



City of Mt. Pleasant

Refuse & Recycling Guide

Residential Collection Programs

Refuse Guidelines

- Residents of single-family dwellings and some rental units must use the City's bag/tag system for refuse collection.
- Residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings outside of the pilot program area must contract with a private waste hauler who is licensed to operate in the city limits. This list is available by calling the Public Works office.
- **If you are unsure if you qualify, please contact the Public Works office.**
- City bags and tags come in a package of 10 each (use one or the other). Price is subject to change.
- Bags and tags may be purchased at Meijer, Ric's, Kroger, and City Hall.
- One tag must be placed on each generic trash bag or on the handle of a 34-gallon or less trash can. **Trash cannot exceed the top of the can, even if it is just a pizza box. Over-filled cans will not be collected.**
- **Cans cannot weight more than 50 pounds when full.**
- You may have more than one trash can, but each can must be tagged with a City refuse tag. There is no limit to the number of City refuse bags you may use at one time.
- Call Public Works to find out your collection day.

Recycling Guidelines

- Residents of single-family homes and some rental units are eligible for curbside recycling.
- Residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings may participate through the Rooming House Recycling Program (details inside).
- The current charge for this service is \$1.50 per month and is listed as a separate item on your water and sewer bill.
- A blue City recycling bin is required.
- If you do not have a City blue bin, you must purchase a replacement bin for \$6.00 at the Public Works office, 1303 North Franklin Street, or at City Hall, 320 West Broadway Street.
- If your bin is lost, stolen or damaged, you must purchase a new City bin.
- Bins must be placed in the designated area no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day and removed by 12:00 midnight on collection day.
- If all of your recyclables will not fit inside the City bin, you may use another bin, laundry basket, etc.
- On windy days, place a brick or stone in the bin to prevent it from blowing away. Please note that you are responsible for any recycling that is displaced from the bin for any reason.
- Please keep in mind that not all materials can be collected at curbside.

Save Money by Recycling

Did you know that the more recyclable material you separate from your refuse, the less you will pay in refuse collection costs? For example: Currently, each City refuse bag costs \$1.80 each, but it only costs \$1.50 a month to recycle. If you recycle the equivalent of one trash bag every two weeks, you will save over \$40.00 a year by not buying extra bags! Before you throw that newspaper or plastic bottle in the trash can, recycle it instead and \$ave!





Curbside Recycling - Unaccepted Items

The following is a list of unaccepted items for curbside recycling.

- Colored glass
- Wet paper, or dog/cat food bags
- Remove tape and staples from paper, and cellophane envelope windows before recycling
- Any cardboard/boxboard, **including pizza boxes**, that have come into contact with food
- Wax or plastic coated cardboard/boxboard, such as milk and juice cartons, laundry soap boxes, and dog/cat food bags
- Metal cutting strips from aluminum foil and similar boxes are acceptable, but must be removed and included with your tin and aluminum recyclables. The boxes themselves can be included with your cardboard.
- Plastic shopping bags may be taken to local stores for recycling
- The following items can be taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF):
 - Large amounts of cardboard/boxboard, such as moving boxes
 - Styrofoam items and formed Styrofoam inserts – no packing peanuts
 - Small electronics – call the MRF for instructions

Attention Renters: Curbside Recycling May Be Available For You!



Did you know the City of Mt. Pleasant offers curbside recycling for residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings outside of the pilot program area? To qualify, your residence must meet the following definition: A rooming house is a dwelling that is licensed as a rooming house, containing four or more units in which non-related people reside. Apartment complexes are not eligible at this time.

The recycling bin(s) and collection fee must be paid for in advance at the Public Works office, 1303 North Franklin Street. The rate for rooming house recycling is the same as residential service: Currently \$1.50 per month. The City-required recycle bins are \$6.00 each. One recycle bin is required per six people.

Contact the Public Works office for more information.

Large Item Disposal

If you have an unwanted large item, such as a sofa, table, lamp, or a chair, and it is in relatively good shape, please consider donating it to a local charity. If the item is unusable, you may dispose of it via the City's Large Item Collection Program, or contact a licensed waste hauler for disposal options.

Please contact the Public Works office at (989) 779-5401 for more information.



We appreciate your help in following these guidelines to ensure your trash and recycling are collected.

Thank you!



Refuse & Recycling Basics

Please follow these requirements for refuse and recycling or they will **not** be collected.

- If you are not using City refuse bags, one City refuse tag must be attached to each generic trash bag or the handle of a trash can.
- City ordinance states that refuse containers (non-City bags and trash cans) must be 34-gallons or less in size and not more than 50 pounds when full.
- All extra refuse, including pizza boxes, that does not fit inside your can must each be tagged or they will not be collected.
- **Overloaded cans will not be collected.** Trash cannot exceed the top of the can. Cans lids are not required, but if you have one, it must fit securely on the can.
- Hazardous materials, yard waste (leaves and brush), animal waste, and dead animals will not be collected with refuse.
- Dispose of broken glass by wrapping it in newspaper to prevent injuries to the collection crew.
- Place a tablespoon of ammonia or bleach in each trash bag to keep animals away.
- Residents are responsible for refuse that becomes scattered before collection.
- Place refuse and recycling in the appropriate area no earlier than 5:00 p.m the day before your scheduled collection day. Recycle bins and refuse containers must be removed by 12:00 midnight on collection day.

