

# Landfill-Banned Residential Refuse Materials

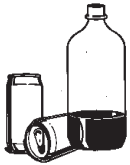
Under a Michigan solid waste law implemented November 2004, a number of residential waste items may no longer be disposed of in landfills. Garbage haulers are prohibited from picking these items up as trash, and face stiff fines if they dump loads with these materials in the landfill.

To help residents properly dispose of these banned items, the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) prepared this information guide. Detailed information on these and many other solid waste and recycling issues is included in MMWA's **Loop Guide**. Contact MMWA to request a copy at 989-781-9555.

## Beverage Containers\*

The landfill ban covers beverage containers up to and including 1 gallon size that hold any of the following:

- X soft drink
- X soda water
- X carbonated waters
- X nonalcoholic carbonated drink
- X beer and ale
- X all malt beverages
- X mixed wine drink
- X mixed spirit drink



To properly handle these containers, return them for the \$0.10 deposit, if applicable, or recycle through your curbside recycling program. Do not place them in your garbage.

\* This ban does not apply to green glass containers before June 1, 2007; please place green glass in recycling bin.

## Yard Waste

Yard waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery and brush. Tree trimmings, less than 4 feet long and 2 inches in diameter, are also included.

Use yard clippings as mulch or practice backyard composting if possible. If your community offers yard waste service, make sure to follow the preparation rules correctly when placing yard waste materials curbside for pick-up.

## Automotive Products

### Used Motor Oil

In the Saginaw area, many oil change locations will accept used oil from residents. Look in the Yellow Pages and call an oil change business in your area to ask if they accept this material. Used motor oil may also be dropped-off at the two recycling facilities in Saginaw.



### Motor Vehicle Tires

Whole tires cannot be set out under the regular residential refuse program. By law, in order to be collected for landfill disposal, tires must be cut into pieces and bagged or set at the curb. Limit two cut up tires per household.

Most tire retailers take back old tires for a fee when new tires are purchased. Call your local tire retailer. Also, Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement (989-755-5751) hosts a number of tire collections each year. Residents can bring up to 10 tires: no rims allowed.

Businesses are not included under these programs. For information on business-generated tires, visit [www.michigan.gov/deq/waste](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/waste), "scrap tires."

### Lead-Acid Batteries

Turn in old lead acid batteries when purchasing a new battery. Businesses that sell lead acid batteries are required by law to accept used batteries for recycling. These batteries can also be brought to a MMWA Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event, at no charge, for recycling. Call MMWA for details.



## Medical Waste

Home-generated needles and syringes (sharps), must be packaged and labeled properly in order to be included through the curbside refuse program.

Put sharps in a purchased sharps container, an empty coffee can or an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle. When the container is full, tape the lid down with duct or packing tape. Label the container with the words "MEDICAL WASTE" or "SHARPS CONTAINER".

[www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-eadtas-newsharps.pdf](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-eadtas-newsharps.pdf) has an document on sharps management called "The Point is Needles Hurt". For a list of medical waste disposal services, go to [www.michigan.gov/deq/waste](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/waste) and select "Medical Waste."

## Homeowner Asbestos

Homeowners can legally remove asbestos from their own residences, but specific precautions must be taken and the waste must go to a licensed disposal site. Contact your landfill to find out if they can accept the waste or what special labeling or packaging requirements.

For information about homeowner asbestos removal, visit the MDEQ website at [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/453.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/453.html). For information on asbestos handling regulations, go to [www.michigan.gov/aqd](http://www.michigan.gov/aqd), select the link for "Compliance", then "Asbestos NESHAP Program."

### Reminder:

MMWA's **Loop Guide** contains detailed information on these and many other item disposal issues. Call MMWA at **989-781-9555** to request a copy.

## What is MMWA?

The Mid Michigan Waste Authority is a government entity providing comprehensive residential solid waste services to 32 municipalities in the greater Saginaw area. Please call MMWA with the following:

- X general solid waste questions
- X recycling questions
- X Household Hazardous Waste questions
- X to report a missed pick-up of refuse

MMWA offers a variety of programs, ranging from school education to public awareness campaigns to disposal solutions for problem products. Some of these programs include:

- X 4REE School Education Program
- X Computer Recycling Drop-Off Project
- X Household Hazardous Waste Events
- X Paint ReNew Drop-Off Program

MMWA also offers an interesting array of educational resources which can be borrowed at no charge through these programs:

- X 4R Lending Library
- X E<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>Program
- X Green Goods Kit
- X Trash-to-Treasure Craft Kits



## What's Inside This Guide?

This brochure contains information residents in the MMWA-covered communities, listed on the panel at right, need to know to make sure that no materials banned from landfill disposal are set out in their regular refuse.

Please take a few minutes to read through the information inside to see how you can safely and properly get rid of items that are banned from disposal in Michigan landfills. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact MMWA at 989-781-9555.

### MMWA Member Communities

Albee Township  
Village of Birch Run  
Birch Run Township  
Blumfield Township  
Brady Township  
Village of Breckenridge  
Bridgeport Township  
Buena Vista Township  
Carrollton Township  
Chapin Township  
Village of Chesaning  
Chesaning Township  
City of Frankenmuth  
Frankenmuth Township  
Fremont Township  
James Township  
Jonesfield Township  
Kochville Township  
Lakefield Township  
Maple Grove Township  
Marion Township  
Village of Merrill  
Richland Township  
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Saginaw Township  
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Swan Creek Township  
Thomas Township  
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City of Zilwaukee



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Information on household-generated materials banned from residential garbage and alternative disposal options for those items.

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