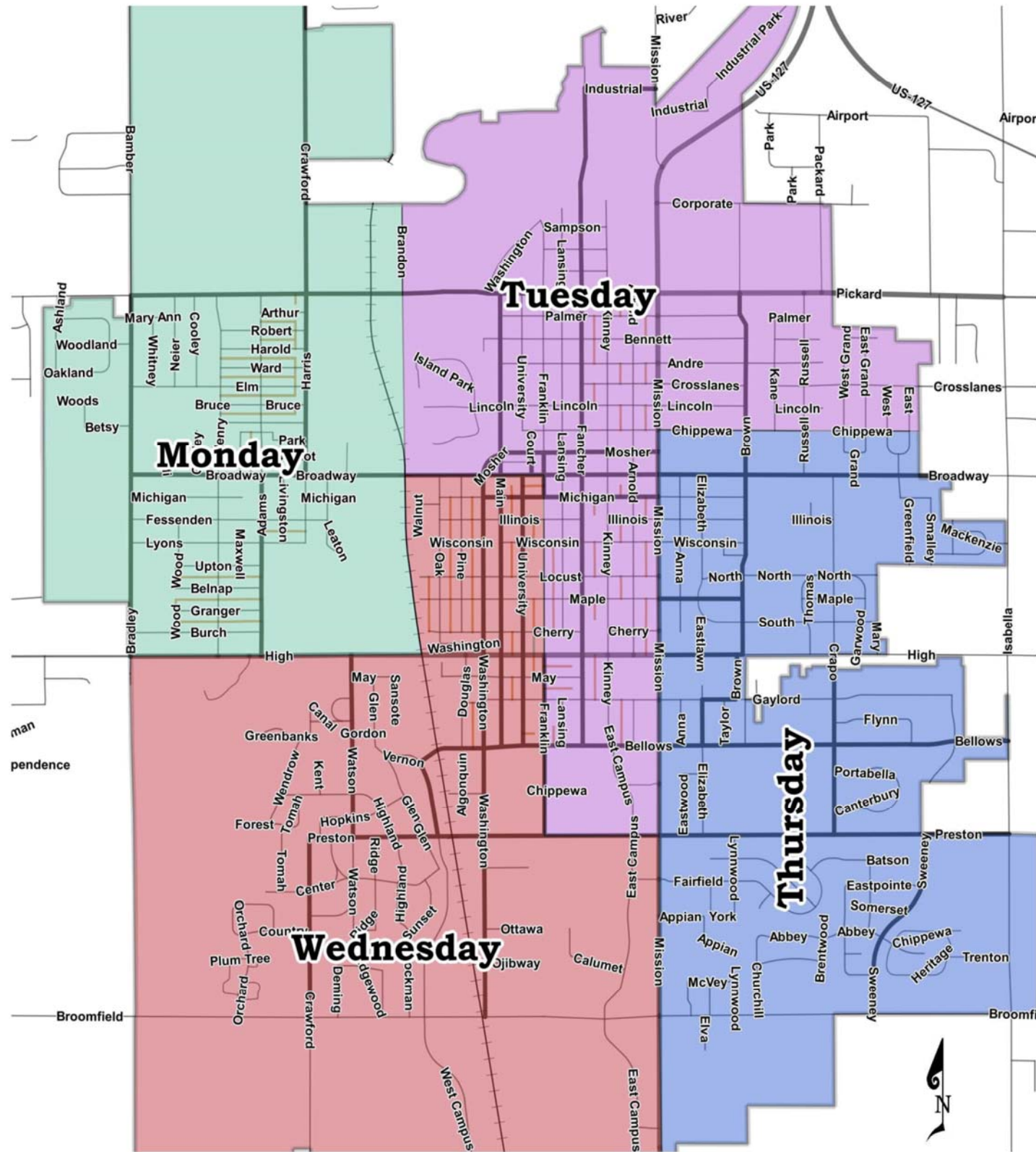


## City Trash Collection Days



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# City of Mt. Pleasant

# Refuse & Recycling Guide

## Residential Collection Programs

### Refuse Guidelines

- Residents of single-family dwellings and some rental units must use the City's bag/tag system for refuse collection.
- Residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings are also allowed by ordinance to use the City's refuse bags or tags, or they may contract with a private waste hauler who is licensed to operate in the city limits.
- If you are unsure if you qualify, please contact the Public Works office.
- City bags and tags come in a package of 10 each (use one or the other). Price is subject to change.
- Bags and tags may be purchased at Meijer, Ric's, Kroger, and City Hall.
- One tag must be placed on each generic trash bag or on the handle of a 34-gallon or less trash can. **Cans that exceed the 34-gallon limit will not be collected.**
- **Trash cannot exceed the top of the can, even if it is just a pizza box. Overfilled cans will not be collected.**
- **Cans cannot weight more than 50 pounds when full.**
- You may have more than one trash can, but each can must be tagged with a City refuse tag. There is no limit to the number of City refuse bags you may use at one time.
- See map on back for collection schedule

