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# VIEW FROM THE CURB

THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO'S GUIDE TO WASTE & RECYCLING



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## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The City of Kalamazoo provides a Spring clean-up collection that will take place in April 2020. Residents will be permitted to place residual leaves from the fall, weeds, branches, twigs and other trimmings **no longer than four feet in length and two inches in diameter** in biodegradable bags, open cardboard boxes or bundled with binder twine at the curb for pick up. See page 5 for your scheduled pick up day.

**Loose piles of limbs, branches and trimmings will not be collected! No grass clippings, dirt, soil, rocks, stones, bricks, concrete, railroad ties or other landscaping material of any type will be collected. Violations will result in immediate corrective action and fees to the property owner of record.**

Please note: The regular brush program will resume in May.

Please keep these items separate from your recycling.

### FREE BULK TRASH DROP-OFF DATE:

**Where:** 3432 Gembrit Circle

**Wed, April 22, 2020: 8 am - 5 pm**

City residents are invited to take advantage of a free bulk trash drop off day. Valid identification showing City of Kalamazoo residency will be required.





# KNOW IT BEFORE YOU THROW IT.

The Recycling Raccoon Squad is here to help Michigan reclaim its title as the greatest recycling state in the country. These rules for **curbside recyclers** will help you up your game, but take **note – the rules in every town are a little bit different. Check with your local recycler to be sure you know it before you throw it.**



## ✓ YES

### METAL

- Tin, steel and aluminum cans and lids
- Clean aluminum foil

## → TO DO

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

## ✗ NO

- Wire hangers
- Scrap metal
- Screws and nails
- Needles and syringes



### PAPER

- Paper with staples/clips
- Magazines and newspapers
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Wrapping paper without glitter or foil

- Paper should be clean
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains

- Used paper towels, tissues or napkins
- Cash register receipts



### GLASS

- Clear glass food jars are accepted (e.g., pasta sauce, pickles, etc.)

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

- Glass used for cooking – like Pyrex
- Lightbulbs



### PLASTIC

- Plastic pop, water and other drink bottles
- Plastic food and household bottles/jars (e.g., ketchup, laundry detergent, shampoo, cleaning products, etc.)
- Plastic tubs and lids (e.g., yogurt, margarine, etc.)
- Plastics labeled #1 - #7

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on
- Drop off non-curbside-recyclable plastic bags and wraps at local retail stores (Walmart or Meijer)



### CARDBOARD

- Nonrefrigerated paperboard or boxboard (e.g., tissue boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)

- Flatten cardboard
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains
- Tape, staples and labels are OK

#### SQUAD TIP:

If it doesn't go in the refrigerator or freezer, it is recyclable curbside even if it seems shiny.



### OTHER

#### SQUAD TIP:

Check with your local recycler for drop-off locations or events for items not recyclable curbside (e.g., batteries, clothes, electronics, hazardous materials, etc.).

#### SQUAD TIP:

Use this website to find a convenient drop-off location: [michigan.gov/recyclingdirectory](http://michigan.gov/recyclingdirectory)

- Rope, twine, hoses and wire
- Items with food residue
- Batteries: Drop-off locations and mail-in opportunities are available

See your local household hazardous waste

LEARN MORE AT

[RecyclingRaccoons.org](http://RecyclingRaccoons.org)



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# RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

## Collection Day

Your recyclables should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Do not set them out sooner than the day before collection. Remove your recycling carts from the curblawn no later than 11:00 p.m. on the day of your collection. Missed collections must be reported by calling 311, emailing [recycle@kalamazoo.org](mailto:recycle@kalamazoo.org) or via the recycle coach app within 48 hours.

## No recycling cart? No problem!

If you do not have a recycling cart, please call 311 (or 269-337-8000 if outside city limits), email [recycle@kalamazoo.org](mailto:recycle@kalamazoo.org) or request via the recycle coach app and we will arrange for one to be delivered.

## Multi-Unit Recycling

Kalamazoo offers a multi-unit recycling program for the managers, owners and occupants of residential properties with five or more units. The program offers a variety of container sizes, with collections ranging from weekly to monthly depending on the volume of materials recycled. Multi-unit recycling collects the same materials as the curbside program and offers 24-hour access to residents. If you are not currently participating in the City's recycling program, call 311 (or 269-337-8000 if outside city limits), to start today!

