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

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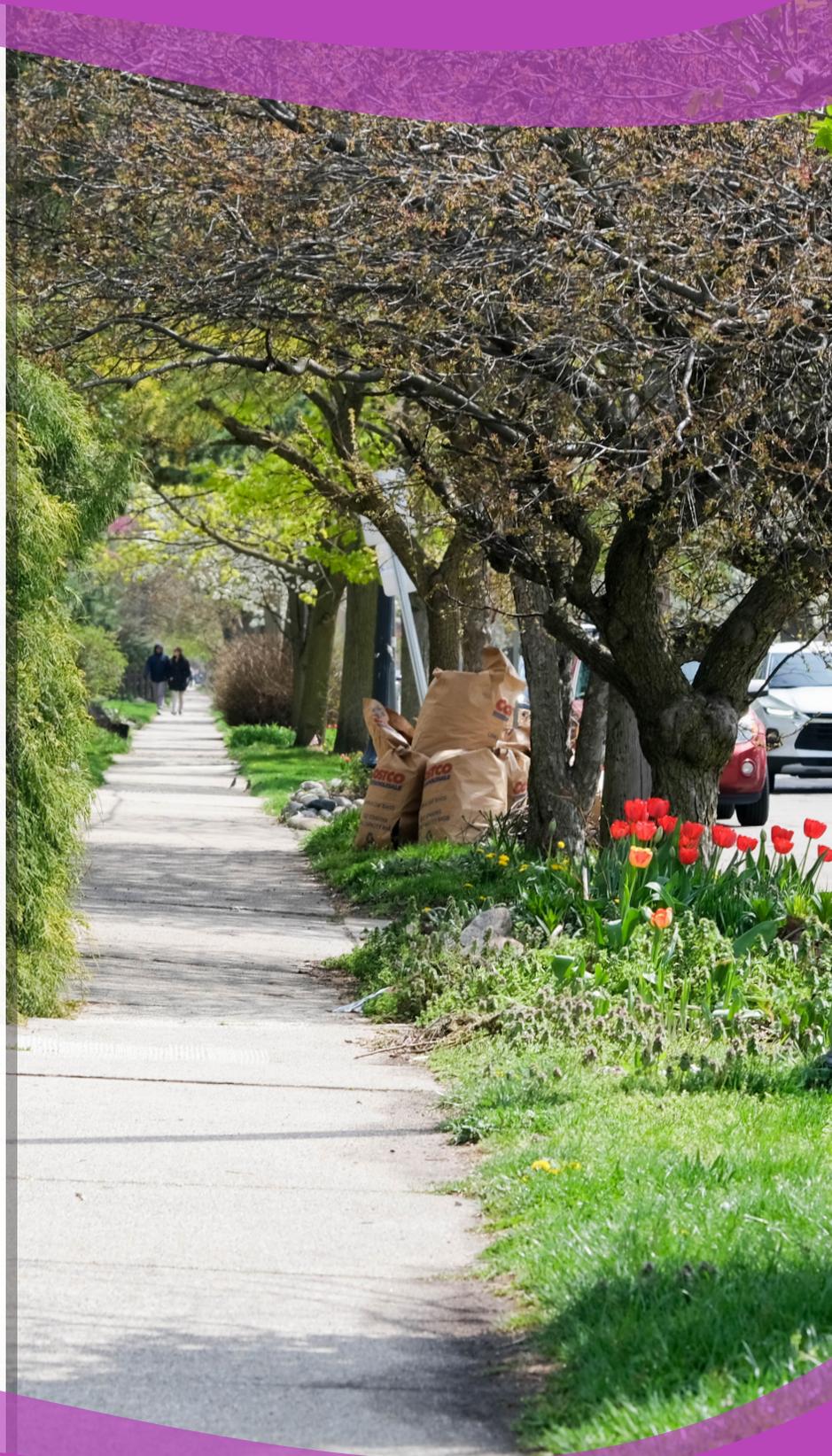
REMINDER! Black garbage bags are not accepted in the bulk trash program.

Report missed pickups for bulk trash, brush, and recycling within two days.

Remember **ABCD**- Always Break Cardboard Down for recycling!



Scan to view recycling 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

SPRING CLEAN-UP STARTS TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Get some help cleaning up after winter with a curbside yard waste collection in April. The Spring Clean-Up accepts the same material as the brush program, plus any leaves that fell during winter or were not collected in the fall.

What's accepted?



