

Bloomfield Township

Solid Waste Program Update - Fall 2011

Holiday Schedule		
LABOR DAY Monday, September 5, 2011 Collection 1 day behind	THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 24, 2011 Thursday collection on Friday Friday collection on Saturday	CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday, December 25, 2011 No delay in collection
NEW YEARS DAY Sunday, January 1, 2011 No delay in collection	MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 28, 2012 Collection 1 day behind	INDEPENDENCE DAY Wednesday, July 4, 2012 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Collection 1 day behind



For more information on any of these or future events - visit the Township website www.bloomfieldtwp.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) October 1, 2011 - 9am to 2pm

The Township Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event has been a widely-used program since 1991. The 2011 event will be held at the Bloomfield Township Municipal Complex, follow posted signs the day of the event. HHW events are for residents only, proof of residency is required. Please have a drivers license, water bill or voters card available.

Mercury fever thermometers will once again be exchanged for a safe, mercury-free digital model. Limit one per car, while supplies last.

Can't make the event?

EQ Detroit is open year round. There is a nominal charge and please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

For more information call (313) 347-1300 or visit our website for other disposal options.

PLEASE NOTE: The Township does not have a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved permit or facility. Consequently, we cannot accept residential household hazardous waste for storage.

End of Yard Waste Collection

Ending the week of December 12-16, 2011

The yard waste season will continue through December 16, 2011. Please remember compostable materials (i.e. leaves, clippings, twigs) must be prepared in one of the following ways:

- Paper yard waste bags (available at local lawn, garden and hardware stores).
- 32-gallon cans marked "Yard Waste" or "Compost" (stickers are available at the Township Clerk's office).
- All other branches and twigs must be cut to 4' or less lengths, tied and bundled under 60 lbs.

Yard waste collection will resume March 15, 2012.

PLEASE NOTE: Yard waste in plastic bags is prohibited and will not be collected.

Holiday Collections: A Day Late or Not?

Rizzo Services typically observes 6 holidays a year. New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The dates and schedule can be found in this newsletter and on the Township website. *As always all items for pickup must be out by 7:00 a.m.*

When these holidays fall on a weekday (Monday -Friday) trash is delayed by one day following the holiday. **If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, service will remain on your regular trash day.** Rizzo is not responsible if you miss your trash day.

*There will be **NO DELAY** after Christmas or New Years Day. Trash will be collected on schedule.*

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Sterling Heights, MI 48313

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SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, October 1, 2011
Household Hazardous Waste Day

The event will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. sharp

Website

Please visit the Bloomfield Township website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org. Under the "Services" heading, click on the "Solid Waste" tab for details on collection schedule and map (by collection day); extended leave program; household hazardous waste; recycling; solid waste collection; and yard waste collection.

Environmental Responsibility

Protecting our environment is of vital importance. Preventing illicit discharges (oils, fuels, paints and other liquids) from entering into ditches and storm sewers, helps keep the rivers, lakes & streams that compromise the Rouge River Watershed clean. Please do your part by disposing of your waste properly. The Bloomfield Township Solid Waste Program and collection events are available for this purpose.

For a listing of common household hazardous waste items visit:
<http://www.bloomfieldtp.org/Services/EES/Environment/HHW.htm>

Tire Disposal

A state law passed in November 2004 prohibits the disposal of tires in landfills. Available disposal options for homeowners are: 1. Local tire stores (a nominal fee may be charged) or 2. Bring tires to the Household Hazardous Waste Day, free to Township residents.

Paints

OIL-BASED paint is a household hazardous waste and can be brought to either one of the Township drop-off events.

LATEX paint does **not** need to be brought to the HHW event, it is not hazardous. Latex paint can be disposed of with your regular trash by drying out any paint in the can and then left at the curb with the top off. To help dry the residual paint, fill the can with kitty litter or sand.



Household Battery Disposal

Auto and RV batteries may be disposed of at Bloomfield Township's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Or, they may be taken to the Detroit EQ facility, please remember to call in advance.

Household batteries can be recycled on your regular trash pickup day. Simply enclose AA, AAA, C, D, 9v and others (all except automobile and RV batteries) in a small clear plastic bag and place the bag **on top** of your recycling bin.

Use the recycling bin to store recyclables during the week. All the items may be mingled together. Material must be clean and uncontaminated. Dirty, improperly prepared or unacceptable materials cannot be collected. The bin must be out for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on your regular collection day.

What CAN I put in my recycle bin?

- Plastics – containers with codes 1 through 7
- Grocery Bags
- Clear & colored glass
- Metal
- Paper, phone books, magazines and brown paper bags
- Cardboard – cut into 2'x 2' pieces and tied in bundles
- Paper board and box board (i.e. cereal, tissue, shoe box) - flattened and stuffed in biggest box or bundled
- Household batteries – in small clear plastic bag on top the bin



Recycling Bin Full?

Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items if your bin is full. Place your recycle bin and extra recycling at least four feet from your trash to ensure that it will be picked up as recycling and not household trash.

What ISN'T recyclable?

- Paper milk or juice cartons
- Styrofoam
- Packing materials
- Garbage
- Propane tanks
- Paint cans
- Medical waste
- Flammable liquids
- Household cleaners
- Dry or liquid chemicals
- Wood Items

All items for pickup (including trash, recycling and yard waste) must be out by 7:00 am, as routes are subject to change without notice.

DID YOU KNOW...

Bulk Item Pickup

Rizzo Services collects bulk items every week on your normal trash day. In most cases, no special arrangements are required and there is no extra fee as long as items are prepared properly.



CARPET must be cut and rolled, so that the length is no greater than 4' and each roll less than 60 lbs. The rolls should be secured with rope or tape.

REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS can be put out on your regular trash day. Please contact Rizzo Services with **at least 24-hr notice** and remove the doors before placing at the curb. They will not be collected if the doors are not removed.

Payment Options

There are several payment options available to residents.

- Automatic Payments
- Direct Mail
- Credit card by phone
- Pay online

Rizzo Services also offers discounts to seniors who have attained the age of 65 and for residents that pay for their solid waste service annually. Extended leave is also available to residents if their property is vacated for 30 to 90 days. The Solid Waste Exemption Request Form is located on the Township website and can be mailed or faxed to Rizzo Services. Contact Rizzo at (866) 772-8900 for more information on these discounts.

Solid Waste Services Available

Bloomfield Township offers several levels of service for residents through our solid waste provider, Rizzo Services. **Existing service levels include single-family homes curbside, doorside and inside collection and for detached condominiums curbside and doorside collection.** For more information on any of these services, please call Rizzo Services at (866) 772-8900.



****Doorside/Inside service customers - please keep property not intended for pickup a reasonable distance from items for pickup to ensure they are not mistakenly picked up. ****

About Your Rubbish Bill

Rizzo Services will invoice residents 30 days prior to the start of each new service quarter. Payments must be received by Rizzo Services by the last business day of the month prior to the start of the new service quarter as established by the Township Ordinance. Payments received after the last business day of the month may be assessed a one percent late fee on the unpaid balance.

Please keep in mind that accounts with an unpaid balance will be submitted to the Township, September 1, and forwarded to Oakland County Treasurer to be applied to the property tax roll and a lien placed against the property.

Mail payments to:

Rizzo Services
Dept Ch 16380
Palatine, IL 60055-6380

Mail correspondence to:

Rizzo Services
6200 Elmridge
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

A self addressed envelope is included with your bill

**Plan ahead: Spring HHW will be May 5, 2012
E-waste recycling & shredding event Spring 2012**