

City of Berkley Garbage Rules and Regulations

(248) 658-3490 – June 2017

Web site: www.berkleymich.org

PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY PROVIDES FOR **SOLID WASTE PICK-UP ONLY**. LIQUID WASTE IN ANY FORM CANNOT BE PLACED AT THE CURB FOR PICK-UP. If you have any questions please contact our office at the number listed above.

- 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**. 90 gal. curb carts 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.
- Cardboard should be flattened into 2x2 pieces, cut and tied, and put out for recycling or stuffed tightly into a box no larger than your recycle bin. Garbage **stored** more than 24 hours outside must be in a container with a tight fitting lid! DPW sells 90 gallon garbage totes.
- **All garbage, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM the day of pick up.**

TREE & SHRUB TRIMMINGS

The chipper service is for residents who are trimming their own trees & shrubs.

***Complete tree removal** or **debris left by contractors** will **NOT** be collected.

*Limit trimmings to your easement area only (4 ft. high x 4 ft. wide x 10ft long)

Branches **over** four (4') feet long and (1") inch thick may be placed loose at the curb with the cut ends facing one direction.

Branches must be less than 4 inches thick, root balls must be cut off shrubs.

April through September – J.H. Hart Tree Service starts their chipping on Monday's.

Please have branches out Sunday evening.

October through March – City crews will be chipping on a rotational basis.

Branches **under** four (4) feet long and one (1") inch thick may be placed in a paper yard waste bag or a trash can with a compost sticker on it (check with our office or website for dates of free compost pickup). Yard waste containers will be picked up on the regular trash day.

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 MUST BE REMOVED FROM REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS**. Televisions, radios, cell phones, VCR's, CD players, home computers and other small electrical items are now recyclable. They can 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. Untreated wood may be placed in paper yard waste bags. **All nails must be removed.**

LEAVES AND GRASS

Leaves and grass may be **raked** to the curb in neat rows from **October 1** through **December 1 ONLY** or be put out in paper yard waste bags or cans identified as compost for free pickup.

It is unlawful to rake grass and leaves into the street at any other time of the year!

May through September 30 compost stickers are needed and may be purchased at the DPW office, City Hall or the Berkley Library. Compost is grass, leaves, shrubbery cuttings, vines, rose bushes, roots, stumps and sticks. They must be picked up as compost in a can or a paper yard waste bag not weighing more than **50 pounds** with a Compost sticker. Check the web site for dates of the **free weeks spring yard waste** collection or call our office for information at (248) 658-3490.

December 20 to March 31 paper yard waste bags may be taken to SOCRRA for no charge.

ANIMAL WASTE

Animal waste must be bagged in plastic bags not put loose in garbage cans, and must weigh less than 40 lbs. (bags may be placed in a 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 the Concrete Crusher (586) 939-6200.

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. If work is done by resident small amounts of construction material may be placed out for pickup but must not weigh more than 50 lbs. and must be in cans or garbage bags or you may take it to SOCRRA for disposal at a cost.

TIRES

These **must** be taken to a tire businesses or car care facilities 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 S.O.C.R.R.A. Household Hazardous Waste.***

SOCRRA Website – www.socrra.org for new recycling information.