- Weeds, yard waste, and any remaining leaves from the fall
- Branches, twigs, and trimmings up to four feet long and 2 inches in diameter
- Items must be in open cardboard boxes, biodegradable bags, or bundled with twine
- Up to 7.5 cubic yards of material

What's not?



- Any loose piles of material
- Grass clippings, soil, dirt, sod, or mulch
- Rocks, stones, bricks, or concrete
- Railroad ties
- Other landscaping materials
- Construction or demolition material
- More than 7.5 cubic yards of material

Schedule and collection

- Each household gets one collection during the Spring Clean-Up in April
- Collection is on the same day of the month as brush pickup (ex. 1st Wednesday)
- Place material out the day before your collection
- Report missed collections or remove material within two days after collection

BRUSH COLLECTION RESUMES IN MAY

Curbside brush collection can help you maintain your yard, gardens, and landscaping. Monthly collection starts in May and occurs through October. Leaves are not accepted in this program, so make sure you put them out during the Spring Clean-Up.

What's accepted?



- Branches, twigs, and trimmings up to four feet long and 2 inches in diameter
- Weeds
- Brush must be in open cardboard boxes, biodegradable bags, or bundled with twine
- Up to 7.5 cubic yards of material

What's not?



- Any loose piles of material
- Leaves, grass clippings, soil, dirt, sod, or mulch
- Rocks, stones, bricks, or concrete
- Other landscaping materials
- Construction or demolition material
- More than 7.5 cubic yards of material

Schedule and collection

- Brush collection occurs monthly from May through October
- Collection is on the same day of the month as bulk trash (ex. 1st Wednesday)
- Place material out the day before your collection
- Report missed collections or remove material within two days after collection

CURBSIDE ETIQUETTE

Keep your neighborhood clean, your neighbors happy, and avoid fines by following these guidelines:



Set materials out on time

Place items at the curb no earlier than the day before pickup, and put your carts away the next day.

Follow collection rules

Only accepted items will be collected. Household trash and black garbage bags are never accepted.

Stay within limits

The maximum pickup amount is 7.5 cubic yards (about a pickup truck bed).

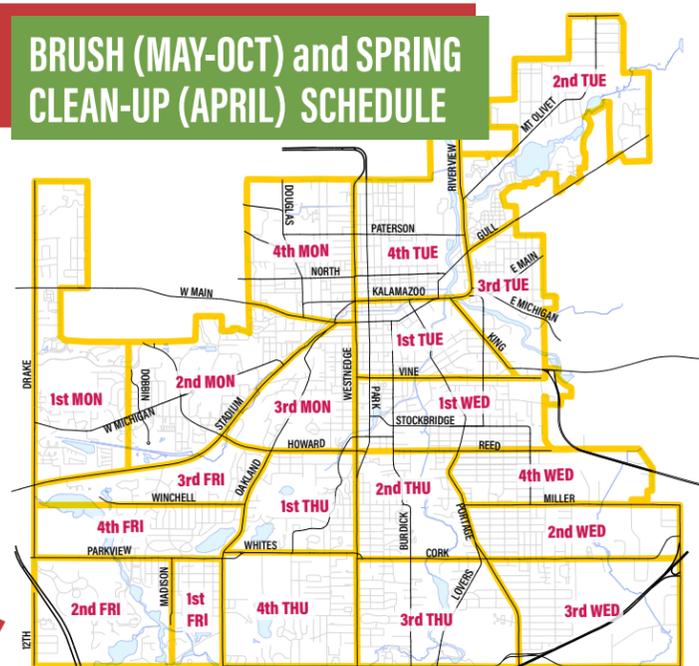
Handle missed pickups

Report within two days or remove uncollected material. Visit kalamazoo.org/report or call 311.

Look for Oops! Tags

Watch for Oops! tags on your materials, carts, or in the mail. These coaching messages are meant to improve our residential services. Get a tag? Make sure you're following the program guidelines.

