

VIEW FROM THE CURB

THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO'S GUIDE TO WASTE & RECYCLING



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FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Public Services staff are geared up for the **leaf collection program** that will begin on November 2, 2020 and run through December 11, 2020. During this time each household will have two pickups, one near the beginning and one near the end of the program.

Residents can place any volume of leaves, sticks smaller than 4' in length and 2" in diameter, grass clippings or other organic debris out for pick up as part of this program. We ask that residents push the organic material to the curb lawn where it will be picked up by City crews.

Please avoid placing leaves near mailboxes, utility poles, landscaped areas, or over or directly adjacent to storm sewer drains.

Leaves must be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of the week designated for your area. You can find a collection map and schedule on page 5. Please do not report missed collections until the crews have made a complete sweep through your section. This best utilizes crew's time and efforts and ensures the most productivity.

This program is dependent on the weather, and the schedule may vary depending on snow, when leaves fall, and other considerations. Snow and freezing weather can make it difficult or impossible to collect leaves and this can cause program delays. Depending on these factors, the second pickup may not occur for some or all areas. Should this happen, residents can store leaves until April 2021 when they can be collected during the April Spring Clean Up. Leaves can also be taken to private drop off sites who charge a fee for this service. Please see the fold-out section for private drop-off locations.

There will be no pick-ups on Wednesday, November 11th; Thursday, November 26th; and Friday, November 27th.

Mapping Natural Features for Protection

Community members are encouraged to comment on the refined Natural Features Protection (NFP) Overlay Map through **September 18**. Visit imaginekalamazoo.com to review the draft map and share your input or call (269) 226-6524 to leave a message. The draft map is also available for review and comment in the lobby of the Community Planning and Economic Development offices (245 N Rose Street, Ste 100) and at City Hall (241 W South St) during open hours. All public feedback will be reviewed by the NFP Review Board and considered for inclusion in the final map recommendation for adoption by the City Commission.



KNOW IT BEFORE YOU THROW IT.

The Recycling Raccoon Squad is here to help Michigan reclaim its title as the greatest recycling state in the country. These rules for **curbside recyclers** will help you up your game, but take **note** – the rules in every town are a little bit different. Check with your local recycler to be sure you know it before you throw it.



✓ YES

METAL

- Tin, steel and aluminum cans and lids
- Clean aluminum foil

→ TO DO

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

✗ NO

- Wire hangers
- Scrap metal
- Screws and nails
- Needles and syringes



PAPER

- Paper with staples/clips
- Magazines and newspapers
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Wrapping paper without glitter or foil

- Paper should be clean
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains

- Used paper towels, tissues or napkins
- Cash register receipts



GLASS

- Clear glass food jars are accepted (e.g., pasta sauce, pickles, etc.)

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

- Glass used for cooking – like Pyrex
- Lightbulbs



PLASTIC

- Plastic pop, water and other drink bottles
- Plastic food and household bottles/jars (e.g., ketchup, laundry detergent, shampoo, cleaning products, etc.)
- Plastic tubs and lids (e.g., yogurt, margarine, etc.)
- Plastics labeled #1 - #7

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on
- Drop off non-curbside-recyclable plastic bags and wraps at local retail stores (Walmart or Meijer)



CARDBOARD

- Nonrefrigerated paperboard or boxboard (e.g., tissue boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)

- Flatten cardboard
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains
- Tape, staples and labels are OK

SQUAD TIP:

If it doesn't go in the refrigerator or freezer, it is recyclable curbside even if it seems shiny.



OTHER

SQUAD TIP:

Check with your local recycler for drop-off locations or events for items not recyclable curbside (e.g., batteries, clothes, electronics, hazardous materials, etc.).

SQUAD TIP:

Use this website to find a convenient drop-off location: michigan.gov/recyclingdirectory

- Rope, twine, hoses and wire
- Items with food residue
- Batteries: Drop-off locations and mail-in opportunities are available

See your local household hazardous waste

LEARN MORE AT

RecyclingRaccoons.org



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RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

Collection Day

Your recyclables should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Do not set them out sooner than the day before collection. Remove your recycling carts from the curblawn no later than 11:00 p.m. on the day of your collection. Missed collections must be reported by calling 311, emailing recycle@kalamazoocity.org or via the Recycle Coach App within 48 hours.

