



2025 SANITATION FALL MAILER

CONTACT INFORMATION



414-286-CITY (2489)



Milwaukee.gov/Sanitation



MilwaukeeRecycles.com

Want a collection day reminder?

Did you know you can sign up for text messages to remind you of your garbage and recycling collection dates? Register an account and log in at Milwaukee.gov/Enotify. Once logged into your account, click the "Subscriptions" drop-down and select "Text Messaging." After adding your phone number and entering the confirmation code sent to your phone, click "Text Messaging" again. Add your address under the "Sanitation Notifications." You will receive text messages to remind you of your garbage and recycling pick-up dates the day before your collection.

BY THE NUMBERS:
The Department of Public Works' flood recovery response

GOT LEAVES?
Take advantage of the fall leaf program

Food Scrap Drop-Off Pilot Program
DETAILS INSIDE

YEAR-ROUND recycling schedule update

Plus: Christmas tree collection, yard waste disposal, and winter Drop Off Center hours.

NO COLLECTIONS ON CITY HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING:
NOVEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY:
MAY 25, 2026

CHRISTMAS:
DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2025

JUNETEENTH:
JUNE 19, 2026

NEW YEAR'S DAY:
JANUARY 1, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY:
JULY 3, 2026

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:
JANUARY 19, 2026

LABOR DAY:
SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY:
APRIL 3, 2026

Check your collection schedule at Milwaukee.gov/CollectionDay.



EVERY-OTHER-WEEK YEAR-ROUND RECYCLING!

All residents will receive recycling collection every other week this winter and year-round!

For most residents, recycling schedules included set collection dates only from April to November. In the past, from December to March, city crews retrieved the carts from storage because collection frequency varied, occurring every two to four weeks. This variability was to accommodate staffing for DPW's snow and ice control operations. Beginning winter 2025, all residents will receive recycling collection service on a set schedule year-round! Please note that some service delays will still occur due to snow and ice control.

- ▶ If your recycle cart is on your property and DPW previously walked up to retrieve it in the winter, **you will need to bring it to the curb (or alley line) for collection on your service day** just as you do for garbage collection.
- ▶ Service may be delayed due to snow and ice control operations. Leave cart at the collection point until serviced.
- ▶ **Do NOT bag recyclables** - place **loose** into recycle carts.

Help prevent contamination in the recycling stream!
Learn what can and can't be recycled curbside by visiting MilwaukeeRecycles.com, and Milwaukee.gov/DropOff to find even more items available for recycling through Drop Off Centers.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:



BY THE NUMBERS: DPW FLOOD RECOVERY

Our city experienced historic flooding on August 9 and 10, 2025. Homes were significantly damaged, leaving residents with basements flooded to the ceiling, cherished possessions destroyed, and some displaced from their homes.

In the aftermath of the flooding, crews from every corner of DPW - Sanitation, Streets, Sewers, Electrical Services, Forestry, and more stepped up to assist residents. They worked long hours, responding to emergencies, clearing debris, restoring services, and helping residents begin to recover, with some employees facing flood damage to their own homes or cars. Yet, they continued to show up, day after day, to serve their neighbors and their city. That kind of dedication, resilience, and selflessness is the backbone of public service.

In three weeks after the flood:

Over 20,000 bulky waste collections completed!

28,000 Drop Off Center visitors. That's an increase of 43%!

11,000 tons of waste. That's the equivalent weight of almost 600 DPW garbage trucks!

THANK YOU DPW STAFF!



FALL LEAVES

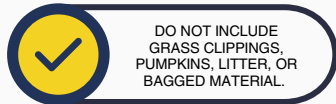
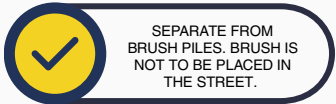
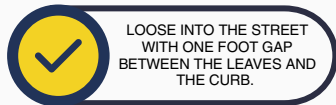
Residents are encouraged to manage leaves on their property by mulching and composting. Compost acts as a natural fertilizer that replenishes nutrients in the soil, improves its ability to absorb rainwater, and helps keep valuable resources out of landfills. To compost leaves where they fall, you can mow over the leaves in your yard using your lawnmower, if possible. Alternatively, you can use an existing compost bin or create a new pile specifically for chopped leaves. Turn the compost occasionally, and by spring, you should have compost ready to enrich your soil for planting. Find more details on leaf composting at Milwaukee.gov/YardWaste.

DPW LEAF COLLECTION

During the fall rake-out period (Oct 1 – Nov 15), residents are allowed to rake leaves into the street for collection by the City. Collecting and composting leaves conserves natural resources, saves money, and protects water quality by reducing leaves entering storm sewers. At all other times of the year, leaves must be mulched on the property or taken to a Drop Off Center.

No special request for leaf collection is necessary. Leaf collection operations cycle through the city systematically in the fall, making one final pass after the rake-out deadline. Check to see if the final pass has been completed in your area at Milwaukee.gov/Leaves.

