

Mid Michigan Waste Authority



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A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

August 2016

Upcoming Events

MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting
MMWA Office
Thursday, Sept 22 @ 9:30 AM



Labor Day means one day trash delay for all MMWA communities

The upcoming Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5 does impact solid waste services provided to all Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) member communities. With the holiday falling on Monday, collection services will be delayed one day for all communities.

MMWA-served residents should put out their trash, recycling and yard waste materials one day later than they normally do during the week of September 5.

Please note that the MMWA office will be closed on Monday, Sept 5 in observation of the holiday.

In July 2016, 11 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.

HSW program runs through Sept 2016

Please remind your residents that there are several more opportunities to dispose of their unwanted electronics, paint and household hazardous waste through MMWA's 2016 special waste drop-off events.

TECH TUESDAYS are held from 9 am to 1 pm on Aug 9 and Sept 6 & 13. What to bring: computers, printers, laptops, phones, keyboards, scanners, cables & cords, hard drives, mice, tablets and fax machines

There are fees for turning in the following items: TVs under 48" – \$10; TVs 48" and larger – \$20; CRT computer monitors – \$10; and copy machines- \$25.

PAINT WEDNESDAYS are held from 9 am to 1 pm on Aug 10, Aug 17, Sept 7, Sept 14, and Sept 21. What to bring: latex paint, spray paint, acrylic paint, oil based paint, stain/varnish, and caulk

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE days are held from 9 am to 1 pm on Aug 23 and Sept 27. What to bring: motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, lawn/garden chemicals, antifreeze, glues & adhesives, mercury, lead acid batteries, wiper fluid, misc cleaners, kerosene, degreasers, acids, metal cleaners, aerosols and smoke detectors.

On hazardous waste days, residents can also drop-off unused, unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal.

For more information on our HSW drop-off opportunities, please call (989) 781-9555 or visit the MMWA website at www.recyclemotion.org.

A new life for your curbside recyclables

You probably know that your curbside recyclables are transported to a MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) for sorting and processing, but what happens next? We spoke to a representative from our recyclables processor, ReCommunity Recycling, to find out how your Gatorade bottles and cat food cans are recycled into new items by companies across the state of Michigan.

Newsprint and mixed paper are being made into tissue paper that is normally found in public restrooms.

Mixed plastics are flaked and sold to mills that manufacture five gallon buckets and plastic paint cans.

OCC (cardboard) is used to make packing boxes and liner board.

PET plastic is made into a variety of bottles, including laundry detergent.

HDPE (natural and pigmented) plastic is sold to a company that makes drain tiles primarily used in agricultural applications.

Glass is used by bottling companies to make new glass, or used in building road base or packing gas lines in landfills.

Aluminum is shipped to beverage companies and made into new cans that could be back on the grocery store shelf in less than six weeks.

Tin is sent to scrap metal companies and can be remade into just about anything: bicycles, car parts, etc.

