

Mid Michigan Waste Authority



COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

October 2018

Upcoming Events

MMWA Board of Trustees Meeting
Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
Monday, Oct 8 @ 9:30 AM

MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting
MMWA Office
Thursday, Nov 29 @ 9:30 AM

Keeping kids safe: Collection starting early on Halloween, Oct. 31

To ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters and area drivers on Halloween, Mid Michigan Waste Authority refuse collection services will begin an hour earlier on Wednesday, October 31. To assist with getting collection services completed before trick or treat activities begin, residents in communities serviced on Halloween should place their materials at the curb by 6 am. This includes all waste streams - trash, recycling, and yard waste.

The affected communities include Bridgeport Twp, Chapin Twp, Frankenmuth City, Frankenmuth Twp, City of Saginaw (residents with a Wednesday service day only) Spaulding Twp, and Tittabawassee Twp.

In September 2018

Fourteen MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and five communities had ONE.

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

Cute but not at the curb!



The leaves are just starting to turn color, but soon enough we will start seeing those bright orange pumpkin leaf bags dotting area lawns. These bags are cute, but they should not be used when putting yard waste out to the curb. Yard waste must be placed in labeled 35 gallon or smaller cans or paper yard waste bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will be tagged and left at the curb by collection workers. Yard waste season runs through the last week of November. For more information, call (989) 781-9555.

Slow down and stay safe

Refuse collection is regularly ranked as one of the most dangerous jobs in America, with a fatal injury rate that is higher than construction workers, miners, and policemen. So far this year, four Michigan solid waste collection workers have been killed while on the job.

With school back in session and daylight savings time just around the corner, it is even more critical that motorists exercise caution when driving near trash, recycling, and yard waste vehicles. In fact, Michigan law requires motorists to slow down and use caution when approaching a service vehicle. Known as the *Slow*

Down to Get Around law, this legislation also imposes penalties for violators. Please drive carefully around trash trucks and other service vehicles, and remember that on the road, it takes a trash truck about twice as long to stop as it does a passenger car.



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