

GREEN SHEET



Virg Bernero, Mayor

Waste Reduction Services Newsletter

The source for recycling, composting, refuse, and bulk item collection information and waste reduction education for Lansing residents.

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An Important Message About Your Service...

As we stated last Fall, beginning with the 2007 yard waste collection season, the City of Lansing will no longer accept leaves, grass clippings and other materials in rigid containers. This is due to a rising number of injuries to the drivers who have to lift up the containers (often too heavy or awkward) to dump them into the truck. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have to make the safety of our workforce a priority.



Yard waste will continue to be picked up in paper yard waste bags. These bags are made from a renewable resource and are fully compostable. Brush and tree trimmings may be tied with string or twine and bundled. Please follow the guidelines outlined on page 4 of this newsletter for proper procedures.

What will I do with my yard waste containers?

As promised, listed below are some suggested uses for rigid containers formerly used to hold yard waste materials:

- Food waste digester that can be buried in backyard – log on to www.lansingrecycles.com or call us for more information
- Pet waste digester that can be buried in backyard – log on to www.lansingrecycles.com or call us for more information
- Freecycle – post the containers on this free on-line yahoo group to see if anyone else would like them. Go to: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/MMFN/ for more details.

In an effort to educate Lansing residents on how to handle some of their yard waste in their own backyards, WRS will hold two FREE backyard composting and grasscycling demonstrations. See details below.

Dates: **Tuesday, April 17 and Tuesday, April 24**
Time: **5-7pm**
Location: **Fenner Nature Center, 2020 Mt. Hope, Lansing**

Description: Master composters will demonstrate techniques for managing yard waste on your own property. The demonstrations are free and open to everyone. Lansing residents will receive 5 free paper yard waste bags if desired.

For a free packet of information about home composting and proper yard waste management, contact us at 483-4400 or recycle@ci.lansing.mi.us.

***A note about your service:** Many residents have asked how the yard waste program is paid for. The yard waste service is included in the annual recycling fee, that portion of the fee is currently \$22.32/year. It's assessed to each single family property owner. The program allows residents to set out an unlimited amount of material between April and November. It is an outstanding value that few other communities offer their residents.

The City of Lansing has been picking up trash in City bags since 1975. The volume based or "Pay As You Throw" program gets people to think about how much trash they generate and encourages recycling and waste reduction.

THE CITY OF LANSING, WASTE REDUCTION SERVICES WANTS TO THANK OUR RETAIL PARTNERS FOR HELPING US SERVE LANSING RESIDENTS!

Blue City Trash Bags Can Be Purchased At The Following Stores: (Stores That Also Sell Bulk Stickers Are Bolded)

Meijer Stores:

- 6200 S. Pennsylvania**
- 1350 W. Lake Lansing, East Lansing**
- 2055 W. Grand River, Okemos
- 5125 W. Saginaw Hwy.**

L&L Food Centers:

- 1615 W. Mt. Hope**
- 5016 S. Martin Luther King**
- 2380 Cedar, Holt**
- 6075 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing
- 3800 W. Saginaw**

Kroger Stores:

- 921 W. Holmes**
- 2495 Cedar, Holt**
- 1550 W. Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing
- Frاندor Shopping Center**
- 6430 W. Saginaw

Quality Dairy Stores:

All City of Lansing locations

- Babe's Party Store, 1024 Lake Lansing
- BallPark Mobil, 600 E. Michigan
- Caravan Food Center, 2305 W. Michigan
- Daily Deals Grocery Outlet, 3630 S. Cedar
- Eric's Market, 838 N. Pennsylvania
- Fox Island Party Store, 5131 N. Grand River



- Genes Quick Stop, 3127 Turner
- Goodrich Shop Rite, 940 Trowbridge, East Lansing
- Gorman's Market, 2800 N. Grand River
- L&M Quick Stop, 1701 W. Willow
- Louie's Party Store, 1931 S. Washington
- Mario's Market, 6200 S. Martin Luther King
- Mor for Less, 16795 South Business 27
- Paro, 2221 E. Kalamazoo
- Quicky Convenience Store, 4820 S. Waverly
- R&K Market, 4013 Aurelius
- Ramerios, 300 N. Grand River
- Saint Ides Village Food Market, 2118 W. Jolly
- Sav-On Market, 736 W. Willow
- Sav-way Food Center, 2317 W. Michigan
- Seven-Eleven, 1975 E. Jolly
- Speedwagon, 1700 S. Washington
- Sunoco Super Stop, 1600 S. Washington
- Sunset Food Mart, 618 E. Kalamazoo
- Toolan's, 918 W. Saginaw
- Vallarta Supermarket, 312 W. Willow
- Village Party Store, 2601 E. Kalamazoo
- Von's Market, 3434 Pleasant Grove
- Washington Foods, 6065 S. Washington
- West Saginaw Party Store, 2823 W. Saginaw
- Westlund's Apple Market, 2301 E. Grand River

