



## TRASH, RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE GUIDELINES



### CART SERVICE

#### QUESTIONS?

Call: Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA)  
@ 989-781-9555 or Visit [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org)

#### COLLECTION DAY IS ON FRIDAY IN THOMAS TOWNSHIP

- Trash, recycling, and yard waste **must** all 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.
- In 2023, many communities including Thomas Township switched to rolling carts for trash and recycling service. One 96-gallon cart for recyclables and one 96-gallon cart for trash were provided to each resident. One 96-gallon recycling cart can hold up to five times as much recycling as your current 18-gallon recycling bin and one 96-gallon trash cart can hold up to three 20-35 gallon cans of trash. The new carts are taller and on wheels, making them easier for residents to work with.

#### PLACEMENT OF CARTS



- Carts should be placed with the lid opening facing toward the street. You want the material to be able to fall out in front of the cart.
- Optimally, carts should be placed with a minimum of three (3') feet between each container and other objects.

#### RECYCLING



- No sorting is necessary! Cans, cartons, glass bottles, jars, paper, boxes, along with plastic bottles, jars, and tubs can go into the cart, making recycling easier and more convenient.
- For a list of items that **should not** go into your recycling bin go to [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) or call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 for clarification.

#### 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](http://www.recyclemotion.org) for more information on bulky items or other special collection items.

#### YARD WASTE

- Yard Waste collection starts the first week of April through the first week of December. (see MMWA year calendar)
- 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 per week. Larger branches (two to six inches around) can be bundled and placed to the curb **as trash**. Cut branches no longer than 4 feet in length and secure both ends with twine or duct tape. **Place (3') feet away from your carts.**



#### HOLIDAY COLLECTION

- 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 a holiday week is normally found in various local papers as well as on the Thomas Township website, [www.thomastwp.org](http://www.thomastwp.org) under News on the home page. You can also find the information on the MMWA website or Facebook page. You can also contact **Mid Michigan Waste Authority** by calling (989) 781-9555.

These guidelines are provided for informational 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](http://www.recyclemotion.org).

MMWA represents all municipalities in Saginaw County to improve service efficiencies and to negotiate more competitive pricing.

All waste collection and disposal services in Thomas Township are provided through the MMWA. MMWA contracts with Waste Management, Inc. to provide the actual service.