City Bag/Tag Refuse and Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule

The following holidays are the **only** observed holidays that **may** shift the collection schedule for curbside refuse and recycling: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Changes to the collection schedule can be found in the *Connections* newsletter, on the City's website, or by calling Public Works at (989) 779-5401.

Brush Chipping

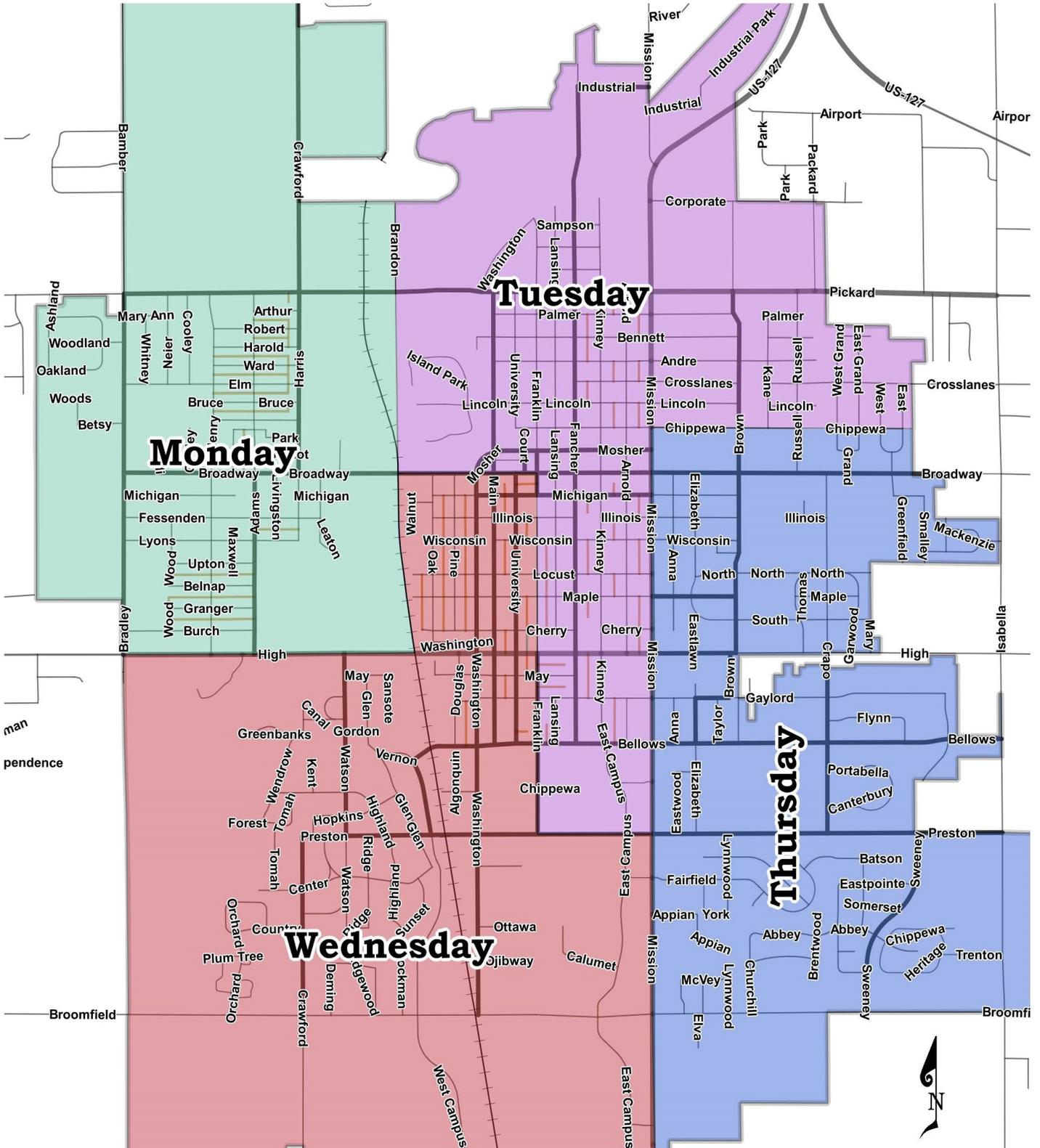
The City offers a brush chipping service for a fee. Brush chipping is scheduled during the second and fourth weeks of the months, usually on Mondays, and weather permitting. Branches up to 10" in diameter can be chipped. This is a prepaid service and you must sign up either at City Hall or the Public Works office no later than the Thursday before the chipping week. Brush chipping information, including the sign up form, is available on the City's website or by calling the Public Works office at (989) 779-5401. You may also take your brush to the Material Recovery Facility for a fee.

Yard Waste Reminders

The City's Street Department picks up leaves in the fall only. Yard waste is not to be placed in the street or on the street right-of-way (area between the curb and sidewalk) at any time other than during fall leaf collection.

Questions? Call the Public Works office at 779-5401

City Trash Collection Days



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