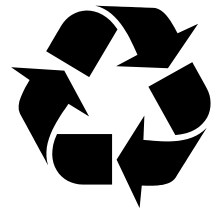




# BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLES



Today is an exciting day in Brownstown Township. Over the past six months, the Township has conducted a survey asking residents if they are in favor of a curbside recycling program.

The response was in favor of the program. As a result and in an effort to reduce solid waste going to the landfill, reduce greenhouse gases, save natural resources and to become a more environmentally friendly community, Brownstown Township is starting a Township wide curbside recycling program for all single family homes and condominiums currently receiving curbside rubbish collection service.

The Township will continue to operate the two recycling drop off centers at Township Hall and the south end Fire Station for apartments and businesses.

Please take a moment to review the information in this brochure on how to recycle. We have made the program as simple as possible. Enclosed is a refrigerator magnet outlining the items we can accept for easy reference.

We hope you take advantage of this program and continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



## RECYCLING IS EASY . . . . .

Review the guidelines to ensure you are familiar with the items that can or cannot be recycled.

Sort your recyclable items from the trash and place in the recycle bin provided. The bin belongs to the home site, if you move, please leave the bin at the home.

**Place the bin at the curb, when more than ½ full, on your rubbish collection day. Separate from your rubbish by several feet or more so the recycle driver can see the recycle bin from the street.**



**Waste Management, with the help of residents like you, recycled more than 5 million tons of material last year, preventing the release of more than 3.4 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. Help us help the environment, please recycle**



**“NEW “  
SINGLE STREAM  
RECYCLE SYSTEM**

- Place bin (when more than ½ full) at the curb, before 6:00 AM, on your regular collection day.
- WM will collect the recyclables mixed in a designated recycling truck.
- Once collected, the material is taken to a Material Recovery Facility and sorted.
- Prepare recyclables according to the guidelines listed here.

Recycle the following paper items in plastic or paper grocery bags:

**BOXBOARD/CARDBOARD**

Corrugated cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, beer and pop cases. **No**, waxed or plastic-lined boxes, frozen food containers (contain plastic liner) or egg cartons.



**PAPER & PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS**



**MAGAZINES & CATALOGS**

**NEWSPAPER & AD INSERTS**

Including all inserts that come with the newspaper.



**JUNK MAIL/OFFICE PAPER** – Includes white and colored paper, envelopes, telephone books, glossy paper, computer paper, copy paper and note book paper. **NO**, self adhesive, plastic window envelopes, paper towels, tissue, paper cups, paper plates, etc.

Place recyclable paper in paper or plastic *grocery bags* to prevent blowing litter on windy days. Place bags on top of or next to the recycle bin (do not use trash bags or yard waste bags please).

**Recycle the following containers:**

**Please Do Not Place Items in Bags, Must be Loose in Bin**

**TIN, ALUMINUM & STEEL CONTAINERS** – Food containers only. *Rinse and place loose in recycle bin.*



**#1 & 2 PLASTIC BOTTLES** – Look for the number on the bottom of the container in chasing arrows on the small-mouthed bottles including water bottles, food containers, milk jugs, detergent bottles and personal care products. **No** bottles that held motor oil or other toxic fluids. **Rinse and flatten.** *Remove and throw caps in trash and place loose in recycle bin.*



**CLEAR GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS**, rinse and discard lids. Place loose in recycle bin. **No** colored glass, ceramic, dishes, light bulbs, pyrex.

**#3-7 PLASTIC CONTAINERS** – Look for the number on the bottom. Includes microwave food trays, pill bottles, tubs, etc. **Please rinse, discard cap and flatten.** Throw caps in trash and place loose in recycle bin.



