



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP TRASH AND RECYCLING GUIDE

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

PAPER

Office paper, junk mail, newspaper, paper bags, magazines, phone books



PLASTIC

CLEAN, EMPTY, & RINSED

NEW - Plastic containers, plastics #1, #2, and #5, jugs, bottles



(no #3, #4, #6, or #7)

GLASS

CLEAN, EMPTY, & RINSED

Glass jugs, bottles, and jars



CARDBOARD

CLEAN, EMPTY, & CUT INTO 2x2 SECTIONS

Plain and corrugated cardboard, food boxes, shipping/moving boxes



METAL

CLEAN, EMPTY, & RINSED

Aluminum, metal cans, pots, foils and trays



CARTONS

CLEAN, EMPTY, & RINSED

Aseptic containers, milk containers, soup cartons, juice boxes and cartons



NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Scrap metal, window panes, ceramics, dishware, bio-hazardous waste, unmarked plastics, plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7, electronic waste, paint, pesticide, oil, food waste,



NO PLASTIC BAGS

yard waste, fabrics, clothing, waxed paper, polystyrene, VCR/VHS tapes, plastic CD cases, and hoses



CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Updated Guidelines:
Plastics #1, #2, and #5 accepted

No #3, #4, #6, or #7





TRASH GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

ALL HOMEOWNERS:

Your trash must be set out the night prior to pickup day. WM starts rubbish removal early and there is not a set schedule for the starting point of each route. Trash that is missed due to late set out will not be picked up until the following week - **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

CONTAINERS:

Please bag and tie items and place them WM-issued containers. Bagging the trash keeps your containers clean and does not allow items to stick or freeze to the bottom.

DO NOT place LOOSE TRASH in WM issued containers or it will NOT be picked up.

WM is now hands free mechanical pickup. All trash set out for collection must be placed in a WM issued container.

DAMAGED CONTAINERS:

Broken or damaged containers supplied by WM may be replaced or repaired if necessary. Please call (734) 699-8926 to notify us if your container needs to be replaced or repaired. WM will only provide maintenance or replacement of cart due to normal wear and tear including broken wheels, worn out bottom, broken or bent front bar or lid damage. Repairs or replacements will be made within five business days.

SET OUT AND REMOVAL:

Containers should not be set out more than 24-hours/1-day in advance of your scheduled pick up day; and should be removed within 24-hours/1-day of your scheduled pick up day. Failure to remove containers or excess trash from the curb within 24-hours/1-day of your scheduled pick up day could result in a notice of violation and/or issuance of a citation under the Solid Waste Collection Ordinance.

PET WASTE:

Please ensure that pet waste is double bagged and not placed loose in containers. Loose pet waste can create many health issues for our workers and will result in your trash not being removed.

SPECIAL PICKUPS:

Beginning July 1, 2023, all residents get one free large item pickup each week. Items such as a couch, washer, or dryer can be picked up, but must be scheduled one day prior to pickup by calling (734) 699-8926. ALL appliances, including washers, dryers, and dishwashers, require special pickup. These items will be picked up by a different truck than the regular trash truck. Doors on refrigerators/freezers must be removed and the shelving units from inside must also be removed and properly disposed of in a rubbish container. Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic.

To schedule a special pickup, please call the Municipal Services Department at (734) 699-8926 **one day prior to pickup day.**

EXTRA WM CONTAINERS:

If you wish to have an additional WM can, you will need to contact WM Customer Experience at (866) 797-9018 to acquire a new container at a rental cost of \$6 per month, payable to WM. Please indicate that you are a Van Buren Township resident.

STOLEN CONTAINERS:

If your WM container is stolen or missing, please call the Municipal Services Department at (734) 699-8926. **Please write your address on all containers!**

HOMEOWNERS OF BRAND NEW HOMES:

Please call the Municipal Services Department at (734) 699-8926 to order your garbage container and recycle bin. You should receive both within five business days.

IF YOU ARE MOVING:

Please leave all WM issued containers on the property for the next homeowner, as they remain the property of WM.

CURBSIDE PLACEMENT & INFORMATION

To assist your waste collection service worker, and avoid unnecessary spillage and property damage, please make sure you follow the below instructions.

- Cart/Container handle should face your home
- Cart/Container should not be blocked by any objects
- There **MUST** be 3 feet distance between all objects and the Cart/Container.

(This includes vehicles, mailboxes, fences, etc.)



FOR MORE INFORMATION: (734) 699-8926 — vanburen-mi.org/recycling



YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS

Leaves and grass clippings may either be placed in paper compost bags purchased at your local hardware store, or placed in a 32-gallon container with a compost sticker. Compost sticker must face the road. **Do not use plastic bags!!**

30 bags at curbside per week maximum!

Do not overload compost bags, and be sure to fold down the tops for easier lifting. Excess of 30 bags must be taken directly to Woodland Meadows Landfill by obtaining a Landfill Pass at the Township Hall in the Municipal Services Department.

