if they are placed at the curb by 7:00 am. You do not need to call in advance for bulk pick up.

**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.

**LATEX PAINT:** Latex paint can be thrown with the trash once it has been solidified. In order to dry out latex paint, put 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.

**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 until the end of November.** Compost can be placed at the curb in any of the following containers:

Metal or Plastic Containers with Yard Waste Sticker	<b>Must be between 10 to 35 gallons in capacity with a yard waste sticker adhered to it.</b> Total weight of containers and contents must <u>NOT</u> exceed 60 pounds. Please do not fill containers above the rims. Yard waste stickers are provided by the City at no charge at the DPW or City Hall.
Brown Compost Bags	Total weight of bag and contents must <u>NOT</u> exceed 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes and/ or plastic bags are <u>NOT</u> acceptable containers. Please do not place stickers on brown compost bags.
Bundles	Bundles of small branches must be tied and not exceed 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter and 60 pounds in weight.

**CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, ETC.:** Small quantities of building debris resulting from repair or remodeling personally done by the home owner can be set out at the curb on regular trash day for pickup. Bundle and tie. Bundles should weigh no more than 60 pounds and be no longer than 4 feet or place in heavy-duty contractor bags, not to exceed 60 pounds in weight. If large construction job, must hire a private dumpster at owner's expense.

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION:** If the following holidays fall on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday there will be a one-day delay for refuse 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, florescent light bulbs, etc. are not collected at the curbside. Instead, household hazardous waste will be collected 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.