

VIEW FROM THE CURB

THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO'S GUIDE TO WASTE, RECYCLING & PUBLIC SERVICES

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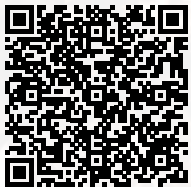
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QUICK TIPS:

REMINDER! Black garbage bags are not accepted in the bulk trash program.

Wait to report missed leaf pickup until crews have left your area.

Don't block streets, sidewalks, or bike lanes when putting your leaves out for pickup.



Scan to view waste services online or report a missed pickup!



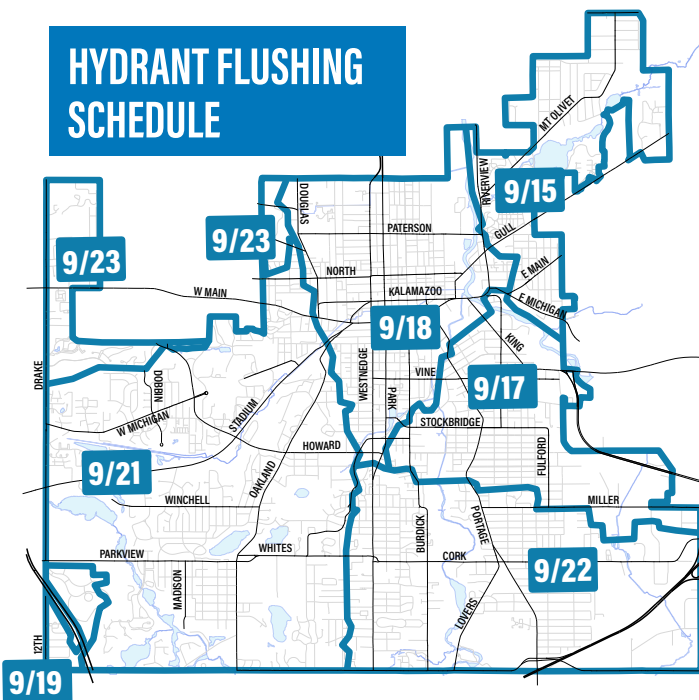
Is there anything we can help with? Call 311 or (269) 337-8000 for help with city services

HYDRANT FLUSHING

STARTS SUNDAY, SEPT 15

City staff flush hydrants in the spring and fall to force naturally occurring mineral deposits out of the water system. Flushing is also an opportunity to make sure components in the system are working properly.

- **Flushing does not affect the safety of the water system.**
- Tap water may temporarily appear cloudy right after flushing as minerals are stirred up, but this isn't harmful. Run your water in a bathtub or utility sink until it runs clear again.
- If you have scheduled construction during hydrant flushing or have any questions related to the program, please call 311 or (269) 337-8000.
- Most flushing will take place at night between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. If necessary, daytime flushing will occur between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Avoid doing laundry immediately after flushing as some fabrics could become discolored



FALL LEAF PICKUP

STARTS MONDAY, NOV 4

Fall leaf collection is set to start Monday, November 4. We'll visit every household twice during the program to pick up leaves that are raked or bagged/boxed at the curb.

What's accepted?

- Any volume of leaves, grass clippings, sticks up to 4 feet long and 2 inches in diameter, pumpkins, and similar organic yard debris

What's not?

- Anything not listed above

Schedule and collection

- Place material in the curb lawn area or at the street the week before your area's collection is scheduled to start
- You don't need to bag or box material, but only use biodegradable containers if you do
- Don't block streets, sidewalks, or bike lanes
- Don't place leaves near landscaping, mailboxes, utility poles, or storm drains
- Wait until your area is finished to report missed pickups



Help us keep leaf pickup on track!

Leaf pickup depends a lot on the weather. Not just because it affects when leaves fall, but **the same crews that pick up our leaves also plow our streets**. If we get early snow, we'll need to pause the program. So we need your help to minimize the avoidable delays and keep things running smoothly. Make sure you put your leaves out in the right place and on time, and let us know if we missed your pickup right away after your area is finished.

Keep your leaves out of the way

When putting your leaves out for pickup, make sure you don't block streets, sidewalks, or bike lanes (people still need to get around the city safely!). Put them in your curb lawn or at the edge of the road, out of the way. If your leaves are blocking the right-of-way, you may get a fine for violating city ordinance.

How does leaf pickup work?

Ever wonder how we pick up an entire city's worth of leaves every year? Watch a quick video on the program at kalamazoo.org/leaves.



