



The City of Romulus and Waste Management are proud to announce the new residential solid waste program that begins July 1, 2015!

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ ALL OF THE PROGRAM INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS GUIDE TO BE SURE YOU GET THE MAXIMUM VALUE FROM THE PROGRAM.**

**WHAT'S NEW?**

- One 96-gallon trash cart (green lid) and one 64-gallon recycle cart (yellow lid) is provided for each residence.
- Cart use is required. Other bags and receptacles for trash or recycling will not be accepted.
- There are no changes to the current yard waste program. See guidelines.**
- All residents have the option to increase their recycle cart from 64 gallons to 96 gallons. (additional charges apply for cart size changes after July 31, 2015).
- Residents age 65 and older can decrease the trash and/or recycle cart to the 36-gallon cart at any time.
- Contact WM with requests for pickup of occasional/non-recurring excess (bagged) material outside of either cart.
- Residents can acquire additional carts at a charge. Contact Waste Management for pricing information.
- Keep any 18-gallon recycling bins for use as you choose. After June 30, 2015 these bins will no longer be accepted for curbside pickup.
- Every cart has a serial number coded to the address where originally delivered. Contact WM for information on cart replacement and warranty.



**QUESTIONS???** CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) CALL 866-797-9018 OR EMAIL: [customerservice\\_MIOHIN@wm.com](mailto:customerservice_MIOHIN@wm.com)

## From the Office of the Mayor:

Dear Romulus Residents,

At the Administration's request, the Romulus City Council awarded the City contract for the purpose of the pickup and disposal of solid waste to Waste Management, which houses some of their operations in Romulus.

The City's solid waste program offers not only curbside pickup of trash, but also provides curbside yard waste pick up and curbside recycling services. These services are available to all of the City's residents.

This most recent contract has locked in rates for the next 10 years, serving as a potential cost savings in the future. As a Romulus resident myself, I am looking forward to this new cart-based system and the ease and convenience it comes with. Please read over all of the included information carefully and do not hesitate to call Waste Management, or my office, if you should have any questions or need clarification.

Romulus residents have been recycling more and throwing less away consistently over the last four years. In 2014 alone, we recycled almost 563 TONS of material. Romulus's recycling program reduces the flow of waste that is delivered to our landfills and the City receives the net profit generated out of the sale of the recycled products that are collected.

Please, if you aren't currently recycling, I would like to encourage all our residents to join the City in its efforts to reduce expenses and to RECYCLE. Information on what can go in your new recycling cart is listed in this publication, as well as on the cart lid.

Thank you in advance for doing your part for our City and the environment,

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor  
City of Romulus

# RECYCLE ONLY THESE ITEMS



**All Items Should Be Clean  
Please Do Not Bag Items**



**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**CARDBOARD & BOXBOARD**  
Examples include: pizza boxes, shipping boxes, and food boxes. Flatten as needed.

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & CATALOGS**

**JUNK MAIL, OFFICE PAPER & PHONEBOOKS**

**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**  
All colors are accepted.

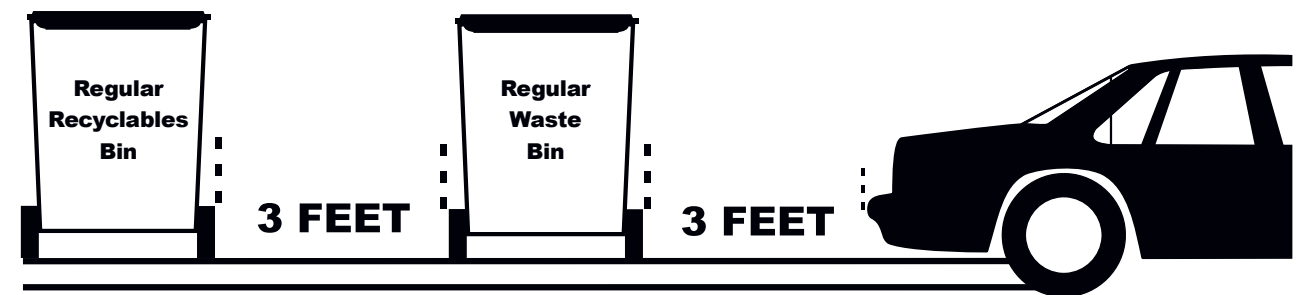


**HOUSEHOLD METALS**  
Empty cans, foil, pans and small scrap metal are accepted.

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**  
All narrow-neck and wide-mouth plastic bottles and containers (#1, #2, #4 - #7). Caps and labels may be left on bottles.

**PAPER DRINK CARTONS**  
Plastic-coated paper beverage cartons, including milk and juice cartons.

**Please place your containers with the lids opening towards the street with a minimum of three feet between each container and other objects.**



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Frozen Food Containers
  - Styrofoam Containers/Packing
  - Garbage
  - Compost Food Waste
  - Propane Tanks
  - Paint Cans
  - Medical Waste\* (Syringes/Needles)
  - Batteries
  - Flammable Liquids
  - Household Cleaners (Dry or Liquid)
  - Wood Items
  - Concrete
  - Garden Hose/Rubber
  - Electrical Cords
  - Tires
- \*Please help protect our workers... DO NOT PLACE SYRINGES OR NEEDLES IN RECYCLE CART**





# CITY OF ROMULUS

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**ROMULUS SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**  
Overview of Waste Collection Service

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**

## PICK UP SCHEDULE & CART PLACEMENT

To ensure pick-up, have your carts at the curb by 6:00 a.m. or no earlier than 4 pm the night before your collection day. Due to traffic, road conditions, weather and volumes we may sometimes run at a different time.

