

Refuse Collection Guidelines

Residents may place refuse in the provided 96-gallon cart, refuse bags, or watertight containers of substantial construction with tight fitting lids and lifting handles and not to exceed thirty-five (35) gallons in size. Refuse placed in plastic or paper bags shall be considered part of the refuse and shall be collected as part of residential solid waste collection. Total weight of a single container and its contents shall not exceed sixty (60) pounds. Some articles cannot be conveniently placed in containers. Such articles, if within the weight and size limitations, must be handled individually by Contractor.

Refuse means all animal and vegetable food waste and all waste which normally results from the operation of a household, except body waste and yard waste, including but not limited to rubbish, metal cans, papers, cardboard, glass jars, bottles, wood, logs, ashes, sod, dirt, rocks, cement, bricks, small household appliances, furniture, plastics, and any other household refuse small enough for one person to handle and no more than sixty (60) pounds.

The information below pertains to commonly asked questions:

Aerosol Cans- Hazardous waste- refer to city rules on how to dispose. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Asphalt/Concrete/Bricks/Rocks/Dirt/Ceramic Tile- Regular refuse. Small amounts are allowed as long a singled container does not weigh more than sixty pounds.

Bathtubs- Collected as part of bulk item pick up on the same regular refuse.

Batteries- Hazardous waste- refer to city rules on how to dispose. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Books- can be placed in trash or recycle. If in recycling, remove hard covers from hard covered books. Try not to put too many books out at a time due to weight. These can also be donated to local library or shelter.

Bullets- we do not take. Call local police department for disposal guidelines.

Cameras- Regular trash or hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Cardboard boxes- ALL boxes must be broken down. (no bigger than 3 ft x 2 ft and will not take box with trash in it).

Car Parts- Large parts not accepted. Check with a local scrap metal yard. Small car parts are allowed as regular refuse.

Carpet- Must be cut 4' or less, rolled, secured with tape or rope and under 60lbs.

CD's- Regular refuse.

Coat Hangers- Regular refuse. Not recyclable.

Computers- Regular trash or hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Cooking Oil/Grease- We don't take in large quantities. A small amount can be put in a sealed container, solidified and sealed and placed with the trash.

Couches/Furniture- Collected as part of bulk item pick up on the same regular refuse.

Electronics- Regular trash or hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Florescent Bulbs or CFL's- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>. If already broken, double bag and dispose of in regular trash.

Fungicides/Herbicides/Insecticides/Pesticides/Bug Spray- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Gasoline/Diesel Fuel/Kerosene- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Glass- Regular refuse. It can be placed in a sturdy box, taped several times and marked glass. Or can be wrapped in several layers of paper and taped.

Hot Tubs - Must be cut into 4 sections.

Kerosene/Propane Tanks- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Knives- Regular refuse. Wrap in several layers of paper, seal with tape and dispose of in trash.

Lawnmowers- make sure there is no oil or gas in lawnmower, place out with regular trash, remove or break down handle, if possible. (We do not take riding lawnmowers.)

Liquid Waste- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Mattresses- Regular refuse or bulk item collected on same day as regular refuse.

Medical Sharps- Regular refuse. Must be placed in hard container (sealed detergent bottle or coffee can), sealed tight and labeled as “sharps” and can be placed with normal trash.

Medication- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>. Do not flush down toilet or put in sink.

Motor Oil- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Paint- Oil-Based Paint- Hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>. *Latex paint* must be dried out (leave lid off and add kitty litter/sand to dry up quicker), leave lid off and place at curb with regular trash.

Piano- Not accepted.

Pool Tables- Break them down and place at curb as long as pieces fit requirements for pick up. (no longer than 4 feet).

Radios- Regular refuse or hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Railroad ties- Bulk item collected on same day as regular refuse.

Refrigerators and Freezers- Bulk item collected on same day as regular refuse. Doors must be removed. Homeowner does not have to have freon removed. DTE will pick up running refrigerators and freezers. And they pay \$50 to the resident. <https://empoweringmichigan.com/dte-energy-appliance-recycling/>

Rubber Mulch- Regular refuse.

Televisions- Regular trash or hazardous waste. Visit this website for the hazardous waste collection schedule. <https://www.rrasoc.org/about-us/event-schedule>.

Tires- Whole tires are not accepted. Tires cut in half can go with regular refuse. They can also be taken to local tire store.

Toilets- Bulk item collected on same day as regular refuse.

Water Heater- Bulk item collected on same day as regular refuse. All water needs to be removed.

Wood- Regular refuse. Pieces should be no longer than 4ft. In length, must be bundled & tied and any nails/screws removed or pounded in.

Yard Waste/Compost- Acceptable yard waste and lawn debris shall include grass clippings, weeds, leaves, small twigs, prunings, shrub clippings, garden waste materials and fruit; old potting soil, Halloween pumpkins, dirt incidental to minor plantings or edging of lawns; brush, branches, tree trimmings, shrub clippings tied and bundled; and small shrubs and bushes with dirt removed from root systems; or any other material defined by law as “yard clippings”.

Acceptable yard waste and lawn debris shall also include so called “woody” or “hard” yard waste as long as it is properly prepared in paper bags, containers or secured with string or twine in bundles less than eighteen inches (18”) in diameter, and shall be collected as part of the regular refuse collection unless otherwise provided by law. Contractor will not be required to pick up with yard waste, tree branches or logs greater than six inches (6”) in diameter, longer than four feet (4’) in length, tied or secured with string or twine in bundles larger than eighteen inches (18”) in diameter, or weighing in excess of sixty (60) pounds, however, such material shall be collected as refuse and shall be picked up with the regular collection.

The yard debris will be bundled as required, placed in large capacity kraft / paper bags or placed loose in cans with a “yard waste recycling” or “compost” sticker on the container, or otherwise clearly marked as “yard waste.”