The average person throws away 68lbs of clothing per year.



Download our free waste app to learn more about our textile recycling program.

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Never miss another Collection Day!



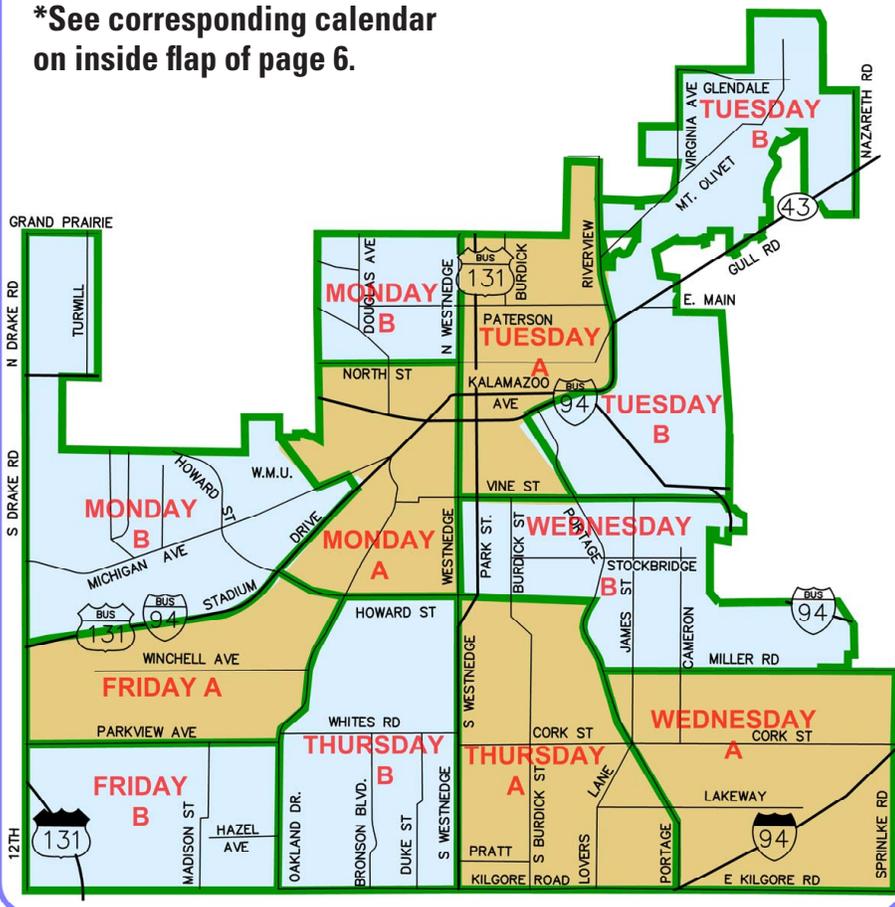
Get the latest info delivered right to the palm of your hand!

Download our Waste & Recycling App to access your personalized collection calendar.



## BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

\*See corresponding calendar on inside flap of page 6.



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# RECYCLABLES & RECYCLE CENTERS

## Did You Know?

Did you know that you can recycle many of your household appliances or office items? Before you throw them in the trash, check out our list of disposal alternatives at: [www.kalamazoo.org/recycling](http://www.kalamazoo.org/recycling)

## Recycling Drop-off Option

In addition to scheduled curbside recycling, residents and taxpayers of the City of Kalamazoo have the option to drop off the same recyclables to:

**Republic Waste Services**  
3432 Gembrit Circle

### HOURS

- **Monday through Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### Questions?

Please call (269) 373-4070

## DON'T LEAVE WASTE IN A PUBLIC SPACE!

Follow the rules and use appropriate services when disposing of waste and recycling!



## FREE DISPOSAL



at Police Stations in Kalamazoo County

MEDICATION DISPOSAL KALAMAZOO • FAST—FREE—SECURE  
VISIT [redmedboxes.com](http://redmedboxes.com) FOR LOCATIONS & HOURS

# CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

Pesticides collected  
**FREE OF CHARGE** through  
Clean Sweep Program!

## WHO CAN USE THE PROGRAM?

Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, or golf course owner.