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To ensure we are creating a reusable product and supplying the best service possible, please remember the following tips:

- **Please do NOT recycle miscellaneous items such as:**
  - toys
  - flower flats/pots
  - motor oil containers
  - pizza boxes
  - wax/grease coated cardboard
  - pie tins
  - scrap steel/auto parts
  - wire or plastic hangers
  - colored glass
  - frozen food containers
  - batteries
- **Place your address on the recycle bin. The bin belongs to the home site. If you move, leave the recycle bin at the home site.**
- **Place the recycle bin at the curb only when more than half full to help save on emissions and fuel usage.**
- Please remove and throw caps in the trash from bottles and jars.
- **LEAVE LABELS ON**
- Please rinse items so they do not contain chunks of food.
- Place the recycle bin a few feet away from your trash and next to the curb so the recycle driver can see it from the street.
- Place recyclable paper in a paper or plastic grocery bag and place next to or on top of the recycle bin.
- **If a snowstorm is expected, place the recycle bin out the following week. Bins full of snow are difficult to empty.**

## What happens to the recycled material once it is collected?



The material is shipped to a Material Recovery Facility (MuRF).



At the MuRF, the material is sorted using screens, magnets, air blowers and people.



Once sorted by commodity, it is baled, like a bale of hay.



The bales are loaded onto semi-trucks and shipped to the end user or the company who makes something new.

Steel cans are used to make steel parts for new cars



Boxboard, newspaper and junk mail are made into egg cartons and headliners for vehicles.



Plastic can be formed into many things such as park benches, new plastic bottles and even a polyester t-shirt!



Glass is melted at high temperatures and formed into new glass bottles and jars.

## Recycling On Line Services/Information

Energy Star Compact Florescent Lamps (CFL) consume 75 percent less electricity than incandescent bulbs and last 10 times longer. One CFL can save \$30 in energy costs over its lifetime, reduce coal consumption by 200 pounds, and prevent more than 400 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions, however, they do contain mercury and should not be placed in the trash. For more information on how to recycle CFL's go online to [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com). Not accepted curbside.

To learn more about recycling, go to [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com)



# BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP

## SOLID WASTE & YARD WASTE COLLECTION



### SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Due to traffic, volumes, equipment and weather your collection may be at different times of day throughout the year. To ensure pick-up, please place your rubbish out before 6:00 AM on your collection day or the night before after 6:00 PM.

- **Cans must be 32-gallons or smaller weighing no more than 40 pounds.**
- **Carpet must be bundled in four foot lengths for one person to lift.**
- **Items we CANNOT accept:**
  - Tires (accepted at Township Hall during spring and fall clean up weeks only)
  - Car parts
  - Liquid waste/motor oil/antifreeze
  - Hazardous waste
  - Wet paint
    - Dry out with kitty litter and place in the trash with lid off
  - Needles/sharps
  - Propane tanks
  - Building/roofing materials/concrete
  - Railroad ties
  - Sod/dirt/rocks/bricks
  - Cans/bags over 32-gallons
  - Trash mixed with yard waste
- **NEW:** Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners contain a gas called Freon and cannot go to the landfill. Waste Management will now collect these items for a \$40.00 non-refundable fee. Please contact WM Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696 - 48 hours before your collection day to schedule/pay for the removal of an item with Freon.
- **Freon items will continue to be collected, at no charge, during the annual SPRING CLEAN UP, however, they now must be scheduled 48 hours in advance by calling 1-800-796-9696. Freon items are not accepted during the fall clean up.**
- Fall Clean Up Date: October 13 – 24, 2008

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION



Yard waste is grass clippings, leaves, flower/weed clippings and branches less than 2 inches in diameter.



Place yard waste in 32-gallon or smaller cans marked with a “yard waste” sticker. Stickers are available at Township Hall.



OR, place in paper yard waste bags available for sale at local retailers.



Bundle brush in bundles less than 4 feet in length, small enough for one person to lift.

Separate yard waste from your rubbish and recycling so the yard waste driver can identify it from the street.

- **Items we CANNOT accept with yard waste**
  - Pet waste
  - Sod
  - Dirt
  - Branches over 2 inches in diameter
  - Root balls/Logs/Lumber/Stumps
  - Yard waste in boxes

Yard waste is recycled into a rich soil enhancer used for landscaping projects. Please do not mix rubbish with yard waste.

### Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Year	Dates
2008	Through December 5, 2008
2009	March 30 Through December 4
2010	March 29 Through December 3
2011	March 28 Through December 2
2012	April 1 Start Date

