

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



## COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

August 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### All-in-One Drop-off Day

Paint, Electronics & Hazardous Waste

MMWA Office

Thursday, Aug 24 @ 3 PM - 7 PM

## Yard waste: bag it or can it!

MMWA has created a new flyer designed to educate residents on how to properly prepare their yard waste for curbside collection.

All yard waste must be contained in paper lawn and leaf bags or in 35-gallon or smaller cans labeled with a yard waste sticker. Bundles of yard waste and yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

The flyer is attached to this month's **Community Connection** newsletter email. Yard waste season runs through the end of November, so please help MMWA promote these key yard waste guidelines by posting the flyer in your municipal office and other public spaces. Thank you for partnering with us in our public education efforts!

### In July 2017,

eleven MMWA member communities had **ZERO** valid RCLs and nine communities had **ONE**.

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



## Trash (can) tip of the month

MMWA occasionally receives calls from residents who have placed a broken trash can to the curb for disposal, but the container was not collected by the trash driver.

The reason? Drivers are extremely cautious about taking any container that could be used as a trash can, even if it appears to be in unuseable condition. They would rather err on the side of caution and leave the can than dispose of something that is not meant for the trash truck.

When residents want to dispose of cans, barrels or other containers that could be considered a trash receptacle, they should label them with a note that says, "PLEASE TAKE AS TRASH."

## HSW program runs through Sept 2017

Please remind your residents that there are several more opportunities to dispose of their unwanted electronics, paint, and household hazardous waste through MMWA's 2017 special waste drop-off events.

This year's last **TECH TUESDAY** event will be held on Sept 5 from 9 am to 1 pm. What to bring: computers, televisions, printers, laptops, phones, keyboards, scanners, cables & cords, hard drives, mice, tablets, VCRs, DVD players, gaming systems and fax machines

**PAINT WEDNESDAYS** are held from 9 am to 1 pm on Sept 6 and Sept 13. What to bring: latex paint, spray paint, acrylic paint, oil based paint, stain/varnish, and caulk

**ALL-IN-ONE DAYS** will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, Aug 24 and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Sept 23. What to bring: hazardous waste, paint, electronics, prescription and over-the-counter medications, and eyeglasses.

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY** will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, Sept 14. What to bring: paper items only; one banker's box or equivalent per household.

MMWA encourages residents who only have paint or electronics to attend a Paint Wednesday or Tech Tuesday event to dispose of those items. The All-in-One Days are the best option for residents who have different kinds of problem waste.

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