## WHAT CAN I BRING?

Old, unwanted, out-of-date, unusable or banned pesticides. (DDT, Chlordane, Lindane, older Woodlife Wood Preservative, 2,4,5-T and Lead Arsenate)

## HOW MUCH CAN I BRING?

No limit - for large quantities! Please call FOR an appointment.

## IS ANYTHING NOT ACCEPTED BY CLEAN SWEEP?

NO straight fertilizer, spreader sticker, paint or other chemicals are covered by the Clean Sweep Program.

For detailed materials accepted and FREE recycling participation areas:

Visit: [kalcounty.com/hhw](http://kalcounty.com/hhw)

Call: 373-5211 | Email: [hhwcenter@kalcounty.com](mailto:hhwcenter@kalcounty.com)

HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)



Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services is committed to providing equitable, culturally competent care to all individuals served, regardless of race, age, sex, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

## Avoid Costly Fines and Enforcement Action

Help keep our City clean and inviting! Your neighbors and fellow residents will appreciate it, City staff can focus their energy on other projects and programs, and you can avoid fines or other enforcement. Remove unsightly trash, litter and garbage from your property, and make sure you maintain and store your garbage containers properly and place them out at the appropriate times.



**Curblawn Nuisances** — Furniture, trash, brush or any other unsightly material that is placed in the curblawn within the public right-of-way, outside the time frame allowed for quarterly collection, is considered a public nuisance and subject to immediate corrective action by the City without notice. The clean-up cost is billed to the property owner of record. If you are tired of looking at an unsightly mess on a curblawn in your neighborhood, please report the violation by calling the nuisance enforcement hotline at **(269) 337-8221**.

**Porch Violations** — Open porches and decks are not permitted to be used as storage areas. Furniture constructed for interior use is not allowed to be stored or used outside or on open porches (this includes open covered porches). Properties in violation are subject to a violation notice, including a \$77 fine. If the violation is not corrected, further enforcement action (with additional costs) may be taken until remedied. Call **(269) 337-8221** to report illegal outdoor storage and/or porch violations.

**Tall Grass/Weeds Enforcement** — Weeds and grasses that have grown to a height of 12 inches or more, as well as noxious weeds of any height (poison ivy, oak, etc.) are considered a public nuisance. Properties found in violation will receive a correction notice, which is accompanied by an escalating fee. The first notice of the season is **\$127**, the second **\$177**, the third **\$227**, and fourth and subsequent notices are **\$277** each. This increase was approved by the City Commission to highly motivate property owners to maintain their own properties. After the notice is received, if the property owner does not correct the violation, the city will send the mowing contractor, which will be accompanied by another charge for that service. To report weed and tall grass violations, please call the 24-hour hotline at **(269) 337-8847** and provide the address of the property (or some other description of the location) that will help the inspector find the violation.

**Trash on Private Property** — Property owners who leave trash on their property may receive a nuisance violation notice from the City, which includes a **\$77** fine. The owner has ten days from the date of the notice to take corrective

action to remove the trash, junk or debris. If the nuisance is not removed from the property within ten days, the City will take corrective action, dispatch a contractor to remove the nuisance, and bill the additional expense for removal to the property owner. Please call **(269) 337-8221** to report trash violations.

**Garbage Container Storage** — Garbage containers must be stored on private property no closer to the street right-of-way than the nearest vertical roof-supporting member of the main structure on the property (generally the front of the house). The lid or cover must be kept closed to ensure a tight seal on the container. Containers that are improperly located, have their lids open or have garbage spilling out, may be subject (without notice) to immediate corrective action by the City, with the cost of that action being billed to the property owner.

**Garbage Container Placement at the Curb** — Garbage containers may be placed on the curblawn, or street side if there is no curb, no sooner than 8:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled collection day; and the garbage container must be removed from the public right-of-way no later than 11:00 p.m. on the collection day. Garbage containers placed out too early, left out, or stored improperly past 11:00 p.m. on the scheduled collection day, may be subject to immediate corrective action and will result in a cost recovery fee.

### ARE YOU RENTING?

Did you know that all rentals in the City of Kalamazoo must be registered and certified? It is the responsibility of the property owner to register the property with the Community Planning and Economic Development department and schedule periodic inspections to receive a Certificate of Compliance. It is a tenant's responsibility to help maintain good housing conditions and immediately report any problems to the landlord. You can check if the property where you live is registered online at **[www.kalamazoo.org/rental](http://www.kalamazoo.org/rental)** (look for **Rental Database Search**) or by calling **(269) 337-8026**. If you find that it is not registered, email **[kzoorentalprogram@kalamazoo.org](mailto:kzoorentalprogram@kalamazoo.org)** or call **311**.

