

RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE PICK-UP

Trash cans must be no larger than 32 gallons in size and must not weight more than 50 pounds when filled. Cans should have two handles and tight-fitting lids. Wheeled containers are NOT recommended, as the contractor will NOT be responsible for damaged wheels. Cardboard boxes are NOT to be used as trash containers. They must be broken down, tied, and bundles.

Latex paint can be put out for trash pick-up; however, the paint must be in solid form (paint can be dried by adding kitty litter or oil-dry to the paint and leaving the top of the can off). Oil-based paint must be saved for Household Hazardous Waste days, provided by surrounding cities.

Items such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers, steel bathtubs, couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs, televisions, lamps, tables, dressers, etc. must be set out to the curb with your trash before 7:00 AM on your regular trash day to be picked up by the garbage contractor.

Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers for pick-up. The garbage contractor will remove Freon.

Carpet and padding must be cut in no larger than 4-foot lengths. Must be rolled and tied in bundles NOT to exceed 50 pounds.

Compost must be placed in specially marked 30-gallon cans (Compost stickers are available at City Hall), or in 30-gallon biodegradable bags. It is to be placed 3-4 feet from garbage for proper collection. Bags or cans must not weight more than 50 pounds. Compost pick-up is from mid-March until mid-December. Compost placed in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.

Garbage collection is not scheduled on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Should a holiday fall on your regular trash day, the collection will be delayed one day that week.

Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb for three weeks following the Christmas holiday.

During winter, if at all possible, place garbage on TOP of snow so that it is accessible from the road.

Large items will be picked up by **CALL-IN ONLY on Mondays**. These include items such as swing sets (disassembled), large steel structural items, car parts, glass doors, windows, paneling, countertops, lawn mowers, pool heaters, furnaces, and central air conditioning units. Construction material, such as drywall, lumber, roofing material, bricks, cement blocks, broken concrete, stone, gravel, sod, dirt, tree stumps, root balls, etc.

Tree branches are to be placed at the curb with cut ends facing the same way, no longer than 4 feet, in an orderly fashion. Small amounts of branches should be bundled together. Branches will be picked up by the Department of Public Services by **CALL-IN ONLY on Mondays**.

DO NOT PLACE TRASH IN STREET DURING SNOW-EMERGENCIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES SPECIAL PICK-UP

Will be picked up by call-in ONLY on Monday's. Must be called in on previous Friday no later than 4:00 PM.

CONCRETE:

BROKEN INTO SMALL PIECES AND PLACED ON DRIVEWAY APPROACH

LARGE ITEMS:

CAR PARTS (WE DO **NOT** PICK UP TIRES)

CONCRETE, STONE, GRAVEL, BLOCKS, BRICKS

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

LARGE APPLIANCES, A/C UNITS, FURNACES, LAWN MOWERS

GLASS DOORS, WINDOWS, PANELING, COUNTERTOPS

SWING SETS

LUMBER:

CUT NO LARGER THAN 4' LENGTHS

NAILS TO BE REMOVED OR BENT OVER

ROOFING:

PLACED IN BOXES OR CONTAINERS

SOD/DIRT:

PICKED UP AT THE CURB WITH A TARP PLACED UNDER TO PREVENT TEARING UP SOD

ROOT BALLS

TREES/ANYTHING CHIPPER RELATED: (WILL ONLY BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY'S BY CALL-IN ONLY)

CUT NO LARGER THAN 4' LENGTHS

MUST HAVE ROOTS CUT OFF SO NO DIRT REMAINS

IF WORK WAS PERFORMED BY A CONTRACTOR IT WILL BE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Flat Rock currently participates in a curbside recycling program. Each home has been given one free recycling bin, which is to **remain** with the house when moving. If you wish to purchase additional bins, they are available at the City Treasurer's Office for a fee of \$13.50 per bin. Green for Life is offering a 67-gallon bin free of charge. Call them at 586-772-8900 to request one. Recycling day is the same day as your regular trash day.

Only the following items are acceptable for the recycling bin:

GLASS:

Clear/brown/green bottles and jars
Remove the lid and rinse the container
Labels may stay on

Tin &

Aluminum Cans:

Food & beverage cans only
Rinse and remove label if possible
Remove bottom and flatten the can
Metal pots, pans, tins & utensils

Newspapers &

Cardboard:

Newspaper and any inserts that come with the paper
Tuck newspapers neatly to one side of the bin. Phone books, magazines, catalogs, food boxes (ex. Cereal box)

Plastic Bottles:

Plastic bottles with a "1" or a "2" on the bottom are acceptable (common types are milk jugs, water bottles, laundry product bottles, soda bottles)
Any bottle with a different number on the bottom must be placed in the garbage at this time.
Remove cap (place in the garbage), rinse container and flatten. Labels can stay on.

What NOT to place in your recycling bin:

- Motor Oil
- Motor Oil containers
- Rubbish
- Plastic containers with number 3-7 on the bottom
- Windowpanes, light bulbs, ceramics or drinking glasses
- Grass, leaves or any other yard waste

Motor oil is NOT to be placed in your recycling bin. The following Auto Zone locations will accept up to 5 gallons of used oil: **14200 S. Telegraph Rd., Taylor; 3234 Van Horn, Trenton, and 15200 Trenton Rd., Southgate.**

COMPOSTING PROGRAM

During the months of April through November, the City participates in a curbside composting program. The following items **are acceptable:**

- Flowers
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Vegetable Pruning
- Garden & Yard Waste
- Small Twigs (No wider around than a pencil)
- Other “Soft” Yard Waste

Collection Requirements:

Residents must use the following methods for the separate curbside collection of yard waste:

1. 30-gallon size (or less) trash can with “YARD WASTE” stickers
2. 30-gallon paper compost bags which may be purchased from the City of Flat Rock or from local merchants.

Sticker Use:

“YARD WASTE” stickers are available at City Hall and the Police Department lobby. Cans containing yard waste should be placed at the curb with the sticker facing the street.

IMPORTANT: Do **NOT** mix yard waste with trash!
Do **NOT** put stickers on compost bags!

Separated yard waste should be placed at the curb next to rubbish and recyclables on your regular collection day.

The use of stickered trash cans for compost collection is urged because, over a period of time, trash cans cost less than bags; most trash cans have lids to reduce odor; and cans eliminate all bag material at the compost site, thus creating a better-quality compost.