



REFUSE GUIDELINES



REFUSE COLLECTION IS ON FRIDAY IN THOMAS TOWNSHIP

- Trash **must** be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on Friday. Collection routes can change for many reasons, so the time your trash gets picked up may vary. Put yard waste and recycling to the curb for collection on your regular trash day.
- You may have an unlimited number of bags or cans of household generated trash each week. However, trash **must be in bags or cans that are no larger than 35 gallons and should not weigh more than 50 pounds each.**

YARD WASTE

- Yard Waste collection is provided from April 1st through November 30th.
- Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, yard vegetation, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" in diameter) and leaves.
- These items need to be placed in 35 gallon or smaller cans or paper yard waste bags weighing 50 pounds or less. If you are using a can it must be labeled with a **yard waste** sticker. Stickers are available at the Township Office or MMWA.
- One bundle of brush is allowed each week. Larger branches (two to six inches around) can be bundled and placed to the curb **as trash**. Cut branches to 3 by 4 feet in length and secure by twine or duct tape. **Place near your trash bags or cans.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION ITEMS

- You are allowed 2 bulky items to be put out to the road per week. A bulky item is anything that is not in a can or bag.
- DO NOT call ahead for bulky items.
- If items are too big to be picked up they will be tagged and be scheduled for pick-up by the bulk truck within 2 business days of your service day. DO NOT remove the item from the curb once tagged, and DO NOT remove the tag.
- Visit www.recyclemotion.org for more information on bulky items or other special collection items.



RECYCLING

- No sorting is necessary! All of your plastic, paper, cardboard, and metal items can go into one container, making recycling easier and more convenient.
- Residents no longer **need** to set out one official recycling bin. MMWA will promote the use of any 45-gallon or smaller container/can for recycling.
- Non-recycling containers need to be labeled with **Recyclables Only** sticker or paint a large "R" on the can.
- Recyclable bins may be purchased at the Thomas Township Office for \$7.00 each. Yard Waste & Recyclable stickers are also available.
- For a list of items that **should not** go into your recycling bin go to www.recyclemotion.org or call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 for clarification.



REFUSE COLLECTION EFFECTED BY HOLIDAYS

- When a major holiday falls on a **weekday**, collection will be delayed **one day**. Holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday **do NOT** affect collection days.
- Information regarding trash pick up during holiday weeks is normally found in various local papers as well as on MMWA website and Facebook page. You can also contact **Mid Michigan Waste Authority** by calling (989) 781-9555 or the Thomas Township Office at (989) 781-0150.

These guidelines are provided for information purposes to our residents. This brochure only outlines some of the specifics on refuse disposal in Thomas Township. For a more detailed description of all refuse guidelines, information on Household Special Waste Collection, or E-Waste please visit the Mid Michigan Waste Authority website at www.recyclemotion.org.

Here you may also download a copy of [The Loop Guide](#) [click here](#).

The Loop Guide provides curbside solid waste service requirement info for residents of MMWA member communities.



QUESTIONS FOR MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY?

Visit www.recyclemotion.org

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