Follow trash and recycle cart placement instructions found on lid of each cart. Place lid opening towards street.

Contain all trash and recycle in WM provided carts.

Help keep your city clean by containing all trash items; loose items can turn into blowing litter in your neighborhood.

See yardwaste guidelines for yardwaste container information.

## WHAT ABOUT LARGE ITEMS?

Large items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet, etc. should be placed at the curb with your rubbish on your regular collection day. Only three large items per week.

Please cut and roll carpet into sections 4-foot or less in length weighing 50 lbs or less. Tie with string or tape.

Please call WM (866-797-9018) at least 24-hours in advance of your collection day before placing items containing Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) at the curb for collection.

## ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT TAKE

- Liquid waste (gasoline & automobile oil)
- Construction/roofing debris (have your contractor haul away or call Waste Management for a quote on a dumpster: 866-797-9018)
- Loose needles/sharps (SEE BELOW)
- Car and truck parts/engines
- Yard waste mixed w/ rubbish
- Concrete/bricks
- Tree stumps over 50lbs
- Propane tanks
- Tires
- Hazardous wastes
- Wood/dry wall
- Fencing/railroad ties
- Propane tanks
- Wet paint cans (let paint dry and place at curb with lid off.)

## Unacceptable Trash

If the trash placed on the curb is not acceptable under the City's Solid Waste Program, a large tag will be placed on the unacceptable trash and will be marked with the reason.

## SHARPS/NEEDLES

Please do not place needles loose in your trash, this creates a safety hazard for our workers. Never place needles in recycling. An economical way to safely dispose of your needles is to place them in a hard plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle. Once full, secure the lid and place the container in your rubbish cart. Waste Management does offer a needle disposal program. For more information log on to [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com).

## YARD WASTE – IT'S THE LAW

**Michigan law prohibits the depositing of yard waste in landfills. This means yard waste must be separated from regular household trash at the curb and taken to a yard waste recycling site.**

**YARD WASTE IS COLLECTED FROM THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN APRIL THROUGH THE LAST FULL WEEK IN NOVEMBER.**

### YARD WASTE IS:

Grass clippings • Leaves • Garden debris • Shrubs & bush trimmings

### YARD WASTE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Sod • Pet waste • Branches over 6 inches in diameter • Stumps over 50lbs, logs, wood, dirt, rocks, trash.

### WHAT DO I DO?

- Place yard waste at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your normal rubbish collection day or no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the night before your collection day.
- Place yard waste at least 3 feet from your rubbish or on opposite sides of the driveway.
- Grass clippings, leaves, etc. should be placed at the curb in:
  - **20 to 32 gallon cans** clearly marked "YARD WASTE." Cans over 32 gallons are not acceptable
  - Free, self adhesive yard waste stickers can be obtained from the DPW (12600 Wayne Road) or City Hall Offices (11111 Wayne Road) OR
  - **Place yard waste in designated paper yard waste bags** available at local retail stores. Do not use paper grocery bags or boxes. Please do not place rubbish in paper bags.
  - 50 lbs. maximum per bag/can.

## BUSHES AND BRANCHES

- Cannot be greater than 6 inches in diameter
- Cannot exceed 3 - 4 foot in length
- Must be bundled using string
- Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches around (circumference)
- Bundles and branches/stumps cannot weigh more than 50 pounds
- Christmas trees may be placed at the curb for collection with regular refuse following the holiday.

### QUESTIONS:

Call Waste Management at 1-866-797-9018

## RECYCLING AND LANDFILL INFORMATION

**Waste management and the City of Romulus are working together to recycle more. Romulus can receive revenue generated by your recycling efforts. This helps keep your tax charges for Sanitation down. If everyone would do their part and recycle, the amount recycled could reduce your tax bill.**

### NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- Fill your recycle cart with recyclables (see guide on back)
- Place the cart at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day or no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the night before your collection day.
- Follow cart placement instructions on lid. Face lid opening towards street.
- Questions, please call Waste Management at 1-866-797-9018

## RESIDENTIAL LANDFILL VOUCHERS (no commercial waste)

If you have items for disposal during the year, you can purchase a landfill voucher from the Treasurer's Office at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, Romulus) for one pick-up truck load (2 cubic yards maximum). Once you pay for the voucher at City Hall, you can haul the material to Woodland Meadows Landfill located at Van Born Road between Hannan and Haggerty. Give the voucher to the gate attendant at the landfill as well as proof of residency. The landfill is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### ITEMS THE LANDFILL CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Tires
- Sod
- Flammables
- Limbs
- Paint solvents
- Lawn mowers
- Liquid waste
- Pesticides
- Large car parts
- Poisons
- Oil
- Dirt
- Explosives
- Stumps
- Hazardous waste
- Appliances containing freon
- Brush
- Paints
- Medical waste
- Batteries
- Anti-Freeze
- Concrete
- Herbicides

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**If one of the following holidays falls during the week (M-F) ON OR BEFORE your collection day in a given week, your collection of rubbish, recycle & yard waste will be one day behind.**

## HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

- New Years Day**
- Memorial Day**
- 4th of July**
- Labor Day**
- Thanksgiving Day**
- Christmas Day**

## MISSED PICK-UP OR PROBLEMS

Contact WM at 866-797-9018

Waste Management will respond to your complaint as soon as possible.

## COLLECTION DAYS AND AREA

Mon	Yellow
Tues	Orange
Wed	Green
Thur	Blue
Fri	Red