If you are using a can, it must have a yard waste sticker. Face the sticker toward the street and place the container 10 feet from your garbage. Each can should not be any larger than 32 gallons, and cannot exceed a weight 50 lbs. Each household is limited to 30 cans per week.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL YARD WASTE IS SET OUT AT THE CURB TIED AND BUNDLED, IN THE APPROPRIATE CONTAINER, AND PROPERLY LABELED.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Services Department at (734) 699-8926.

BRUSH

Bundle all brush that is less than 4" in diameter. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length and 18" around. Brush larger than 4" in diameter must still be bundled, however, it is considered trash and will be picked up as such.

If your collection was missed, please call the Municipal Services Department following your regularly scheduled pickup day at (734) 699-8926.

- Nuts, fruits, vegetables, pumpkins, mulch, and straw are not considered yard waste.
- Soil is not accepted for curbside pickup or landfill disposal.

YARD WASTE SEASON

Yard Waste pickup BEGINS the first full week of April and ENDS the second full week of December.

LANDFILL PASS/LANDFILL USE:

Large quantities of trash or remodeling materials will NOT be picked up at the curbside. As a Van Buren Township resident, you have the option to utilize the **Woodland Meadows Landfill** located on the south side of Van Born Road, just west of Hannan Road. All vehicles entering the site must check-in at the gatehouse. Landfill hours are **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

Guidelines for utilizing the Woodland Meadows Landfill under the Van Buren resident agreement with Waste Management are listed below:

- You **MUST** obtain a free landfill punch card from the Municipal Services Office, located at 46425 Tyler Road in order to utilize the landfill as a Van Buren Township resident. To obtain a landfill punch card you must provide proof of residency (i.e. current driver's license). The punch card entitles you to twenty-four (24) free trips per year. Only one card per address per year will be issued by the Township.
- A valid photo ID with matching address must be presented with the punch card at time of disposal.
- This free landfill privilege cannot be extended to contractors or commercial vendors. Commercial vehicles will be refused entry or must pay for disposal of waste.

- Each punch on the Landfill Pass is worth up to 3 cubic yards, if over 3 cubic yards per trip the card will receive an additional punch(es) based on the size of the load. To calculate cubic yards you can use the following formula: Length (ft.) x Width (ft.) x Height (ft.) divided by 27 = cubic yards.
- Yard waste (compost, leaves, ect.) must be separated from household waste.
- White goods will not be accepted at the Landfill. White goods are any appliance that does or once did contain Freon (A/C units, Refrigerators and Dehumidifiers).
- Scrap tire disposal is limited to eight (8) tires annually.
- Recycling is also available at the citizen drop-off area.
- Hazardous waste and soil are **NOT** accepted.
- Soil is not accepted at the landfill or for curbside pickup.

HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

New Years Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving Day

4th of July

Christmas Day

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023 9:00 am — 1:00 pm
US ECOLOGY (east parking lot): 49350 North I-94 Service Drive

FREE ONE DAY DROP OFF EVENT

Driver's License with
Van Buren address required

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

KITCHEN/BATHROOM

Bug sprays, floor care products, furniture polishes, metal polish, medicines, nail polish, cleaning products

GARAGE

Trans fluid, auto batteries, battery acid, brake fluids, car wax, diesel fuel, antifreeze, gasoline, kerosene, motor oil, propane tanks (20 lbs max)

GARDEN

Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, rat poison

WORKSHOP

Paints (15 gallon max), paint thinners, varnish and stains, gun cleaning, wood preservatives, cutting oils, turpentine, aerosol cans, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, CO2 detectors

MISCELLANEOUS

Household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paints/paint thinners, lighter fluid, pool chemicals, computer waste, pharmaceutical waste, cameras, christmas tree lights, televisions, fire extinguishers, sharps (accepted in sharps containers) vapes.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

MISCELLANEOUS

Explosives & ammunition, industrial waste, tires & asbestos



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Q - Who do I notify if my trash or recycling bin is broken?

A - Call (734) 699-8926, we will communicate with WM to get it repaired or replaced. This process takes up to five business days for completion.

Q - Can I dispose of appliances, such as washers, dryers, and humidifiers, on my normal trash day?

A - Yes, starting on July 1, 2023, homeowners are able to have one large item, such as a washer, dryer, or mattress, for each pickup. Each large item must be scheduled one day prior to pickup. These items will be picked up by a different truck than the regular trash truck. To schedule a free special pickup for a single large item, homeowners must call (734) 699-8926 the day before their normal trash day.

Q - If I have a large quantity of trash, can I request a special pickup?

A - No, large quantities of trash must be taken to the landfill directly with your landfill pass.

Q - Can I throw away a mattress and a box spring?

A - Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped entirely in plastic, and can be set out the night before the normal trash day. Both mattresses and box springs require a special pickup.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have more questions contact
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
(734) 699-8926 — vanburen-mi.org

BAG AND TIE

So Your Trash Won't Fly

TIE OFF
YOUR
TRASH
BAGS



WHAT CAUSES THIS?

Lightweight and improperly bagged items with any wind will become airborne. Properly bagged trash will not blow out.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Make sure all trash going into your garbage can is secure and in a tied trash bag. Most items that blow out are recyclable. Are you recycling?