No recycling cart? No problem!

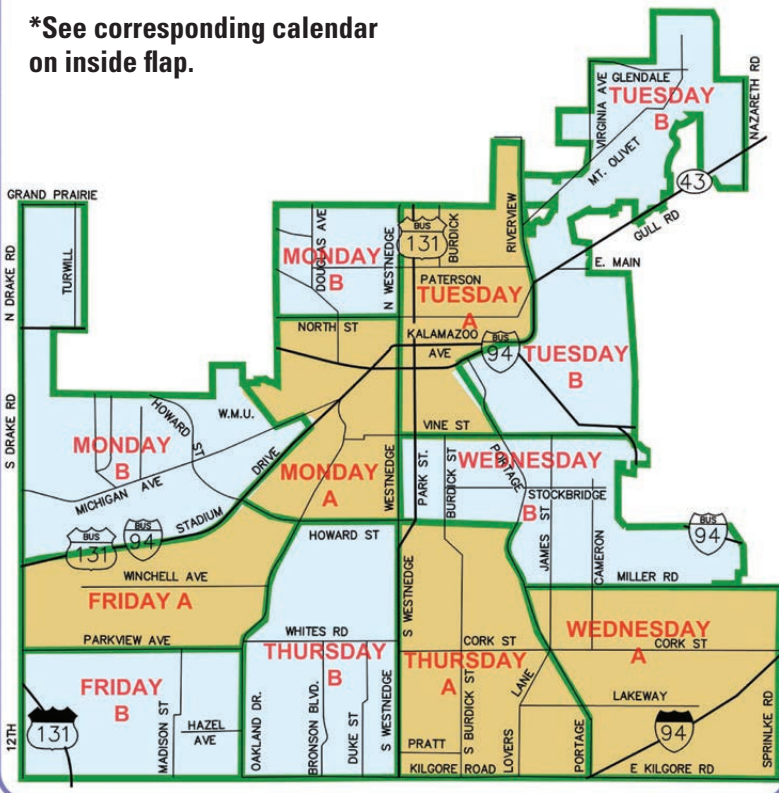
If you do not have a recycling cart, please call 311, email recycle@kalamazoocity.org or request via the Recycle Coach App and we will arrange for one to be delivered.

Multi-Unit Recycling

Kalamazoo offers a multi-unit recycling program for the managers, owners and occupants of residential properties with five or more units. The program offers a variety of container sizes, with collections ranging from weekly to monthly depending on the volume of materials recycled. Multi-unit recycling collects the same materials as the curbside program and offers 24-hour access to residents. If you are not currently participating in the City's recycling program, call 311 to start today!

BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

*See corresponding calendar on inside flap.



Visit: kalcounty.com/hhw

Call: 373-5211 | Email: hhwcenter@kalcounty.com

For detailed materials accepted and FREE recycling participation areas.

HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)

1301 Lamont Ave. - Next to Fairgrounds

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services is committed to providing equitable, culturally competent care to all individuals served, regardless of race, age, sex, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

DON'T LEAVE WASTE IN A PUBLIC SPACE!

Follow the rules and use appropriate services when disposing of waste and recycling!



FREE DISPOSAL



at Police Stations in Kalamazoo County

MEDICATION DISPOSAL KALAMAZOO • FAST—FREE—SECURE
VISIT redmedboxes.com FOR LOCATIONS & HOURS

BULK TRASH/ BRUSH COLLECTION

QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Bulk trash pick-up will take place during the months of March, June, September and December.

Place items intended for pick-up at or near the curb no earlier than 7:00 a.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of your scheduled pick-up.

All items not picked-up, for any reason, must be removed from the curbside within two days following the completion of the regularly scheduled pick-up for the area.

If items are placed at the curbside too soon, or left out on the curbside on days other than those allowed for quarterly bulk trash or monthly brush collection (May-October), the City will take immediate enforcement action (without notice) and bill the clean-up cost to the property owner.

