



Refuse Reference

This handy guide is intended to ensure that everything you throw away or recycle will be picked up from the terrace. Following these steps will minimize the chances of debris detracting from the beauty of your neighborhood and the city. Thank you for your help.

Collection Places and Times

- **Monday** --- garbage/recyclables/yard waste are picked up north of the River Raisin, North Monroe Street (includes addresses east side of N. Monroe St.) east to East City limits, including Sylvan, Stockton, Stanford, Standish, and Stedman Drives.
- **Tuesday** --- garbage/recyclables/yard waste are picked up north of River Raisin, from N. Monroe St. (includes addresses west side of N. Monroe St.) west to North Telegraph Road (includes addresses on east side of N. Telegraph Rd.).
- **Wednesday** --- garbage/recyclables/yard waste are picked up north and south of River Raisin from N. Telegraph Rd. (includes addresses on west side of N. Telegraph Rd.) west to West City limits, and addresses south of River Raisin from Western Avenue east to Harrison Street (includes west side of Harrison St.).
- **Thursday** --- garbage/recyclables/yard waste are picked up south of River Raisin from Harrison St. (includes east side of Harrison St.) to East City limits.
- Everything to be picked up must be placed on the terrace (grass area near curb) and not in street.
- All items to be picked up **cannot be put out earlier than the day before collection**. All containers **must be removed** from the terrace **by the day after collection**. Collection may start as early as 7:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

Bundles, Containers, and Weights



- There is a three-container limit for garbage pick up. Recyclables and yard waste **do not** count toward three-container limit. Any combination of garbage bags and trash cans can be used within the three-container limit. Three-container limit applies to each rental unit of a rental complex that has no more than three-units. These residents should separate their containers on the terrace several feet from the containers of their rental neighbors.



Recycling Bin

- Approved containers include: Heavy duty plastic trash bags up to 32 gallons and plastic or galvanized metal garbage cans not larger than 32 gallons. Containers bigger than 32 gallons will not be emptied.
- No container or bundle can weigh more than 50 lbs.
- Recycling container and adhesive yard waste labels can be picked up at Department of Public Services (DPS), 222 Jones Avenue.
- Loose items must be bundled and cannot exceed these dimensions: 4' long x 2' diameter, and 50 lbs.

Garbage that Gets to Ride in the Truck

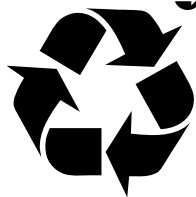


- Following is a partial list of common household items that will be collected: ashes, bicycles, metal/tin cans, cardboard (collapsed and bundled), carpeting (bundled), Christmas trees, clothes/fabric, crates, disposable diapers, food waste, furniture (all types), glass/plastic bottles, microwave ovens, stereo's/TV's, paper, syringes (in puncture-proof container), tools. Larger items do not count toward three container limit. Call Department of Public Services if in doubt about other things.

Garbage that Doesn't Get to Ride in the Truck

- Here are some of the things that will not be picked up: automobile batteries/parts/tires, building materials, computers, leftovers from home improvement projects, herbicides/pesticides, motor oil and other petroleum products, paints, and solvents. Large appliances, like dishwashers, washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, and water heaters, etc. are not included in collection but can be disposed of for a small fee. Call Department of Public Services (241-6800) for an inexpensive and convenient way to have appliances and scrap metal removed.

Recycling



- The City of Monroe encourages participation in its voluntary recycling program. Recyclables are collected same day as garbage. Recycling bins are available at DPS, 222 Jones Avenue. Aluminum/tin/steel, metal cans, newspapers, office paper, magazines, telephone books, clear/colored glass containers, corrugated containers bundled no larger than 2' x 2', and clear/colored plastic containers with #1 or #2 recycling logo. Materials can be mixed in recycling bin.

Yard Waste

- The waste contractor collects grass clippings, leaves, branches, and other yard waste the same day of garbage pick up from about mid March – mid December. Free yard waste bags are available during autumn at its facility at 222 Jones Avenue. Yard waste will be picked up in approved paper bags and 32 gallon plastic or metal cans weighing less than 50 lbs. **No plastic bags.** Put material on terrace and bundle if needed. Mulching is the preferred method to dispose of leaves/grass clippings because it returns nutrients to lawns, flower beds, and gardens. Yard waste does not count toward the three container garbage limit. Putting yard waste into the street is an ordinance violation.

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- Three container limit can be exceeded by purchasing tags from DPS and the Treasurer's Office.
- These holidays will delay collection by one day if they occur Monday - Thursday: January 1, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.
- Storing garbage, furniture, and appliances is not allowed on open front porches and yards. These items can be stored in back yard no longer than eight days.

City Hall: 243 - 0700
Blight Enforcement Officer: 384 - 9185
Building and Zoning Department: 384 - 9186
Department of Public Services: 241 - 6800

Treasurer's Office: 384 - 9140
Waste Management (waste hauler): (800) 796 - 9696 or
(866) 797 - 9018
Monroe Co. Solid Waste Coordinator (recycling):
240 - 7909