Brush collection ends in October

The brush program stops for the season after the October collection. Curbside yard waste service will return in April with the Spring Clean-Up, and monthly brush collection will restart in May. You can find details for the brush program at kalamazoo.org/brush.

CURBSIDE ETIQUETTE

Keep your neighborhood clean and your neighbors happy by following the curbside collection rules. You'll never have to worry about fines or enforcement either.

Put your material out at the right time

Place your items out the day before your scheduled pickup. Don't set it out early and let it sit until your collection comes around.

Know what will be collected

Make sure the items you place at the curb are accepted. Material that is outside of the guidelines will not be collected, and you will need to remove it within two days. Regular household trash or material in black garbage bags is never accepted.

Don't put out too much

Curbside programs collect up to 7.5 cubic yards of material. This is about what would fit in the bed of a pickup truck.

Report missed pickups or remove uncollected material within two days

If your material was not collected, it must be removed from the curb within two days. If your collection was missed, report it within two days. You can report them by calling 311 or (269) 337-8000 or online at kalamazoo.org/report.

We're here to help you!

If you ever have questions about what materials are accepted, program schedules, or anything else please reach out! Call 311 or (269) 337-8000 during business hours or email hello@kalamazoo.org.

QUARTERLY BULK TRASH PICKUP

IN MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, & DECEMBER

You can take advantage of four free pickups for bulky trash items that are too large for your regular household trash.

What's accepted?

- Items that are too large for your regular trash cart
- Mattresses, damaged/unusable furniture, large household items
- Items in open boxes or clear bags where contents can be easily identified
- Small amounts of fencing or carpet (cut into 4x4 ft sections)
- Up to 7.5 cubic yards of material



What's not?

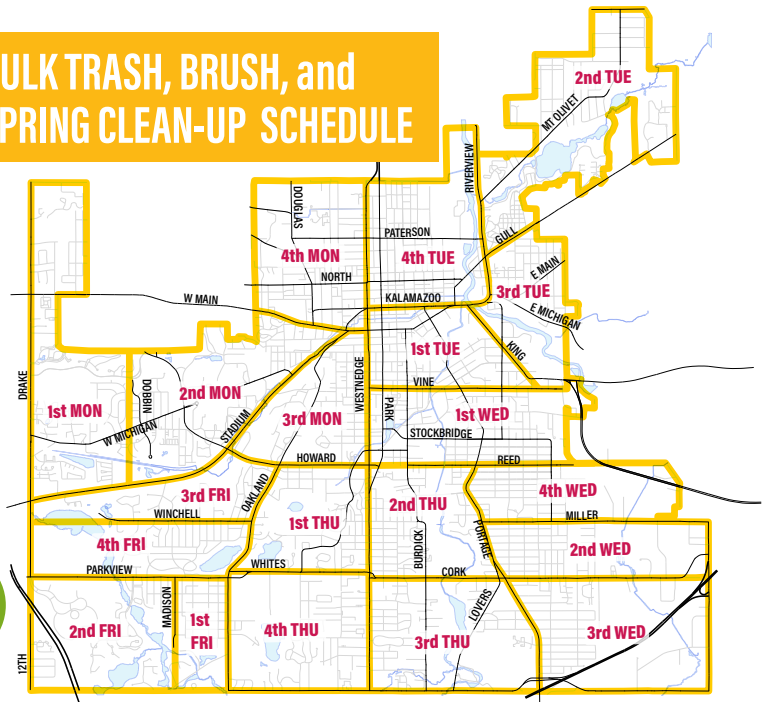
- Anything in black garbage bags or opaque containers
- Loose piles of junk
- Household trash, recyclables, hazardous waste, EPS foam, or electronics
- Yard waste or organic material
- Tires or auto parts
- Rocks, sand, glass, concrete, or construction or renovation materials
- Paint cans or cans of liquid



Schedule and collection

- Bulk trash pickups occur in March, June, September, and December
- Place material out the day before your pickup
- Report missed collections or remove material within two days after scheduled pickup

BULK TRASH, BRUSH, and SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE



Black garbage bags are not accepted!

We don't accept black garbage bags (or any containers that you can't easily see into) as bulk trash. This helps keep the program staff safe. Plus, if items are small enough to fit into a standard garbage bag, they're not bulk trash anyway. If you have to box or bag something, make sure the contents are clearly visible.

What should I do with paint?