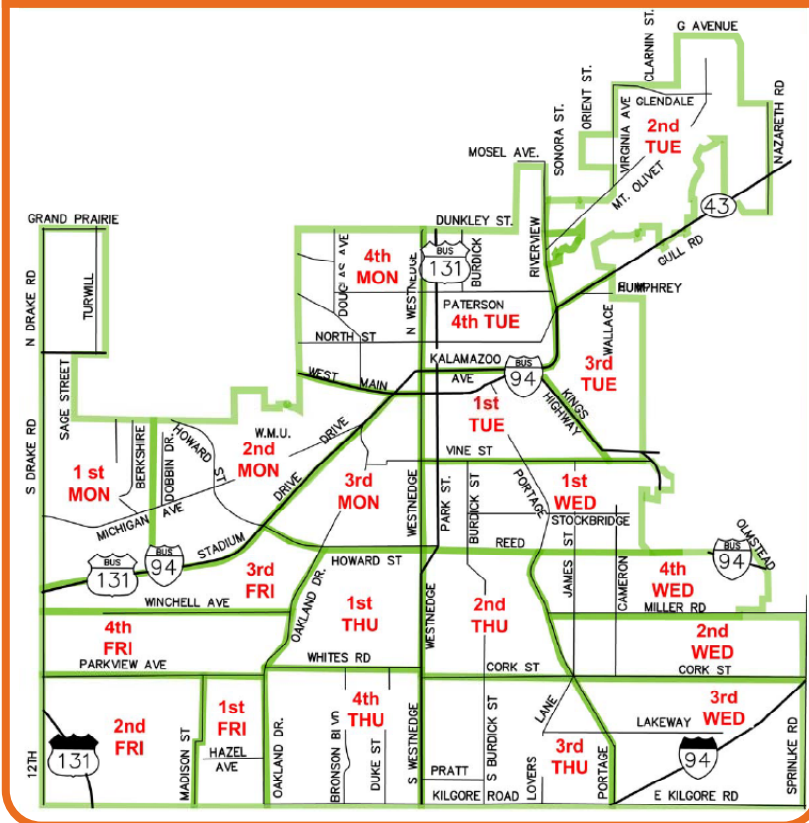
To report a missed bulk trash collection call 311 within 48 hours of the scheduled pick-up, or report via the Recycle Coach App.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Up to 7.5 cubic yards per month of bulk trash material, (large household items that will NOT fit in your regular household trash, for example: mattresses, couch, dresser, table, chairs, lamps, etc.) will be accepted from each residential property during the months of March, June, September and December. Items must be neatly stacked in the curb-lawn no later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of pick-up.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Due to potential health risks, items placed in black plastic bags will not be accepted. Bulk items must be placed in open boxes or clear plastic bags. More than 7.5 cubic yards of household junk and debris, garbage, human waste, yard waste, dead animals, tires, large auto parts, rocks, sand, glass, concrete, remodeling/renovation materials, or loose piles of junk that could fit in with regular household trash will **NOT** be taken.

QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE (MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER)

APRIL SPRING CLEAN UP MAY-OCTOBER BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



For more information, please visit kalamazoocity.org



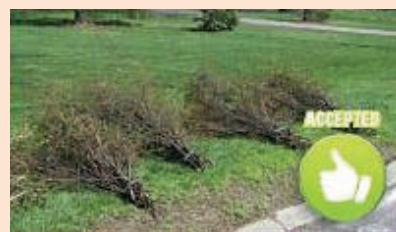
2020 Brush Collection Ends in October

Brush pick-up for 2020 will end in October on the scheduled pick-up day for your street. Find your pick-up day on the collection schedule map above. Use the guidelines shown when putting brush out for collection. Branches, twigs and other tree trimmings can be no longer than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter. All branches, twigs and tree trimmings must be securely tied in a bundle with strong rope or twine (no wire), in open boxes or biodegradable bags (no plastic bags). Keep brush separate from bulk and regular household trash.

