

City of Berkley Garbage Rules and Regulations

(248) 658-3490 Website: www.berkleymich.org

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THE CITY PROVIDES FOR **SOLID WASTE PICK-UP ONLY**. LIQUID WASTE IN ANY FORM CANNOT BE PLACED AT THE CURB FOR PICK-UP.

- All garbage must be placed in **20-35-gallon containers** with handles or in plastic garbage bags, and shall **not weigh more than fifty (50) pounds**. Curb carts (toter) with a lift bar in front are acceptable as these are emptied by the truck, not manually.
- Cardboard boxes are not acceptable garbage containers, and will not be picked up. All cardboard should be flattened and placed (not wedged) inside your recycle cart.
- Garbage **stored** more than 24 hours outside must be in a container with a tight-fitting lid.
- **All garbage, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM the day of pick up.**

TREE TRIMMINGS

- **No chipping service is provided.**
- **Residents will have to arrange for private chipping service at their own expense to dispose of brush that does not meet the City's yard waste guidelines.**
- Branches **smaller** than 2" (inches) in diameter should be put out with **YARD WASTE**.
- Branches **larger** than 2" (inches) in diameter should be cut in to lengths of 2 to 4 ½ feet, bundled with twine and placed at the curb on trash collection day. Bundles cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Please set bundles with cut ends at curb.
- Logs, roots (free of dirt), stumps and untreated wood should be placed in paper yard waste bags (50lb. limit) and set out for compost/yard waste pickup.

APPLIANCES & FURNITURE

- Items such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, sofas, mattresses, grills, bikes and other household furniture are picked up on the regular trash day. **DOORS THAT LATCH MUST BE REMOVED.**
- To recycle televisions, radios, cell phones, VCR's, CD players, home computers and other small electrical items they must be taken to S.O.C.R.R.A, 995 Coolidge Hwy., Royal Oak. **No appointment necessary.**

If you see someone other than Tringali removing these items please call Public Safety at 248 658-3380 and report them.

CARPETING

- Carpeting and padding must be cut to three (3') feet in width, rolled, and tied or taped in bundles weighing less than fifty (50) pounds.

WOOD (treated), GUTTERS, AND PIPE

- These items must be cut to three (3') feet in length and tied in bundles weighing less than fifty (50) pounds.
- **All nails must be removed.**

YARD WASTE

- Yard waste tags are required for each bag and for each can needing to get picked up.
- Yard waste tags are \$3.00 or 4 for \$10.00 and can be purchased at City Hall, Public Safety, the Library, or Durst Lumber.
- Yard waste is collected on your garbage day April through mid-December.
- Yard waste is grass, leaves, shrubbery cuttings, vines, rose bushes, roots, stumps and sticks.
- Yard debris must be placed in a paper yard waste bag or can marked "COMPOST" or "YARD WASTE" not weighing more than 50 pounds.
- Mid-December to March 31 paper yard waste bags may be taken to SOCRRA at no charge.

LEAVES

- Leaves **ONLY** may be raked to the curb in neat rows from **November 6th – November 24th ONLY** or put out in paper yard waste bags or identified cans for weekly disposal pickup on your trash day during collection period only.
- **IT IS UNLAWFUL TO RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET ANY OTHER TIME OF YEAR!**

ANIMAL WASTE

- Animal waste must be bagged in plastic bags not put loose in garbage cans. Please double bag or place bags into garbage can.

The City of Berkley DOES NOT pick up the following items:

AUTOMOBILE PARTS

Automobile parts, frames, bodies, should be taken to a scrap metal yard. Automobile batteries should be left at the place of purchase or can be disposed of at many car care facilities.

CONCRETE & BRICKS

The contractor should remove these items. They may also be taken to a concrete crusher.

DIRT, SAND, CONSTRUCTION REFUSE, AND ROOFING

These items are the responsibility of the contractor. They may be taken to SOCRRA for a fee (248) 288-5150.

TIRES

These must be taken to a tire business or car care facility to be disposed of for a small fee.

OIL BASED PAINT, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

These items must be taken to SOCRRA, 995 Coolidge Hwy., Royal Oak (no appointment necessary).

Empty latex paint cans may be disposed of in the recycle bin or the regular trash, if lids are removed. If paint is hard it may be placed next to the trash with the lid removed. To help dry Latex paints, use sand, kitty litter, shredded paper or a product called Dry Up.

MEDICAL WASTE

Waste should be taken to a hospital or doctor's office for disposal. ***Syringes may be placed in a metal coffee can or heavy plastic can and taken to SOCRRA Household Hazardous Waste.***

SOCRRA Website – www.socrra.org for new recycling information and new Waste Wizard app.

WASTE HAULER HOLIDAYS THAT WILL DELAY CURBSIDE PICK-UP IF HOLIDAY FALLS ON A WEEKDAY:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day