### Recycling Guidelines

- Residents who live within the Designated Recycling Zones (DRZ's) are eligible to participate in curbside recycling. To find out if you live within the DRZ's, visit our website or contact the Public Works office.
- A blue City recycling bin is required.
- If you do not have a City blue bin, or if it is lost or stolen, you must purchase a replacement bin for \$6.00 at City Hall, 320 West Broadway Street.
- Bins must be placed in the designated area no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day and removed by 12:00 midnight on collection day.
- If all of your recyclables will not fit inside the City bin, you may use another bin, laundry basket, etc. The use of large cardboard boxes is not recommended because the hauler may think it is trash. Rainfall also makes boxes an inappropriate container.
- On windy days, place a brick or stone in the bin to prevent it from blowing away. Please note that you are responsible for any recycling that is displaced from the bin for any reason.
- **Not all materials can be recycled locally, even if they are stamped with the recycle logo.**
- **Not all materials can be recycled at curbside. Some, such as formed Styrofoam, must be taken to the MRF.**

### Save Money by Recycling

Did you know that more than 250 million tons of trash is discarded each year? The more recyclable material you separate from your refuse, the less you will pay in refuse collection costs. If you recycle the equivalent of one trash bag every two weeks, you will save over \$40.00 a year by not buying extra bags or tags! Before you throw out that newspaper or plastic bottle in the trash can, recycle it instead and Save!



## Curbside Recycling - Unaccepted Items

The following is a list of unaccepted items for curbside recycling.

- Colored glass
- Kleenex, paper towels, and used personal products, such as diapers and wipes
- Remove tape and staples from paper, and cellophane envelope windows before recycling
- Any cardboard/boxboard that has had contact with food
- Pizza boxes—no exceptions
- Wax or plastic coated cardboard/boxboard, such as milk and juice cartons, laundry soap boxes, and dog/cat food bags or water softener salt bags.
- Metal cutting strips from aluminum foil and similar boxes are acceptable, but must be removed and included with your tin and aluminum recyclables. The boxes themselves can be included with your cardboard.
- Plastic shopping bags may be taken to local stores for recycling
- The following items can be taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF):
  - Large amounts of cardboard/boxboard, such a large amount of moving boxes
  - Styrofoam items and formed Styrofoam inserts — no packing peanuts

### Attention Renters: Curbside Recycling May Be Available For You!

Did you know the City of Mt. Pleasant offers curbside recycling for residents of rooming houses and multi-family dwellings? To qualify, your residence must meet the following definition: A rooming house is a dwelling that is licensed as a rooming house, containing four or more units in which non-related people reside. Apartment complexes are not eligible at this time.

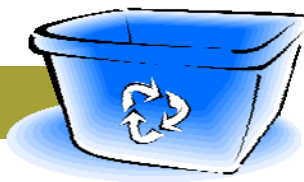
The recycling bin(s) and collection fee must be paid for in advance. The City-required recycle bins are \$6.00 each. One recycle bin is required per six people. Contact the Public Works office for more information.

If you do not wish to participate in this program, you may take your recycling directly to the Material Facility, located at 4208 East River Road, for free.

### Large Item Disposal

If you have an unwanted large item, such as a sofa, table, lamp, or a chair, and it is in relatively good shape, please consider donating it to a local charity. If the item is unusable, you may dispose of it by purchasing a large item sticker or contact a licensed waste hauler for disposal options. Stickers are \$15 each and are available for purchase at City Hall.

For more information, call Public Works at (989) 779-5401.



## Refuse & Recycling Basics

Please follow these requirements for refuse and recycling or they will **not** be collected.

- If you are not using City refuse bags, one City refuse tag must be attached to each generic trash bag or the handle of a trash can.
- City ordinance states that refuse containers (non-City bags and trash cans) must be 34-gallons or less in size and not more than 50 pounds when full.
- All extra refuse, including pizza boxes, that does not fit inside your can must each be tagged or they will not be collected.
- **Overloaded cans will not be collected.** Trash cannot exceed the top of the can. Cans lids are not required, but if you have one, it must fit securely on the can.
- Hazardous materials, yard waste (leaves and brush), animal waste, and dead animals will not be collected with refuse.
- Dispose of broken glass by wrapping it in newspaper to prevent injuries to the collection crew.
- Place a tablespoon of ammonia or bleach in each trash bag to keep animals away.
- Residents are responsible for refuse that becomes scattered before collection.
- Place refuse and recycling in the appropriate area no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day. Recycle bins and refuse containers must be removed by 12:00 midnight on collection day.

*We appreciate your help in following these guidelines to ensure your trash and recycling are collected.*

*Thank you!*



### City Bag/Tag Refuse and Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule

The following holidays are the **only** observed holidays that **may** shift the collection schedule for curbside refuse and recycling: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Changes to the collection schedule can be found in the *Connections* newsletter, on the City's website, social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter), or by calling Public Works at (989) 779-5401.

### Brush Chipping

The City offers a brush chipping service for a fee. Brush chipping is scheduled during the second and fourth weeks of the months, weather permitting. Branches up to 8" in diameter can be chipped. This is a prepaid service and you must sign up no later than the Thursday before the chipping week. You may sign up in person at City Hall or online at [www.mt-pleasant.org](http://www.mt-pleasant.org). Brush chipping information, including the sign up form, is available on the City's website or by calling the Public Works office at (989) 779-5401. You may also take your brush to the Material Recovery Facility for a fee.

### Yard Waste Reminders

The City picks up leaves in the fall only. By ordinance, yard waste, grass clippings, etc. are not to be placed in the street or on the street right-of-way (area between the curb and sidewalk) at any time. These clippings clog the storm water catch basins and cause street flooding during rain events.