Plastic Bags and Recycling

Plastic bags and some plastic wraps are recyclable — **just not in your curbside bin**! Meaning, it's not that used plastic bags, wraps and film can't be recycled into new materials — they simply require a different collection system and processing equipment than many curbside recycling programs provide. Therefore, you need to recycle those bags at your local grocery store drop-offs. When you place these items in the curbside bin, they get wrapped on the equipment at the recycling facility, and workers have to stop the machines to climb on them to cut out the bags. And then they get landfilled. This also applies to using plastic bags to bag your recyclables! Not only does the bag itself not get recycled, it is also likely that the recyclables in the bag do not get recycled. Putting your recyclables in plastic bags requires extra man power at a recycling center as the workers at the transfer station have to open the bags and then separate the recyclables. Often, these bags will just be pulled from the stream and they'll landfill it. So please don't put plastic bags/wraps/film in your bin. But please DO recycle them. More than 18,000 retail locations across the country — such as large grocery chains, home improvement stores, Walmart, Target, etc. — provide collection bins for these plastic bags/wraps/film, usually in the storefront close to the main entrance.

**What about Batteries?**

While household batteries (AA, C, 9V, etc) can be recycled, they should not be placed in the recycling container. These batteries can be deposited in recycling containers in the Township Offices or dropped off during the Township HHW events.

All other types of batteries including automotive batteries may be disposed of at the Township HHW events.

**How Do I Get Rid of Paint?**

**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 then leaving it at the curb with the top off. To help dry the residual paint, fill the can with kitty litter or sand.

**OIL-BASED** paint is hazardous waste and can be brought to either of the Township HHW events.

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**Holiday Schedule**

- **MEMORIAL DAY**
  - Monday, May 27, 2019
  - Collection 1 day behind

- **LABOR DAY**
  - Monday, September 2, 2019
  - Collection 1 day behind

- **THANKSGIVING DAY**
  - Thursday, November 28, 2019
  - Thurs. collection on Friday
  - Fri collection on Saturday

- **CHRISTMAS DAY**
  - Wednesday, December 25, 2019
  - Mon - Tues regular collection
  - Wed - Fri collection 1 day behind

- **NEW YEARS DAY**
  - Wednesday, January 1, 2020
  - Mon - Tues regular collection
  - Wed - Fri collection 1 day behind

**Save the Dates**

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  - Yard Waste Collection Resumes

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**For more information on recycling or the solid waste program - visit the Township website:**

**www.bloomfieldtwp.org**
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

May 4, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Township Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event has been a widely used program since 1991. The spring 2019 event will again be held in the Bloomfield Township offices parking lot. Follow posted signs the day of the event. Common items have been listed for you.

Events are for Township residents only, proof of residency is required. Please have a drivers license, water bill or voter's card available.

Electronics Waste Recycling, Medical Disposal & Paper Shredding Event

April 27, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following residential electronic waste items may be brought in for recycling or disposal: computer systems, laptops, televisions, keyboards, scanners, PDAs, paper, cell phones and fax machines. The following items will not be accepted: business equipment, "white goods" or household appliances (e.g. refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers).

Expired or unused over the counter and prescription pharmaceutical products will also be accepted. All sensitive information must be blocked out, however the name of the medication must remain on the bottle. Bulk paper shredding services will be available as an option for disposal of residency generated paper waste in a safe and efficient manner. Residents may bring a maximum of 5 boxes of paper (copy paper size). Absolutely no binders, metal objects (excluding paperclips) or computer disks.

Environmental Responsibility

Protecting our environment is of vital importance. Preventing the illicit discharges (oils, fuels, paints and other liquids) from entering into ditches and storm sewers helps keep the rivers, lakes & streams that comprise the Rouge River Watershed clean. Please do not flush solvents, paints and other liquids) from entering into ditches and storm sewers helps keep the rivers, lakes & streams that comprise the Rouge River Watershed clean. Please do not flush

Can't make an event? (Visit our website for details on these alternatives)

Household Hazardous Waste

ERG Environmental Services
Livonia 734-437-9650

There is a nominal charge and please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Prescription Medication

Bloomfield Twp Police Dept.
4200 Telegraph

Must be in a sealed container in a ziplock bag. No needes.

Paper Shredding

SOCORA 995 Couliage, Troy
248-288-5150

There is a nominal charge and please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

CFL Lightbulbs

Home Depot will accept these for proper disposal.

Electronic Waste

Many stores such as Best Buy, Staples and Office Depot offer recycling.

SOLID WASTE

There is a trash container size limit of 32 gallons. Any solid waste put into a container exceeding the 32-gallon limit will not be picked up. Additionally, each container must not exceed 60 lbs.

RECYCLING

GFL provides each customer an 18-gallon bin or a 65-gallon cart for recycling. Homeowners may request an additional bin or purchase an additional cart if necessary.

COMPOST

Compost may be placed in brown craft bags or trash containers that are clearly marked as compost. Compost in plastic bags are prohibited by State Law and will not be picked up.

Contact GFL at (844) 464-3587 for more information on these services and discounts.

Waiver of Solid Waste Fees

The Township Ordinance allows for the waiver of solid waste collection fees in cases where there is financial hardship. Applications for waiver of municipal solid waste collection fees along with proof of annual gross household income from the previous year must be filed with the Township and approved by a Review Board before June 1st to be eligible. Approved waivers will be on an annual basis only and applicants must reapply every year.

The following criteria must be met to qualify for a full or partial waiver of solid waste collection fees:

1. An annual gross household income of less than or equal to 200% of the current year's Federal Poverty Threshold for a full waiver or less than or equal to 300% for a partial waiver.

2. The property applying for the waiver shall have true cash value (assessment x2) which is less than $200,000.

3. A maximum amount in savings/checking of $10,000 or less for each person residing in the homestead.

4. Shall not have ownership of, or interest in, real estate other than their homestead property.

Applications will be provided upon request to the Department of Public Works at (248) 594-2800.