Each bundle can be no wider than an arm's length and no heavier than 50 pounds. A maximum of 7.5 cubic yards will be collected May-October. Loose piles of limbs, branches and tree trimmings will not be collected! No leaves, dirt, soil, rocks, stones, bricks, concrete, sod, mulch or construction or demolition debris of any type will be collected.

If you have questions about brush collection, or if you want to report a missed pick-up, please call **311**, email recycle@kalamazoo.org or download the Recycle Coach App.

Missed collections must be reported within 48 hours.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Avoid Costly Fines and Enforcement Action

Help keep our City clean and inviting! Your neighbors and fellow residents will appreciate it, City staff can focus their energy on other projects and programs, and you can avoid fines or other enforcement. Remove unsightly trash, litter and garbage from your property, and make sure you maintain and store your garbage containers properly and place them out at the appropriate times.



Curblawn Nuisances — Furniture, trash, brush or any other unsightly material that is placed in the curblawn within the public right-of-way, outside the time frame allowed for quarterly collection, is considered a public nuisance and subject to immediate corrective action by the City without notice. The clean-up cost is billed to the property owner on record. If you are tired of looking at an unsightly mess on a curblawn in your neighborhood, please report the violation by calling the nuisance enforcement hotline at **(269) 337-8221**.

Porch Violations — Open porches and decks are not permitted to be used as storage areas. Furniture constructed for interior use is not allowed to be stored or used outside or on open porches (this includes open covered porches). Properties in violation are subject to a violation notice, including a **\$77** fine. If the violation is not corrected, further enforcement action (with additional costs) may be taken until remedied. Call **(269) 337-8221** to report illegal outdoor storage and/or porch violations.

Tall Grass/Weeds Enforcement — Weeds and grasses that have grown to a height of 12 inches or more, as well as noxious weeds of any height (poison ivy, oak, etc.) are considered a public nuisance. Properties found in violation will receive a correction notice, which is accompanied by an escalating fee. The first notice of the season is **\$127**, the second **\$177**, the third **\$227**, and fourth and subsequent notices are **\$277** each. This increase was approved by the City Commission to highly motivate property owners to maintain their own properties. After the notice is received, if the property owner does not correct the violation, the city will send the mowing contractor, which will be accompanied by another charge for that service. To report weed and tall grass violations, please call the 24-hour hotline at **(269) 337-8847** and provide the address of the property (or some other description of the location) that will help the inspector find the violation.

Trash on Private Property — Property owners who leave trash on their property may receive a nuisance violation notice from the City, which includes a **\$77** fine. The owner has ten days from the date of the notice to take corrective

action to remove the trash, junk or debris. If the nuisance is not removed from the property within ten days, the City will take corrective action, dispatch a contractor to remove the nuisance, and bill the additional expense for removal to the property owner. Please call **(269) 337-8221** to report trash violations.

Garbage Container Storage — Garbage containers must be stored on private property no closer to the street right-of-way than the nearest vertical roof-supporting member of the main structure on the property (generally the front of the house). The lid or cover must be kept closed to ensure a tight seal on the container. Containers that are improperly located, have their lids open or have garbage spilling out, may be subject (without notice) to immediate corrective action by the City, with the cost of that action being billed to the property owner.

Garbage Container Placement at the Curb — Garbage containers may be placed on the curblawn, or street side if there is no curb, no sooner than 8:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled collection day; and the garbage container must be removed from the public right-of-way no later than 11:00 p.m. on the collection day. Garbage containers placed out too early, left out, or stored improperly past 11:00 p.m. on the scheduled collection day, may be subject to immediate corrective action and will result in a cost recovery fee.

ARE YOU RENTING?

Did you know that all rentals in the City of Kalamazoo must be registered and certified? It is the responsibility of the property owner to register the property with the Community Planning and Economic Development department and schedule periodic inspections to receive a Certificate of Compliance. It is a tenant's responsibility to help maintain good housing conditions and immediately report any problems to the landlord. You can check if the property where you live is registered online at **www.kalamazoocity.org/rental** (look for Rental Database Search) or by calling **(269) 337-8026**. If you find that it is not registered, email **kzoorentalprogram@kalamazoocity.org** or call **(269) 337-8026**.

