

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



## COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

November 2016

### Upcoming Events

#### Holiday Light Recycling Drive

Various locations

Nov 15, 2016 - Jan 15, 2017

#### MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting

MMWA Office

Thursday, Nov 17 @ 9:30 AM

#### MMWA Annual Board Meeting

Andersen Enrichment Center

Monday, Dec 12 @ 9:30 AM

### Thanksgiving means some trash delays, but none for Veterans Day

The upcoming Veterans Day holiday on Friday, Nov. 11 does NOT impact refuse collection for any of MMWA's member communities. Residents should put their materials to the curb on their regular collection day, as Waste Management trucks will be on the road and the MMWA office will be open.

However, the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 24, will cause a one-day delay in residential collection of recycling, trash and yard waste for the 19 MMWA member communities whose regular service day falls on the Thanksgiving holiday or the Friday after the holiday.

Residents who normally receive collection services on Thursday or Friday should prepare and set out materials one day later than normal.

The MMWA office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24 and on Friday, Nov. 25. It will reopen at 8:30 am on Monday, Nov. 28.

### Yard waste collection ends last week of Nov

The last week of November marks the end of Mid Michigan Waste Authority's seasonal curbside yard waste collection for 2016. Residents planning a final leaf raking project or yard spruce-up should put their materials to the curb by their last service day in November.

Yard waste services are offered by 14 of Mid Michigan Waste Authority's 35 municipal members: Village of Birch Run, Bridgeport Township, Buena Vista Township, Carrollton Township, Village of Chesaning, James Township, Kochville Township, City of Saginaw, Saginaw Township, Village of St. Charles, Spaulding Township, Thomas Township, Tittabawassee Township and City of Zilwaukee. For communities with Thursday or Friday service days, their last day of yard waste collection will be delayed one day due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

All yard waste materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags or in 35 gallon or smaller garbage cans that have a "Yard Waste" sticker affixed to the front of the can. Twigs must not protrude more than 12" above the container. Individual cans and bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each.

To order yard waste stickers or for more information on yard waste guidelines, contact MMWA at (989) 781-9555.



### MMWA holiday light recycling drive returns Nov 15

After the overwhelming response to Mid Michigan Waste Authority's first ever Holiday Light Recycling Drive last year, MMWA is again teaming up with several community partners to make the upcoming holidays a little greener.

The project kicks off on America Recycles Day – November 15 – just as many people are pulling out their holiday decorations for the season. It runs through January 15, 2017.

Last year, the drive collected more than one ton of unwanted holiday lights, keeping thousands of strings of lights out of the landfill. Four new drop-off sites have been added this year, to make it even more convenient for area residents to participate. All sizes and styles of indoor and outdoor string lights can be donated.

Promotional posters have been mailed to MMWA member community offices. To request additional posters or for more information, contact Carol Somers at [csomers@recyclemotion.org](mailto:csomers@recyclemotion.org) or (989) 781-9555.

In Oct 2016, 12 MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and seven communities had ONE.

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

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