**Bags and Stickers also available at Lansing City Treasurer, City Hall
Stickers also available at Operations & Maintenance Division, 601 E. South St.**

What, When, Why and How

Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. All containers must be off the curb by 7 p.m. Bags, bins, or bundles must not exceed 30 lbs. and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash.

Visit us on the Web! www.lansingrecycles.com

WRS Hotline: 517/483-4400 Email: recycle@ci.lansing.mi.us

Weekly Trash Pick Up

Call 483-4400 to get signed up today!

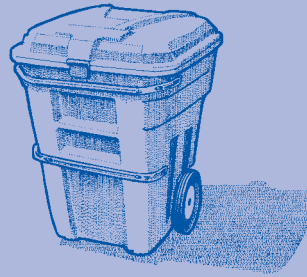
The City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for over 90 years, making us the leader in convenient curbside pickup. You can count on our affordable weekly collections. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

NO Hazardous waste, gasoline, or other explosive materials, and no wet paint, herbicides, pesticides, hot ash or coals. Cardboard can be picked up with trash if flattened and bundled, then placed next to city trash carts or bags. Please double bag animal waste and diapers.



Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores. The cost is \$9.50 for a package of five 30 gallon bags (prices subject to change).



Blue Billy Trash Carts

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors. Select the size of Blue Billy cart which suits your needs: Billed quarterly, pre-paid service

32-gal. cart= \$38.43 for 3 months

65-gal. cart= \$44.00 for 3 months

95-gal. cart= \$50.00 for 3 months

(allowed up to 3 extra bags on side of 95 gallon cart)

Prices are subject to change

Front door pickup is available. Please call 483-4400 for details.

Payment options:

Pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover by calling 483-4400

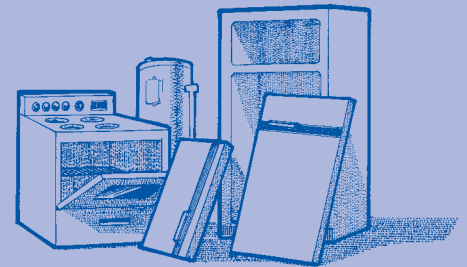
Send checks or money orders to: City of Lansing, WRS, 601 E. South Street, Lansing, MI 48910, or,

Pay in person at: 601 E. South Street (NO cash accepted)

A drop box is available for after hours payments

(see map on back page for directions)

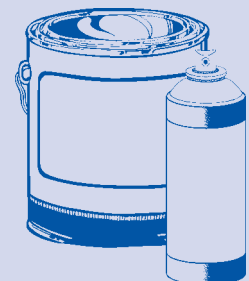
Choose either Blue Billy Trash Cart or Blue City Trash Bags. See details below.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 lbs. and longer than 4 feet such as appliances or furniture, require bulk collection sticker. Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (prices subject to change). Call the WRS Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Each individual item must be tagged. NOTE: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints. Collections will be held every Thursday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., beginning April 5 and running through the end of September. Please call 887-4312 for more information.



What, When, Why and How

Recyclables: Curbside & Drop-Off

CURBSIDE

Glass

Clear and brown food jars and beverage bottles. Rinse clean and remove lids. (Put lids with cans). No drinking glasses, Pyrex, window panes, dishes, or light bulbs.



Metal

Steel (tin) cans and aluminum cans, trays, and clean foil. Rinse clean. Remove top and bottom if possible. **PLEASE FLATTEN.** No Gasoline, aerosol or paint cans, wire, or scrap metal.



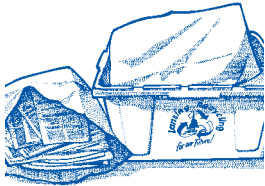
Plastic Bottles and Jugs

HDPE #2 or PET #1 stamped on bottom. Only bottles or jugs with threaded neck. HDPE #2 must have a seam on the bottom and sides. Clear and green PET #1 containers only. Rinse clean, remove and discard cap. Please flatten. No used motor oil jugs, wide mouth containers, food tubs (butter, sour cream, cottage cheese, etc.), plastic bags or #7/compatible with #2. Clear and green transparent bottles only.