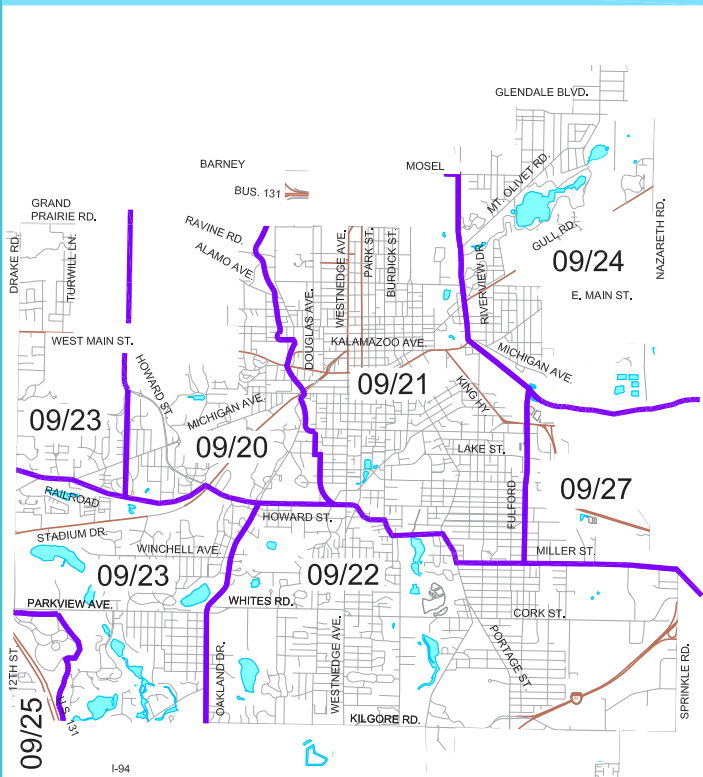
SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The 2020 Fall Hydrant Flushing Program will begin Sunday, September 20, 2020. Daytime flushing is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and evening flushing from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Flushing does not affect the safety of the water supply. However, tap water may appear cloudy or discolored immediately after flushing. The City Public Services Department recommends residents run cold water in a utility sink or tub until it runs clear again. See below for the fall schedule.



Fall 2020 - Water System Flushing Schedule



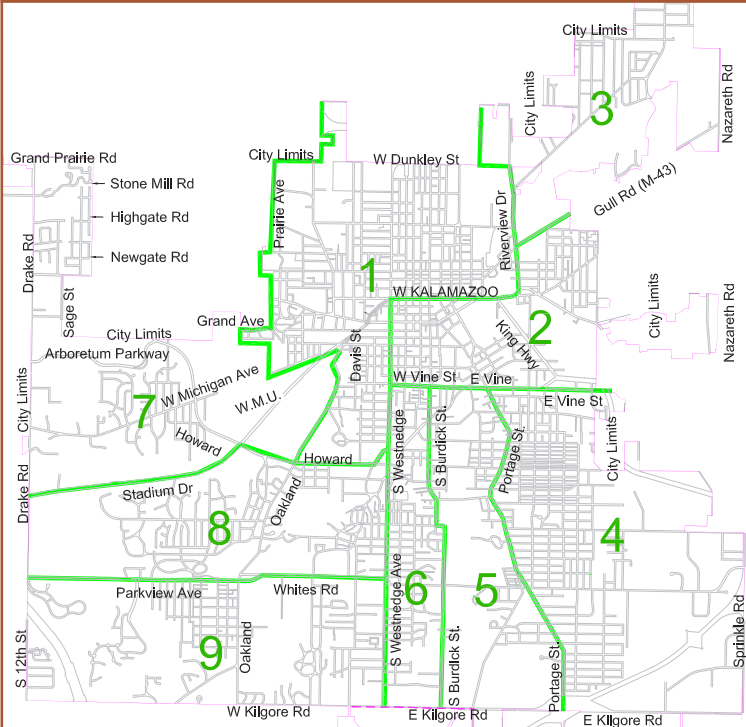
September 20 - 29, 2020

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

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2020 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Section	1st Pick-Up	Section	2nd Pick-Up
1, 4, 7	Nov. 2 - 6	1, 4, 7	Nov. 23 - 25
2, 5, 8	Nov. 9 - 13	2, 5, 8	Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
3, 6, 9	Nov. 16 - 20	3, 6, 9	Dec. 7 - 11