HOW TO RAKE OUT LEAVES



BAGGED yard waste is NOT ACCEPTED curbside. Bagged yard waste can be taken to a Drop Off Center year-round.

ADDITIONAL YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES



Yard waste, such as grass clippings, garden debris, and weeds, is not collected curbside. These can be composted on-site or taken to a Drop Off Center year-round.

Brush Collection April - November

The City collects household brush piles of 2 cubic yards or less from April – November by special request. Brush consists of woody trimmings from trees and shrubs. Request collection online at Milwaukee.gov/ClickForAction, use the MKE Mobile Action app or call (414) 286-CITY (2489).

- Cut brush down to size. No branch should be longer than 4 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Place a pile up to the size of a couch between the curb and the sidewalk for collection.

Christmas Tree Collection December 26, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Residents receiving DPW curbside garbage and recycling services can request cut Christmas tree collection from December 26, 2025, until January 31, 2026. Collection of trees is separate from regular weekly garbage service. Collected trees are shredded and composted.

To be collected:

- Remove all lights, ornaments, and other decorations.
- Do not bag trees.
- Remove metal or wooden stand.
- Submit a collection request at Milwaukee.gov/ClickForAction, use the MKE Mobile Action app or call (414) 286-CITY (2489).
- Place tree at collection point.

*Wreaths free of all decorations, wire, and plastic can be placed at the collection point to be collected for composting.

**Artificial Christmas trees can be placed at the garbage collection point. Do not place them in garbage carts.

Milwaukee.gov/HolidayTrees

FREE FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF

Interested in composting your home food scraps? Now you can with the City of Milwaukee's Free Food Scrap Drop-Off Pilot Program! Sign up is required to participate.

How does it work?

Visit Milwaukee.gov/FoodScraps to find a drop-off location near you and to sign up. Once registered, you'll receive details on what items are accepted and a code to unlock the collection cart at your registered collection location. Then, find a container and start collecting your home food scraps. When you're ready, visit the drop-off location you registered at and empty the contents into the cart. Repeat!

**Find a location and sign up:
Milwaukee.gov/FoodScraps**

This program is part of the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) FEED MKE Pilot Project. This project is a two-year initiative that brings together public, private, and governmental partners to address key community challenges - including food insecurity, waste reduction, landfill diversion, and environmental impact. Find out more at Milwaukee.gov/FEEDMKE.

COLLECTION GUIDE

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| <p>ACCEPTED (FOOD WASTE ONLY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raw or Cooked Fruits & Veggies Eggshells Cooked Meat (+ animal & fish bones) Cheese/Dairy Breads and Baked Goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastas, Grains (rice, cereal), Beans Nuts and Seeds Loose tea leaves, coffee grounds & filter Brown paper bags |
| <p>NOT ACCEPTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yard Waste (grass, leaves, branches, and brush)* Food packaging Liquids (soda, juice) Tea bags Raw meat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking Oil and Grease Biodegradable Products (utensils, to-go containers) Plastic, metal, glass Garbage |

*Yard waste is compostable but not accepted in this program to maximize cart space for everyone. Residents are encouraged to use the [Drop Off Centers](#) for year-round yard waste disposal.

Drop Off Centers

Milwaukee.gov/DropOff

1) North: 6660 N Industrial Rd
(must enter Industrial Rd from Mill Rd)

2) South: 3879 W Lincoln Ave

The City of Milwaukee Drop Off Centers allow for the safe disposal and recycling of a wide variety of residential waste. The Drop Off Centers have evolved over the years to accommodate the separation and recycling of many material streams in order to steward resources and landfill space for the public benefit. The following items are accepted at the Drop Off Centers. Hazardous waste must be taken to a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District Home HazMat Collection site. See location details below.

SUMMER HOURS ✓

April 6, 2025 - November 29, 2025

Tuesday - Sunday 7 AM - 3 PM

Monday: CLOSED

WINTER HOURS ✓

November 30, 2025 - April 11, 2026

Tuesday - Saturday 7 AM - 3 PM

Sunday & Monday: CLOSED

RECYCLE

- Antifreeze
- Cooking oil
- Car batteries
- Electronics (up to 3 TVs, \$5 each)
- Motor oil and filters
- Tires (up to 5 passenger tires)
- Appliances
- Recyclables accepted curbside
- Scrap Metal
- Cardboard
- Concrete

LANDFILL

- Asphalt shingles
- Garbage
- Old furniture and mattresses
- Construction remodeling debris

COMPOST

- Brush & Branches
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Garden Debris

2025 YEAR-ROUND DROP-OFF

	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	MENOMONEE FALLS
	6060 S 13th St	3879 W Lincoln Ave	W124 N9451 Boundary Rd
	TUES 11am - 6pm	THURS 7am - 3pm	MON 11am - 6pm
	SAT 8am - 2pm	FRI 7am - 3pm	WED 11am - 6pm
		SAT 7am - 3pm	SAT 8am - 2pm

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