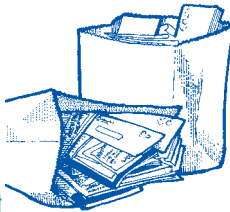
Newspaper (Including Inserts)

Place in brown paper grocery bag or stack and bundle with string or twine. Place newspapers beside or inside green bins. **Please place mixed papers and junk mail in separate paper bag.**



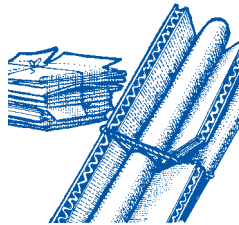
Magazines, Mixed paper & Junk Mail

Includes almost anything that comes inside a mailbox, such as junk mail, flyers, plain or windowed envelopes, office paper, letterhead, magazines, catalogs, colored paper, stationery and shredded paper. Must be in brown paper grocery bag or bundled with string or twine. No cardboard, boxboard, telephone books or plastic of any kind. **Please place newspapers in separate paper bag.**



Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is a two-layer cardboard with a wavy middle layer. Please break down all boxes before placing in the cardboard collection bin. **Drop-off only! Cardboard will not be recycled if placed curbside. Do not place in green recycling bins.**



Telephone Books

Any type of old phone book accepted. No plastic, catalogs or other books. **Not recycled curbside, Drop-off only!**



Batteries and cell phones recycled in WRS Office, 601 E. South St., 2nd Floor. M-F, 8-4



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YARD WASTE

Yard Clippings (Seasonal Collection)

Place leaves, grass clippings, or garden wastes in paper bags. Do not use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts, rigid containers or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings. Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. NO wire. Paper lawn care bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores.



DROP-OFF

Location: 530 E. South Street at the corner of South and Beech Streets. Follow S. Washington Ave. to South St., which is located just north of the railroad tracks. (*South St. runs UNDER the Cedar St. viaduct.*) **Hours:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Magazines, Mixed paper & Junk Mail

Includes almost anything that comes inside a mail-box, such as: junk mail, flyers, envelopes (windows okay), office paper, letterhead, magazines, catalogs, colored paper, stationery and shredded paper.



Athletic Shoes

Athletic shoes only (all brands accepted). No metal, cleats or spikes. No dress shoes, sandals, boots or other types of shoes will be accepted. As part of Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program, this is an on-going collection with many drop-off locations throughout the tri-county area. Call 483-4400 or visit www.lansingrecycles.com to find other sites near you.



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Holidays and Important Dates to Remember

Collection for city observed holidays and the rest of the week following the holiday will be delayed by one day. Friday collections will take place on Saturday. For more information, call the Waste Reduction Services Hotline at 483-4400.

March

- 15-18 Home & Garden Show at the MSU Pavilion. Bring in old books, athletic shoes, phone books, batteries and cell phones for recycling. Visit our booth for recycling and composting information.
- 31 Book Recycling Event Collection. See details on page 6.

April

- 2 Seasonal yard waste collection begins.
- 6 Good Friday. Office closed. Friday collections will be delayed until Saturday.
- 17 Backyard composting and grasscycling demonstration. See details on front page.
- 21 Computer & Electronics Recycling event. See details on page 6.
Earth Day
- 24 Backyard composting and grasscycling demonstration. See details on front page.

May

- 2-30 Master Composter Class. See details on page 7
- 28 Memorial Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 28th will be delayed by one day.

June

Normal Service Schedule

July

- 4 Independence Day. Office closed. Collections the rest of the week will be delayed by one day.
- 9-15 Common Ground Music Festival. Visit our booth for recycling information and free giveaways!

August

Normal Service Schedule

September

- 3 Labor Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 3rd will be delayed by one day.

The seasonal yard waste collection will begin the week of April 2, 2007

Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP)

Do you go out of your way to recycle? Does your office have a successful recycling program? Are you a part of a group that has an outstanding recycling program? Nominate yourself or someone else for a Waste Reduction Award! Applications are available now. Call 483-4400 or get one online by visiting www.lansingrecycles.com, then click on "WRAP" on the bottom left side of the page.



