

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **FOR THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS & YARD WASTE**

#### **Section 1. Definitions**

When used in this regulation, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (a) The word "City" shall mean the governmental entity, including its officers, employees and agents, representing the incorporated area of the City of Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, and/or the recycling collection contractor.
- (b) Commingled recyclable materials are materials that are separated from mixed waste prior to collection. Recyclable materials include paper, metal, plastic (**no plastic bags**) and glass.
- (c) Yard Waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery or brush or tree trimmings less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter that can be converted to compost humus. The term does not include stumps, agricultural wastes, animal waste, roots, sewage sludge, or garbage.

#### **Section 2. Responsibility for Collection:**

The City shall collect co-mingled recyclable materials (Section 3) and yard waste (Section 4) in accordance with the Rules and Regulations herein set forth.

#### **Section 3. Co-mingled Recyclable Materials Pre-Collection Requirements**

- (a) **Preparation of Recyclable Materials:** All co-mingled recyclable materials shall be placed in approved containers for collection at curbside. Recyclable materials must be prepared in the following manner:

Paper:

- Cardboard (flatten cardboard and cut into pieces) (**no pizza boxes**)
- Paper bags
- Junk mail (envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, etc.)
- Paperboard (no wax coated paperboard)
- Newspaper (remove bags, strings and rubber bands)
- Magazines & catalogs (all types & sizes)
- Office paper (all types & sizes)
- Phone books (all types & sizes)

Plastic: Please empty and rinse before putting into recycling bin.

- Plastic jugs/bottles (#1 & #2)
- Household plastic (#3 - #7) empty containers only
- **No plastic bags of any kind are recyclable**

Metal: Please empty and rinse before putting into recycling bin.

- Steel & tin cans (empty cans only)
- Kitchen cookware (metal pots, pans, tins & utensils)
- Aluminum cans (empty cans only)

Glass: Please empty and rinse before putting into recycling bin.

- Clear (empty glass only)

- (b) **Point of Collection**: Properly prepared co-mingled recyclable materials shall be collected on the regular solid waste pickup day (except Holidays) as shown on the attached recycle map. The recycling bin is to be placed at the property side of the curb on paved streets, or in the area between the sidewalk and the edge of the roadway on unpaved streets. Properties with roadside ditches should place the recycling bin on the roadway side of the ditch. Place recycling containers 3 foot from solid waste or yard waste set-outs.
- (c) **Collection Schedule**: Collection of recyclable materials shall be made on a bi-weekly schedule throughout the entire year. The collection schedule shall be so arranged that the day of collection for a given section shall fall upon the same day of every other week except for interruptions due to holidays. The starting time for collections shall be 7:00 a.m. All recyclable materials shall be placed out for collection prior to this time, except that no containers are to be placed at the collection point prior to 4:00 p.m. of the day before the scheduled collection day. Emptied containers shall be removed from the street before sundown of collection day. See the attached map to determine your recycle week and day.
- (d) **Interrupted Collection Schedules**: Unless otherwise published, no collection of recyclable materials will be made on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When the above holidays fall during the week, the collection schedules are to be delayed one (1) day. This will place all routes back on schedule the following Monday.
- (e) **Collection Districts**: The City shall be divided into collection districts by the Director of Public Works. (See attached map)
- (f) **Replacement Bins**: If a container is lost, stolen or damaged, it shall be the responsibility of the property occupant to replace the receptacle with an approved container available from the City.

#### **Section 4. Yard Waste Pre-Collection Requirements**

- (a) **Preparation of Yard Waste:** Yard Waste containers shall be either biodegradable paper bags or trash type containers that are clearly marked with an "X" to distinguish them as containing yard waste material. No container shall be larger than 35 gallons nor weigh more than 50 pounds. The use of plastic bags, or other than biodegradable paper bags designed for yard waste is not permitted. Brush and tree limbs shall be bundled so as not to exceed 4 foot lengths, 2 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds.
- (b) **Point of Collection:** Properly prepared yard waste shall be collected on the regular solid waste pickup day (except Holidays) as shown on the attached solid waste collection map. Yard waste is to be placed at the property side of the curb on paved streets, or in the area between the sidewalk and the edge of the roadway on unpaved streets. Properties with roadside ditches should place the yard waste on the roadway side of the ditch. All yard waste shall be placed approximately 3 feet from setouts of solid waste and co-mingled recyclable materials to aid in its removal.
- (c) **Collection Schedule:** Collection of yard waste shall be made on a weekly schedule beginning the first full week of April and ending the second full week of December. The collection schedule shall be so arranged that the day of collection for a given district shall fall upon the same day of every week except for interruptions due to holidays. The starting time for collection shall be 7:00 a.m. All yard waste shall be placed out for collection prior to this time, except that no containers are to be placed at the collection point prior to 4:00 p.m. of the day before the scheduled collection day. Emptied containers shall be removed the street before sundown on collection day.
- (d) **Interrupted Collection Schedules:** Unless otherwise published, no collection of yard waste will be made on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independent Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When the above holidays fall during the week, the collection schedules are to be delayed one (1) day. This will place all routes back on schedule the following Monday.
- (e) **Collection Districts.** The City shall be divided into collection districts by the Director of Public Works. (See attached map)