*Please note no pick-up on Nov. 11 or Nov. 26 - 27

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

SIDEWALKS

The City of Kalamazoo has changed the sidewalk snow removal ordinance. The new ordinance requires the owner or occupant of a property to clear snow from the sidewalk adjacent, abutting or adjoining their residence within 48 hours of its accumulation. The occupant or owner will also be responsible for applying sand, salt, sawdust or similar material to prevent it from being slippery within 12 hours of its accumulation. Any person in violation of the ordinance will be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense and \$200 for a third offense within a six month period. For more information regarding this ordinance please visit the City's website at: <https://ecode360.com/9697614>

Help Us Keep Our Sidewalks Usable for Everyone!

When sidewalks aren't cleared, it can make it hard for some of our neighbors to get to where they need to go. As property owners or occupants it is our duty to make sure that we keep the sidewalks in front of our property clear of debris and snow. It's also important that we keep our lawn and curb lawn mowed so that grass doesn't grow over onto the sidewalk.



CURB LAWN MOWED



SIDEWALKS CLEARED
OF DEBRIS



SIDEWALKS CLEARED
OF SNOW



EVERYONE CAN USE!

With sidewalks clear and lawns mowed, our neighbors can easily get to the places they need to go. Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks usable for everyone!

For detailed sidewalk maintenance requirements and enforcement information, refer to the [City of Kalamazoo's Code of Ordinances](#), sections 33-17 and 33-18.

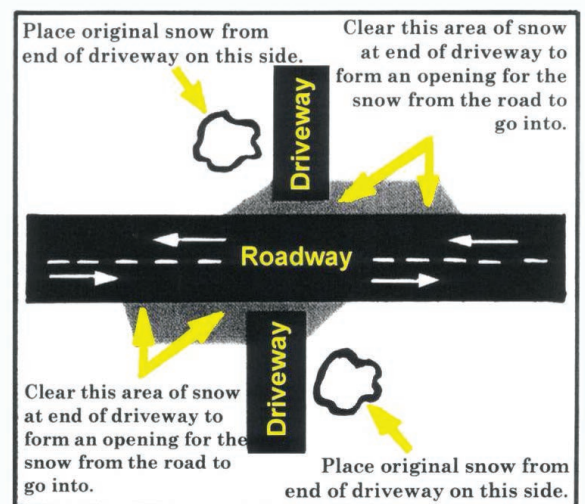
STREETS

Public Services personnel plow streets in sequence of major streets, local streets, dead ends, alleys and cul-de-sacs. City of Kalamazoo staff make every effort to have major streets cleared within 24 hours, locals, dead-ends, alleys and cul-de-sacs within 48 hours of a snow fall. If your street has not been plowed and it is within the time frame for your street you can report it by calling 311.

Please note the City will not take reports of misses before the 24/48 hour timeframe.

City of Kalamazoo's first priority is to have public streets cleared of snow so motoring traffic can safely travel on City streets. Vehicles parked on City streets impact snow removal activities. Please be attentive to parking restrictions in place for your area. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

During plowing activities driveways that have already been shoveled may become filled back in with snow. Please see the diagram to the right on shoveling your drive in a fashion that will help property owners avoid substantial additional work once plows have gone through.



Is there anything we can help you with?

If you're within the City limits, call 3-1-1 for all city non-emergency services.

If you're not in the city, call 337-8000.

One call to City Hall!