Oil-based paints stains, varnishes, paint thinner, mineral spirits, and turpentine can be taken to the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center for disposal. Latex paint should be dried out using cat litter and place in your regular trash with the lid off.

Free bulk trash drop off days

You can drop off bulk trash directly to Republic Services for free on two drop-off days in October. The same material guidelines apply, and proof of city residency will be required.



Republic Services

3432 Gembrit Circle

Wednesday, October 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DISPOSING OF HAZARDOUS ITEMS

Special care is needed when disposing of hazardous materials like oil, cleaners, or chemicals. If not disposed of properly, these chemicals can impact our groundwater, end up in rivers or streams, or affect our community health.

The Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center can properly dispose of these materials for city of Kalamazoo residents for free. The HHW Center accepts a wide variety of items like adhesives, automotive fluids, batteries, oil, light bulbs, mercury, cleaners, electronics, and an assortment of other chemicals.

The HHW Center is also a site for the State Clean Sweep program. It accepts any amount of pesticide products for free. Storm water drains directly to waterways like creeks and rivers, so never dump hazardous material into storm drains.

The HHW Center is located next to the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.

You can find hours, what is accepted, and more information at kalamazoo.org/hhw or by calling (269) 373-5211.

 **Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center**
1301 Lamont Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49048


Disposing of Medications

Proper disposal of medication helps prevent abuse and addiction. Free disposal is available at Red Med boxes at police stations in Kalamazoo County. Find locations and hours at redmedboxes.com.

RECYCLE EPS FOAM, ELECTRONICS & MORE



EPS foam isn't accepted curbside, but you can bring it to Mayors' Riverfront Park once per quarter! You can bring **old electronics** to recycle through a partnership with Schupan, too, and we'll accept **paper and documents** for shredding and **oral care products!**

 **Mayors Riverfront Park**
251 Mills St

Upcoming collections

- **Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 28*, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
(no paper shredding)
- **Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

What's accepted?



- EPS foam labeled with the 6 symbol (EPS foam should break if you try to bend it)
- Clean food containers
- Oral care products (toothpaste tubes, etc.)
- Paper/documents for shredding
- Computers, laptops, servers, printers, scanners, modems, routers, cable boxes, etc.
- Mobile devices & tablets
- Most consumer electronics
- CRT monitors/TVs & LCD monitors/TVs* (there is a \$10 processing fee for these items)

What's not?



- Foam insulation
- Straws or lids
- Packing peanuts
- Smoke detectors
- Glass, rubber, or paper
- Items with liquid or freon

View program online at kalamazoo.org/eps



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Every city resident can take advantage of bi-weekly curbside recycling! Just request a cart, learn what can be recycled, and place your cart out for your pickup.

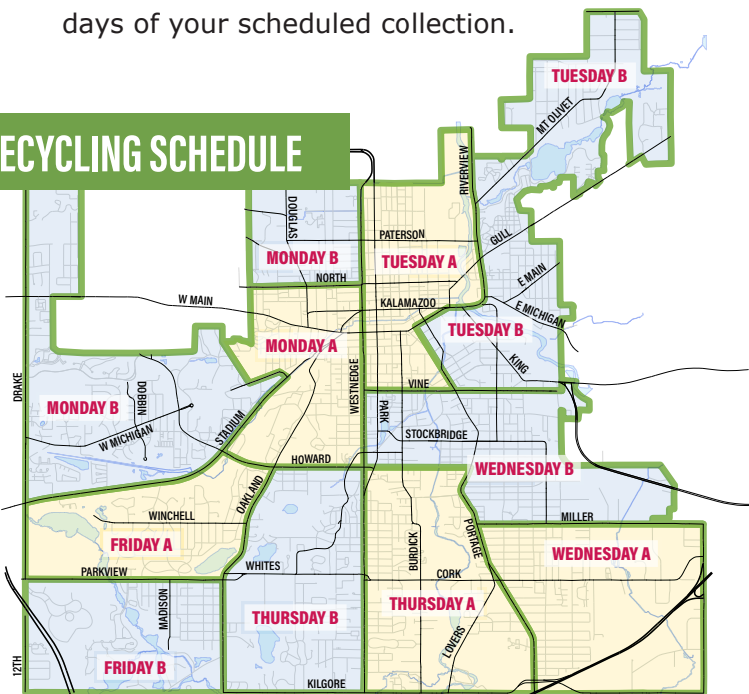
Request a cart

- Visit kalamazocity.org/recycle to request a cart online.
- Call 311 or (269) 337-8000 and we'll arrange for a cart to be delivered.

