

## **RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE PICK-UP**

Trash cans must be **no larger** than 32 gallon size and **must not** weight more than 50 pounds when filled with trash. Cans should have 2 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 bundled.

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

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 off the can). Oil-based paint must be saved for the cities bi-annual household hazardous waste day.

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

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 trash day to be picked up by the rubbish contractor.

Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers for pick-up. The rubbish contractor will remove Freon. Please call the Department of Public Services at 782-2470 before placing large items to the curb so that we can notify the rubbish contractor to pick them up.

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

Rubbish collection is not scheduled on New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Should a holiday fall on your regular trash pick-up day collection will be delayed one day that week.

If at all possible, place rubbish on **top** of snow so that it is accessible from the road.

Large items such as swing sets (disassembled), large steel structural items, car parts, glass doors, windows, paneling, countertops, lawn mowers, pool heaters, furnaces, central air conditioner units, construction material, such as drywall, lumber, roofing material, bricks, cement blocks, broken concrete, stone, gravel, sod, dirt etc. will be picked up by the Department of Public Services on Mondays.

Tree branches are to be placed at the curb with cut ends facing the same way, no longer than 6-8 feet, in an orderly fashion. Small amount of branches should be tied and bundled together. Tree stumps and branches will be picked up by the Department of Public Services on Mondays.

## RECYCLING PROGRAM



Flat Rock currently participates in a curbside recycling program. Each home has been given **one** free recycle 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 \$13.00 per bin. Rizzo Environmental 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 pickup.

Only the following items are acceptable for the recycling bin:

Glass Clear, brown, and 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 and if possible  
remove bottom and flatten the can.  
Metal pots, pans, tins & utensils

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

Plastic Bottles Plastic bottles with a  or a  on the bottom are acceptable (common types are milk jugs, water bottles, laundry product bottles, soda pop bottles)  
Any bottle with a different number on the bottom must be placed in the rubbish at this time.  
**Remove cap** (place cap in rubbish) rinse container and step on it to flatten; labels may 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 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 and Yard Waste
- Small Twigs (no wider around than a pencil)
- Other "Soft" Yard Waste

### Collection Requirements:

Residents must use one of 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.

## *SPECIAL TRASH PICK-UPS*

The City of Flat Rock provides "pickup service" each Monday throughout the City, starting at Matilda and working easterly, for the below listed items, and the following regulations must be observed in order to facilitate this service:

Bushes, limbs and vines should be assembled in reasonable bundles (NOT TIED), and cut no more than 4' lengths with cut ends facing the same way so they can be fed into the chipper. Do not mix thorn bushes or limbs in brush piles.

Trees over 6" in diameter should be cut into 4' to 5' lengths.

Trees and bushes to go through the chipper must have the roots cut off so that no dirt remains.

Sod and dirt will be picked up at the curb by the front loader; a tarp may be placed under the dirt to prevent the back hoe from tearing up existing grass.

Roofing materials is to be placed in boxes or containers.

Concrete to be broken into reasonably small pieces and placed on the driveway approach.

Any lumber, if nailed together, is to be taken apart; and cut into no more than 4' lengths. Nails to be bent over or removed.

Any materials left at the curb by a contractor for work performed; tree limbs, brush, concrete pieces, roofing materials, etc. will be the responsibility of the contractor or property/home owner for removal.

If the items you have set out are not picked up on Monday, do not worry as the work crew may not have been able to reach your street on Monday and will be continuing the following day.

Large items such as stoves, washing machines, dryers, and refrigerators should be placed on the driveway approach the night before your regular trash pick-up. Refrigerators must have the door(s) removed. The freon will be removed by the City of Flat Rock or its contractor. Please call the DPS at 782-2470 if you have a refrigerator or freezer to put out so it can be reported to the solid waste contractor.