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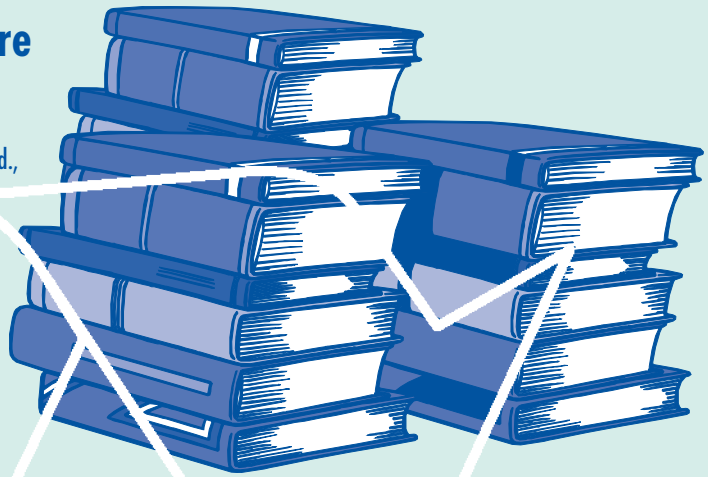
Howard Jones, a longtime community activist and former Lansing City councilman died on November 13, 2006 at 88. Howard worked hard to get Lansing's curbside recycling program started and over the years, had provided valuable input and thoughtful ideas about how to make the program better. We are truly grateful for Howard's efforts.

Special Recycling Collections

Clean Up, Clear Out and Recycle!

Free Recycling Event for Books & More

Date: Saturday, March 31, 2007
Time: 8am -12noon
Location: East Lansing Department of Public Works, 1800 E. State Rd., East Lansing, MI
Items accepted: Hard cover and soft cover books, magazines, telephone books, boxboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.)



Special Recycling Collection for Computers & Electronics

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2007
Time: 8 am -12 pm
Location: Lansing Recycling Transfer Station, 530 E. South St. (South Street runs UNDER the Cedar Street viaduct. See map on back page)

Material and Fee List:

Telephones, cell phones, laptops and small items such as coffee makers, vacuum cleaners and toasters = No Charge

Stereo w/speakers = \$4.00

Stereo w/o speakers = \$2.00

PC computer w/ keyboard & mouse = \$5.00

Console TV's = \$15.00

Non-console TV's = \$8.00

Large Projection TV's = \$20.00

Microwave Ovens = \$8.00

VCR's, printers, scanners = \$2.00

Personal copy machines = \$5.00

Large copy machines = \$40.00

Monitors <19" = \$5.00

Residents are responsible for removing data from hard drives and other media storage devices



Ingham County Health Department Offers FREE Mercury Thermometer Exchange Program

Ingham County residents can exchange a mercury thermometer for an oral digital thermometer—FREE!

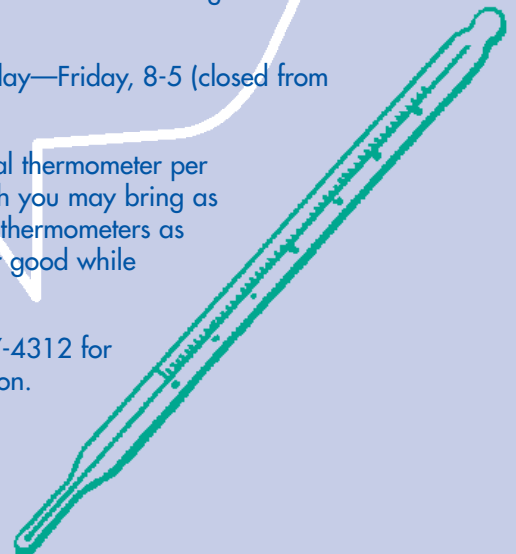
Mercury thermometers MUST be double bagged. Place the thermometer in a ziplock bag, then place that in another ziplock bag. Thermometers not bagged properly will not be accepted.

Bring your bagged thermometer to the Bureau of Environmental Health, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (Door #3, second floor. Follow signs to Environmental Health)

Hours: Monday—Friday, 8-5 (closed from 12-1 p.m.)

Only one digital thermometer per family, although you may bring as many mercury thermometers as you like. Offer good while supplies last.

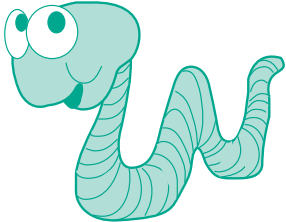
Please call 887-4312 for more information.



Education Update:

The City of Lansing, along with non-profit group, Urban Options, has been providing composting education programs to the Lansing School District for the last 10 years.

In addition to classroom presentations, we are also working with select schools to compost cafeteria food waste. These schools have large outdoor worm bins in their courtyards. Students collect leftover fruits, veggies, bread and other food waste after lunch and feed it to the worms. The finished compost is rich in nutrients and provides a valuable fertilizer for the schools to use in their garden areas.



