

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



## COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

July 2016

### Upcoming Events

#### MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting

MMWA Office

Thursday, Aug 4 @ 9:30 AM

#### MMWA Board of Trustees Meeting

Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

Monday, Aug 8 @ 9:30 AM

### Thirteen tons of paint collected so far through MMWA's HSW program

MMWA's 2016 household special waste program is off to a busy start.

To date, 139 vehicles have dropped off electronics via three e-waste days; 273 vehicles have dropped off paint totaling more than 25,500 pounds via three paint days; and 149 vehicles have dropped off more than 12,000 pounds of household hazardous waste items via one HHW day.

That's almost 13 tons of paint and six tons of household chemicals and cleaners that have been properly disposed of through this ongoing program! Visit [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) for the 2016 schedule and accepted items list.



MMWA extends warm wishes to Frankenmuth City Manager Charlie Graham, who is retiring this fall after 37 years of service. Charlie was involved in the founding of MMWA in 1991, and has served on the Board of Trustees since 1996. We greatly appreciate Charlie's contributions and support over the years, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

### 2016 yard waste season underway

Despite the recent lack of rain, residents in participating communities are putting plenty of yard waste cans and bags to the curb each week. Here are a few reminders:

- Set out yard waste for curbside pick up by 7 am on your regular collection day.
- If volumes are heavy, yard waste pick up may go beyond 5 pm. Leave your bags and cans at curb. If they are not picked up by the next morning, call MMWA to report a missed pick up.
- Since materials are lifted by hand into the truck, there is a 50 pound weight limit. Be kind and keep it light.
- Trim twigs set out for yard waste collection so they do not stick out above the yard waste bag or can more than 12 inches.
- Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Use only compostable paper yard waste bags or cans labeled with YARD WASTE stickers.

Please note that branches 2"-6" in diameter are considered brush, not yard waste. Residents in all MMWA communities are allowed to set out one bundle of brush per week with their regular trash.

Branches should be tied into 3'x4' bundles.

Stumps, trunks and root balls are not accepted at curbside. Residents should contact a tree service for removal of these items.

### John Malzahn remembered for expertise, innovation

Longtime Mid Michigan Waste Authority leader John M Malzahn passed away on June 24 after a lengthy illness.

As part of his public works career, John was involved in the creation of MMWA in 1991. He served as MMWA vice chair or chairman from 1994 until his retirement in 2011.

Due to John's significant expertise in the solid waste management industry, he also served on the Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee from 1999 to 2016, and was the committee's chairperson at the time of his passing.

MMWA was fortunate to benefit from John's vast knowledge of and passion for comprehensive solid waste management, outreach, and education.

MMWA sends its deepest sympathies to John's family and loved ones.



In June 2016, seven MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and 11 communities had ONE.

*A valid RCL is when a Waste Management collection worker returns to the address to provide collection service.*