

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



# COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

December 2017

## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Light Recycling Drive

Various locations

Nov 15 - Jan 15, 2018

### MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting

MMWA Office

Thursday, Jan 25 @ 9:30 AM

## Christmas, New Year's Day holidays mean one-day trash delay

The upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holidays do impact solid waste collection services provided to all 34 MMWA member communities. There will be no trash or recycling collection provided on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1.

With the holidays falling on a Monday, collection services will be delayed one day for every community during both holiday weeks. Residents should prepare and set out materials one day later than they normally do during the holiday weeks.

In observation of the holiday, the MMWA office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1, and will reopen at 8:30 am the following day.



## Trash Tips for Winter Weather

Now that we have had our first snowy days of the season, it's time to share some reminders about the challenges of trash collection during inclement weather.

Trash and recycling trucks may be big, but they don't handle well on ice and snow-covered roads. Heavy snowfall, high winds, drifting, and icy roads may cause service impacts and create hazardous conditions for collection workers. Give collection crews a break by following these guidelines:

- Place trash cans and recycling bins on flat surfaces only. Containers on snow banks create a slip and fall hazard and will not be collected.
- Put trash out in bags instead of cans to reduce litter and keep your trash can from rolling and becoming a traffic hazard.
- Avoid using white trash bags, which blend in with the snow and can be missed by collection workers.
- When in doubt – don't set it out. If it's snowing heavily, if there are high winds, or if it's so icy that you stand the chance of slipping



*MMWA holiday light recycling drive runs through Jan 15*

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for more details and locations.



or falling as you set out your trash and recycling, then don't do it. Consider setting out materials the following week when conditions have improved.

- Another reason not to leave your trash cans out in poor weather conditions is that downpours of snow, sleet, and rain can make containers heavier. All cans and bags must weigh less 50 pounds.
- If possible, store your trash cans inside your home or garage. During freezing weather, plastic becomes brittle and can easily break or crack.

## In November 2017,

**ten MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and thirteen communities had ONE.**

**A valid RCL is when a Waste Management collection worker returns to the address to provide collection service.**