The programs provide a unique and wonderful educational opportunity for the students, teachers and staff.

Pictured here are students from Woodcreek Elementary School and their teacher Diane Graham feeding the worms.



Where Do I recycle...?

Below are some Lansing area drop off sites for materials not accepted curbside.

Boxboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc.)

Charlotte Area Recycling Authority
201 Hall St., Charlotte. Call 517/541-0151 for hours.
Special Recycling Collection on March 31st. See page 6 for details.

Scrap Metal

Friedland Industries, corner of Maple and Center St., Lansing
Padnos Iron & Metal, 1900 W. Willow, Lansing

Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam)

Dart Container, 3120 W. Howell Rd., Mason

Cell Phones & Household Batteries:

WRS Office, 601 E. South St., Lansing
United States Post Office, 4800 Collins Rd., Lansing

Computers:

Local Goodwill stores.

Visit www.reconnectpartnership.com for more information.

Special Recycling Collection on April 21st. See page 6 for details.

Master Composter Class

The City of Lansing is once again teaming up with Ingham County MSU Extension to offer residents the opportunity to become a Master Composter. The Master Composter Training is an excellent way to improve your composting knowledge. The program will cover the decomposition process, composting containers and methods, a nutrient analysis of the compost pile and more.

Location: **Fenner Nature Center, 2020 Mt. Hope**

Dates: **Wednesdays in May, 5/2-5/30**

Time: **6-8 p.m.**

Cost: **\$15.00**

To register: Call the Ingham County MSU Extension Office at 676-7207. Class size is limited to the first 50 people to register.





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517/483-4400**

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To Our Friends At:

**A Reminder: Recycle Your
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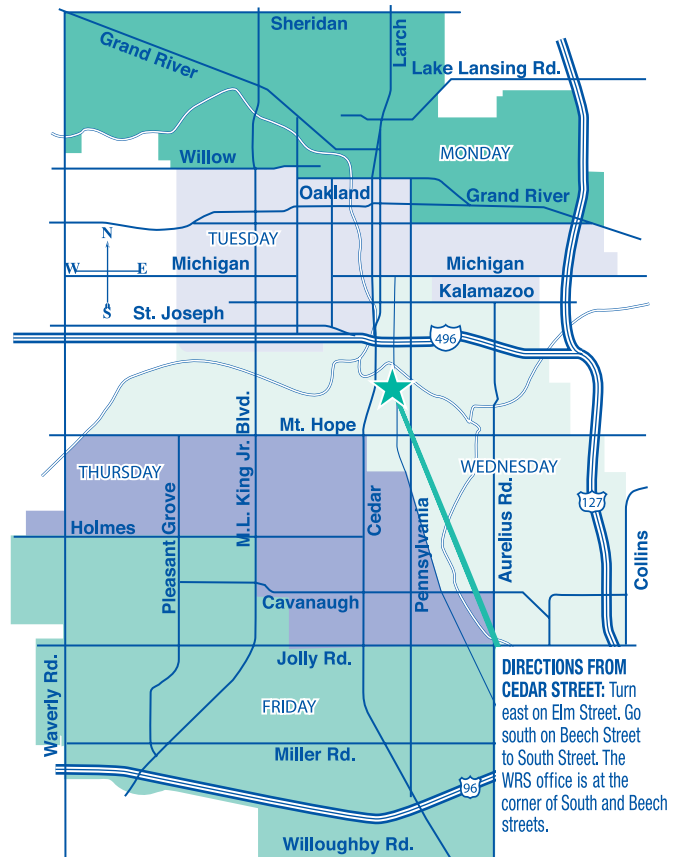
Over the last year, marketers sent more than 114 billion pieces of direct mail, including catalogs, credit card solicitations and coupons. This is an increase of roughly 15 percent from five years ago, according to the U.S. Postal Service. In the last year, for the first time, the volume of bulk mail, which is all direct mail, exceeded first class.



Lansing residents **DO NOT** have to throw away their junk mail. Please place junk mail, along with magazines, catalogs, office paper, envelopes, stationery and other papers in a paper grocery bag and place it on top of or next to your green recycling bin. (Please place newspapers in separate paper bag)

Please recycle this newsletter with mixed paper!

CITY COLLECTION DAYS



DIRECTIONS FROM CEDAR STREET: Turn east on Elm Street. Go south on Beech Street to South Street. The WRS office is at the corner of South and Beech streets.

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