# BULK TRASH/ BRUSH COLLECTION

## QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Bulk trash pick-up will take place during the months of March, June, September and December.

Place items intended for pick-up at or near the curb no earlier than 7:00 a.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of your scheduled pick-up.

All items not collected, for any reason, must be removed from the curbside within two days following the completion of the regularly scheduled pick-up for the area.

If items are placed at the curbside too soon, or left out on the curbside on days other than those allowed for quarterly bulk trash (or monthly brush collection May-October), the City may take immediate enforcement action (without notice) and bill the clean-up cost to the property owner.

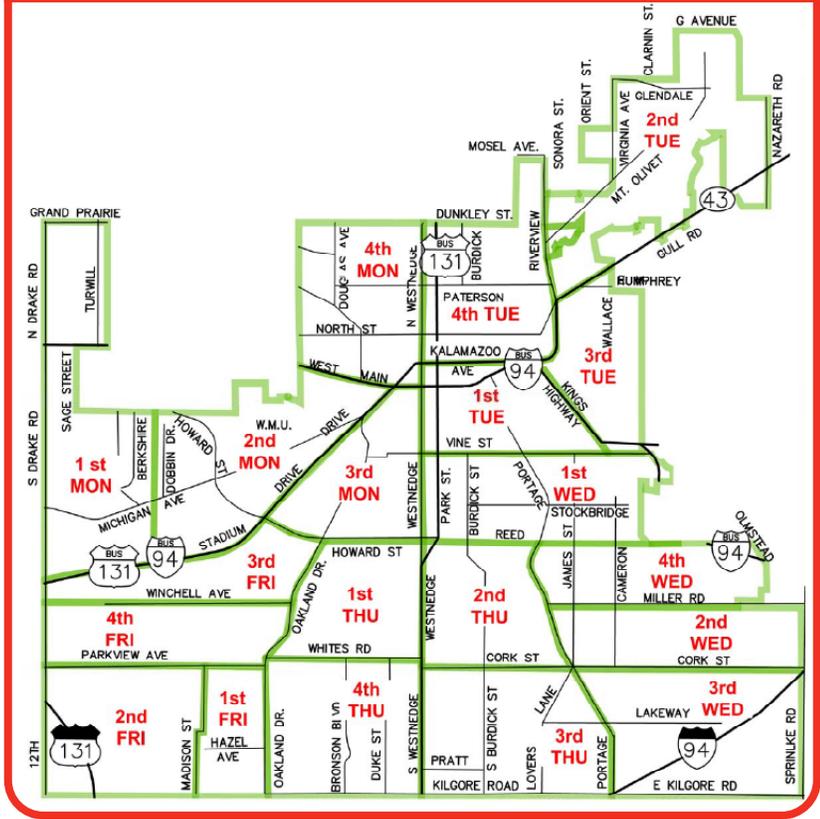
To report a missed bulk trash collection call 311 within 48 hours of the scheduled pick-up, or report via the Recycle Coach app.

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Up to 7.5 cubic yards per month of bulk trash material, (large house-hold items that will NOT fit in your regular household trash, for example: mattresses, couch, dresser, table, chairs, lamps, etc.) will be accepted from each residential property during the months of March, June, September and December. Items must be neatly stacked in the curb-lawn no later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of pick-up.

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Due to potential health risks, items placed in black plastic bags will not be accepted. Smaller bulk items must be placed in open boxes or clear plastic bags. More than 7.5 cubic yards of household junk and debris, garbage, human waste, yard waste, dead animals, tires, large auto parts, rocks, sand, glass, concrete, remodeling/renovation materials, or loose piles of junk that could fit in with regular household trash will **NOT** be taken.

## QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE (MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER)

### APRIL SPRING CLEAN UP MAY-OCTOBER BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



For more information, please visit [kalamazoo.org](http://kalamazoo.org)



## 2020 Brush Collection Begins In May

Brush pick-up for 2020 will begin in May on the scheduled pick-up day for your street. Find your pick-up day on the collection schedule map on Page 5. Use the guidelines shown when putting brush out for collection; branches, twigs and other tree trimmings can be no longer than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter. All branches, twigs and tree trimmings must be securely tied in a bundle with strong rope or twine (no wire), in open boxes or biodegradable bags (no plastic bags). Keep brush separate from bulk and regular household trash. Each bundle can be no wider than an arm's length and no heavier than 50 pounds. A maximum of 7.5 cubic yards will be collected May-October. Loose piles of limbs, branches and tree trimmings will not be collected! No leaves, dirt, soil, rocks, stones, bricks, concrete, sod, mulch or construction or demolition debris of any type will be collected.

Each bundle can be no wider than an arm's length and no heavier than 50 pounds. A maximum of 7.5 cubic yards will be collected May-October. Loose piles of limbs, branches and tree trimmings will not be collected! No leaves, dirt, soil, rocks, stones, bricks, concrete, sod, mulch or construction or demolition debris of any type will be collected.

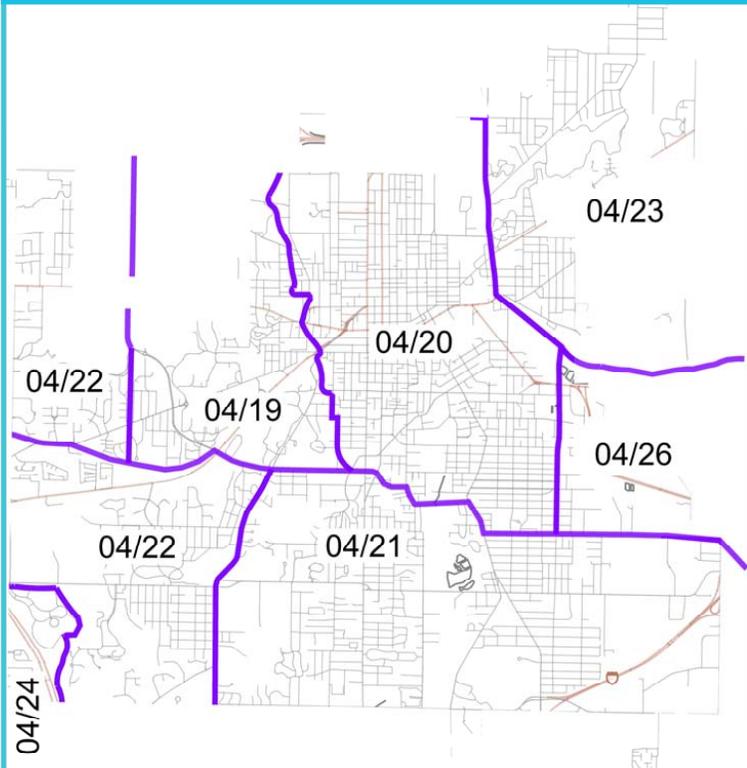
If you have questions about brush collection, or if you want to report a missed pick-up, please call 311, email [recycle@kalamazoo.org](mailto:recycle@kalamazoo.org) or download the Recycle Coach App.

**Missed collections must be reported within 48 hours.**



# SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## SPRING 2020 – WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING SCHEDULE



APRIL 19 - 28, 2020

## Flushing

### Spring Hydrant Flushing

The 2020 Spring Hydrant Flushing Program will begin Sunday, April 19, 2020. Daytime flushing is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and evening flushing from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Flushing does not affect the safety of the water supply. However, tap water may appear cloudy or discolored immediately after flushing. The City Public Services Department recommends residents run cold water in a utility sink or tub until it runs clear again.



## Free Firewood, Woodchips

These materials will continue to be available to City residents, free of charge, throughout the spring and summer season, while supplies last. All materials are located on the east side of the drive just outside of the gate to the City's leaf composting facility at 2045 E. Michigan Avenue (SE of Schippers Lane, first drive east of House of Recovery).

## Help Us Keep Our Sidewalks Usable for Everyone!

When sidewalks aren't cleared, it can make it hard for some of our neighbors to get to where they need to go. As property owners or occupants it is our duty to make sure that we keep the sidewalks in front of our property clear of debris and snow. It's also important that we keep our lawn and curb lawn mowed so that grass doesn't grow over onto the sidewalk.



CURB LAWN MOWED



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF DEBRIS



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF SNOW



EVERYONE CAN USE!