Call

3-1-1

**or 337-8000 for
all non-emergency
city services**



Streetlights

Consumers Energy - (800) 477-5050 or visit them online at consumersenergy.com

Private Pick-up Services

Several local waste haulers offer yard waste collection for a fee:

Republic Waste Services - (269) 373-4070

Best Way Disposal - (269) 388-3300

Waste Management - (800) 796-9696

Private Drop-off Sites

The following companies accept yard waste for a fee:

Best Way Transfer Station - (269) 388-3300, 2606 Miller Rd

Kalamazoo Landscape Supply - (269) 375-8000, 5111 S 9th St

Mulder's Landscape Supplies - (269) 345-6900, 3333 Ravine Rd



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City of Kalamazoo

2020/2021 Recycling - A & B week pick-up schedule
with other curbside programs noted

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February 2021						
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March 2021						
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April 2021						
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June 2021						
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July 2021						
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August 2021						
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Please note: If your pick-up day falls within the week of, and on or after a major holiday as listed, your service will be provided one day later.

Sept. 7th - Labor Day
Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving
Dec. 25th - Christmas
Jan. 1st 2021 - New Years Day
May 31st 2021 - Memorial Day

Recycling Collection Key
*see Recycling map for collection day/week

Orange Highlighted weeks are A week

Light Blue Highlighted weeks are B week

Dark Blue Highlighted are Holidays

Other Curbside Collections Key
*see Month-Route map for the collection day

Bulk trash program occurs

Brush program occurs

Both Bulk & Brush occur

April (Outdoor) Spring Clean Up

* maps can be found either in the View from the Curb booklet or find the program at Kalamazoo.org

MY QUARTERLY BULK TRASH DAY IS:

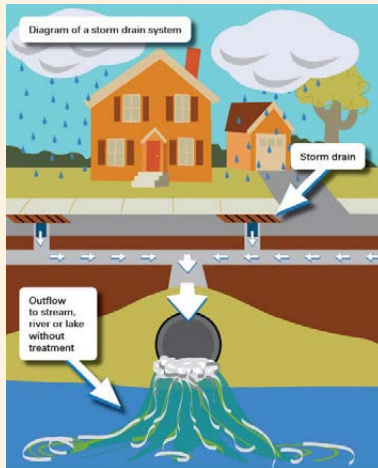
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Environmental Concerns Committee

If you are a resident of the City of Kalamazoo and have an interest in environmental issues, you are invited to become a member of the City of Kalamazoo Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). The ECC meets once a month and monitors significant environmental trends affecting the City of Kalamazoo regarding environmental matters. The Committee also serves as a citizen's forum for environmental issues, such as the State of Michigan law that bans the general sale and use of phosphorus-containing fertilizers on residential or commercial lawns (unless it meets an exemption). For more information on this issue, visit www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer.

ECC membership applications can be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at 311 or by emailing cokcityclerk@kalamazoocity.org. Applications can be obtained from the City of Kalamazoo website. Visit www.kalamazoocity.org and click on the 'Boards and Commissions' link under the Department's tab on the right side of the homepage.



Kalamazoo's Stormwater Management Program

Do your part to keep our lakes and streams clean!

Did you know that most storm drains in City streets flow directly to local water bodies without treatment? Storm water is discharged through a system of pipes, which eventually flow to Portage Creek, the Kalamazoo River, Woods Lake, and other local streams and lakes. If we're not careful, stormwater can pick up dirt, oil, fertilizer and lawn chemicals, which can pollute our waterways.

Actions you take on your property can help or hurt our water resources. The City needs all residents to do their part to keep our water clean.

To learn more, please visit the City's website, **ProtectYourWater.net** for easy tips to protect the stormwater by preventing pollution BEFORE it gets to the creek, and by protecting the groundwater BEFORE it impacts our drinking water supply.

By selecting the "Stormwater" tab, then choosing "Stormwater Management", you will find a copy of the collaborative Stormwater Management Plan, which the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Valley Community College are jointly implementing. The ProtectYourWater.net website includes a comment tab with a form which

allows local residents the opportunity to provide input which will be considered in future plan revisions. The City invites you to review this plan and provide comments. Then, please join us in protecting our water resources!

Please remember: ***What gets to the Street, gets to the Creek!***

Feedback Give us your thoughts, ideas, questions, or concerns on solid waste, recycling, or code enforcement issues.

Hours – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone – 311 | **Fax** – (269) 337-8533

Email – burlinghamw@kalamazoocity.org

SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER: IMPORTANT WASTE/RECYCLING INFORMATION ENCLOSED!