BRUSH (MAY-OCT) and SPRING CLEAN-UP (APRIL) SCHEDULE



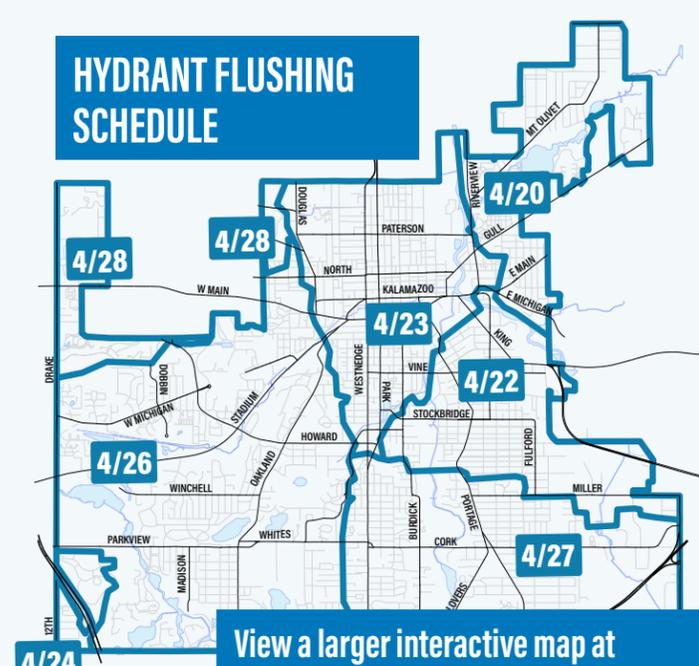
HYDRANT FLUSHING STARTS SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE



View a larger interactive map at kalamazoo.org/HydrantFlushing



Spring Clean-Up, Brush Collection, and Bulk Trash pick-ups all occur on the same weekday of the month (e.g., the 4th Tuesday), but they follow different schedules: Spring Clean-Up happens once in April. Brush Collection takes place monthly from May through October. Bulk Trash Collection occurs quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

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?

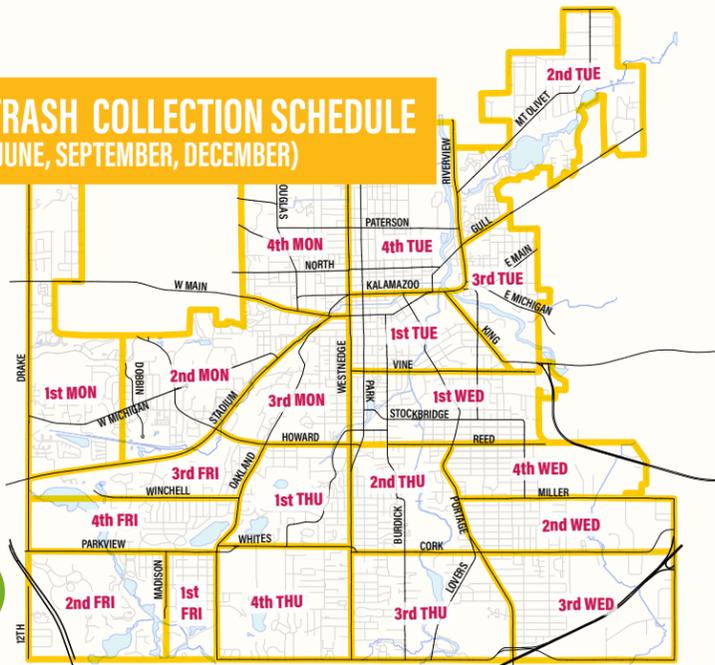


- Anything in black garbage bags or opaque containers
- Loose piles of junk
- Household trash, recyclables, hazardous waste, EPS foam, or electronics
- Yard waste or organic material
- Tires or auto parts
- Rocks, sand, glass, concrete, or construction or renovation materials
- Paint cans or cans of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



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.

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 placed 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 drop-off days. The same material guidelines apply, and proof of city residency will be required.

Republic Services
3432 Gembrit Circle

- Wednesday, April 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 28, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 31, 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 located next to the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. You can find hours, what is accepted, and more information at kalcounty.com/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.

Scrap Tire Recycling on June 10

Kalamazoo residents will once again be able to recycle scrap tires on Tuesday, June 10 at the parking lot at 322 E Stockbridge Ave. Appointments are required- you'll be able to request one at kalamazooconservation.org closer to the event.

RECYCLE EPS FOAM, ELECTRONICS & MORE



EPS foam isn't accepted curbside, but you can bring it to Mayors' Riverfront Park on these collection days! You can bring **old electronics** to recycle through a partnership with Schupan, too, and we'll accept **paper and documents** for shredding and **cardboard!**

Mayors Riverfront Park
251 Mills St

Upcoming collections

- Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Saturday, December 27, 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

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



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. Be sure to report missed pickups within two days. You can request a recycling cart at no cost by calling 311.

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 kalamazoocity.org/rental. If you find it isn't registered, please let us know by calling 311 or (269) 337-8000, or by emailing kzoorentalprogram@kalamazoocity.org.

View the full Code of Ordinances

You can review and search the entire City of Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances online. Just visit kalamazoocity.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 kalamazoocity.org/report or by calling 311 or (269) 337-8000 during business hours.