With sidewalks clear and lawns mowed, our neighbors can easily get to the places they need to go. Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks usable for everyone!

For detailed sidewalk maintenance requirements and enforcement information, refer to the [City of Kalamazoo's Code of Ordinances](#), sections 33-17 and 33-18.

# Is there anything we can help you with?

If you're within the City limits, call 3-1-1 for all city non-emergency services.

If you're not in the city, call 337-8000.

**One call to City Hall!**

Call

# 3-1-1

or **337-8000** for all non-emergency city services



## Streetlights

Consumers Energy - (800) 477-5050 or visit them online at [consumersenergy.com](http://consumersenergy.com)

## Private Pick-up Services

Several local waste haulers offer yard waste collection for a fee:

Republic Waste Services - (269) 373-4070

Best Way Disposal - (269) 388-3300

Waste Management - (800) 796-9696

## Private Drop-off Sites

The following companies accept yard waste for a fee:

Best Way Transfer Station - (269) 388-3300, 2606 Miller Rd

Kalamazoo Landscape Supply - (269) 375-8000, 5111 S 9th St

Mulder's Landscape Supplies - (269) 345-6900, 3333 Ravine Rd



[www.kalamazoocity.org](http://www.kalamazoocity.org)



# City of Kalamazoo

## 2020 Recycling - A & B week pick-up schedule with other curbside programs noted

January						
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Please note: If your pick-up day falls within the week of, and on or after a major holiday as listed, your service will be provided one day later.

- January 1st - New Years Day
- May 25th - Memorial Day
- July 4th - Fourth of July
- September 7th - Labor Day
- November 26th - Thanksgiving
- December 25th - Christmas

**Recycling Collection Key\***  
see Recycling map for collection day/week

Orange Highlighted weeks are A week

Light Blue Highlighted weeks are B week

Dark Blue Highlighted are Holidays

**Other Curbside Collections Key\***  
see Month-Route map for the collection day

Bulk trash program occurs

Brush program occurs

Both Bulk & Brush occur

April (Outdoor) Spring Clean Up

\* maps can be found either in the *View from the Curb* booklet or find the program at [Kalamazoo.org](http://Kalamazoo.org)

**MY QUARTERLY BULK TRASH DAY IS:**

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**MY RECYCLING DAY IS:**

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## Environmental Concerns Committee

If you are a resident of the City of Kalamazoo and have an interest in environmental issues, you are invited to become a member of the City of Kalamazoo Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). The ECC meets once a month and monitors significant environmental trends affecting the City of Kalamazoo regarding environmental matters. The Committee also serves as a citizen's forum for environmental issues, such as the State of Michigan law that bans the general sale and use of phosphorus-containing fertilizers on residential or commercial lawns (unless it meets an exemption). For more information on this issue, visit [www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer).

ECC membership applications can be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at 311 or by emailing [cokcityclerk@kalamazoocity.org](mailto:cokcityclerk@kalamazoocity.org). Applications can be obtained from the City of Kalamazoo website. Visit [www.kalamazoocity.org](http://www.kalamazoocity.org) and click on the 'Boards and Commissions' link under the Department's tab on the right side of the homepage.

## Stormwater Management Program

The City of Kalamazoo has an approved 2019 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), MS4 Phase II Permit. The permit allows for the discharge of stormwater to the surface waters of the state. Under an Inter-Agency Agreement between the City and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, our new partner agreed to "nest" under the City's Permit by complying with all necessary measures to report and resolve stormwater quality issues using the City's ordinances and other regulatory plans.

A copy of the collaborative Stormwater Management Plan Table Summary can be found on the City's website: [ProtectYourWater.net](http://ProtectYourWater.net) on the "Stormwater Management" page, along with other water quality information. The website includes tips on how you can help prevent pollutants from reaching the surface water by protecting the stormwater, and reaching our drinking water supply by protecting the groundwater.

Please remember: "What Gets to the Street, Gets to the Creek."

**Feedback** Give us your thoughts, ideas, questions, or concerns on solid waste, recycling, or code enforcement issues.

**Hours** – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Phone** – (269) 337-8742 | **Fax** – (269) 337-8533

**Email** – [burlinghamw@kalamazoocity.org](mailto:burlinghamw@kalamazoocity.org)

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