Schedule and collection

- Recycling is collected every other week. Use the recycling schedule map and the calendar on the inside flap of this newsletter to find your collection day. You can also find the schedule at kalamazocity.org/recycle.
- Place your cart at the curb the night before your pickup. Bring it back by the end of the day of your pickup.
- Report missed pickups within two days of your scheduled collection.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE



Thank you for recycling these materials **loosely in your cart, and empty, clean, and dry**

Paper



Paper, Magazines, and Paperboard
(all colors and types)

Glass



Glass Bottles and Jars
(empty and dry)

Metal



Aluminum and Steel Cans
(empty and dry)

Plastic



Plastic Bottles and Containers
(empty and dry)

Cardboard



Cardboard
(flattened)



View Recycling Info Online!
kalamazocity.org/recycle

Recycling Calendar

Thank you for **NOT** recycling these materials curbside in your cart



No Bagged Recyclables
(no trash)



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap



No Styrofoam™ or EPS foam #6



No Batteries or Electronics
(drop-off only)



No Tanglers, Cords, Hoses, or Chains



No Food or Liquid
(empty and dry)

There are other recycling options available! Look for EPS foam recycling or HHW on page 5.



Recycling at multi-unit properties

Different container sizes and collection schedules are available for properties with more than five units. Multi-unit recycling accepts the same materials as curbside and residents have 24-hour access to recycling. Have your property manager call 311 or (269) 337-8000 to start.

Recycle Coach app

The free Recycle Coach app for iOS and Android mobile devices can remind you of collection days, share important service notices, and you can even look up what items are recyclable. Just search for it in your device's app store.

Recycling drop-off

You can drop off recyclable material directly to Republic Services too:

Republic Services
3432 Gembrit Circle
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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RECYCLING COLLECTION KEY:

Gold highlighted weeks are **A WEEK**

Blue highlighted weeks are **B WEEK**

Red highlighted days are **Holidays**

If your weekly pickup is scheduled on or after a holiday, your service will be provided one day later.

Program schedule maps can be found in the View from the Curb or on each program's page at kalamazoo.org.

MY BULK TRASH, BRUSH, AND SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IS:

MY RECYCLING DAY IS:



Cut out this schedule and put it on your fridge!

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS CLEAN AND INVITING

Every resident in the city can help keep our neighborhoods clean, safe, and inviting. Help build a sense of pride in your neighborhood by maintaining your property and following city ordinances.

Curb lawn nuisances

Furniture, trash, brush, or other unsightly material placed in the curb lawn (at the street) outside of time frames allowed for collection is considered a public nuisance. The City may take steps to correct this violation without notice and bill the property owner to recover the costs.

Porch violations

Open porches or decks may not be used as storage areas and furniture made for interior use may not be used or stored outside or on a porch. Properties in violation incur a \$77 fine and may incur additional costs if not corrected.

Tall grass & weeds

Weeds and grasses that are taller than eight inches and noxious weeds of any height (poison ivy, poison oak, etc.) are considered a public nuisance. Fines start at \$127 and increase with repeat violations (to discourage relying on the City to mow your lawn). If a violation isn't addressed, we'll arrange for the property to be mowed at the owner's expense.

Trash on private property

Litter, trash, junk, and debris are considered a nuisance and may result in a violation and \$77 fine to the property owner. They will have ten days to clean their property before the City arranges for the violation to be addressed at the owner's expense.

Garbage & recycling containers

Garbage & recycling containers must be stored no closer to the street than the front of the house. The lid or cover must be kept closed to ensure a tight seal on the container.

Containers may be placed for collection starting at 8 p.m. the day before the scheduled collection. The container must be removed from the public right-of-way by 11 p.m. on the collection day.

Containers placed out too early, left out too late, or stored improperly may result in corrective action, with the property owner charged for the associated costs.

Rental registration

All rental housing in the city of Kalamazoo must be registered and certified. This helps ensure it's safe and in compliance with all codes. You can check if a property is registered at kalamazoo.org/rental. If you find it isn't registered, please let us know by calling 311 or (269) 337-8000, or by emailing kzoorentalprogram@kalamazoo.org.

View the full Code of Ordinances

You can review and search the entire City of Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances online. Just visit kalamazoo.org and search for "Code of Ordinances."



Solve a problem with 311

If you notice something in your neighborhood that needs attention, please let us know! Report issues at kalamazoo.org/report or by calling 311 or (269) 337-8000 during business hours.