

Residential Garbage Collection

1. Townships are not required to provide curbside trash pickup. Hayes Township desires to provide its citizens with environmentally sound solid waste collection and disposal and yard waste collection. Waste Management (WM) and its affiliates have extensive experience in providing solid waste and yard collection, disposal, and processing. The township has determined that it would be in the best interests of its citizens to contract with WM for the collection of its residential solid waste and yard waste materials. It renewed its contract with WM in 2022 for a period of five years.
2. Many townships do not provide curbside pickup. Those townships have transfer stations, with limited hours, and they limit the amount of garbage that can be dropped off. They charge a per bag fee for excess, usually anything over 3 bags. Residents may experience long lines during the limited hours and days for drops offs. Proof of ownership of property in the township is a requirement. Such a system would not work well in a township the size of Hayes.
3. Hayes township collects a special assessment for property with a residence. **The current assessment (2024) is \$134.20/year.**
4. Hayes township has residential collection weekly on Mondays (for those East of the US 127 freeway) and Tuesdays (for those West of the US 127 freeway).

Yard waste is collected 26 weeks of the year from April to mid-November, on Wednesdays – weekly in April-June, every other week July-September, and weekly October-November.

5. As a residential program, commercial properties are excluded, as well as apartment or condominium buildings with four or more units.

Move-outs and set-outs are not included in the residential programs; and residents will need to contact WM or another company to arrange for a dumpster. **Those who do not will be subject to citation under the township's Anti-Blight ordinance.**

Campers are not considered residences unless they are in a campground condominium. Campground condominiums are not subject to the special assessment, and all campground condominiums are required to have dumpsters. All campers outside a campground condominium are not subject to the special assessment and do not have residential waste collection. Note: it is a violation of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance to live in camper outside of a campground condominium

6. The contract with WM is performed in accordance with all applicable statutes, laws, rules, and ordinances. **WM at all times has exclusive control of the performance of the service. The township has no duty or right to supervise or control WM nor to determine the manner in which WM performs its obligations.**

The waste collection industry is moving toward efficient collection by the use of 96-gallon wheeled totes. No matter which company the township would have contracted, all would have required the use of a 96-gallon wheeled tote. **This tote is provided at no charge to residents.** If you had previously rented a tote and wish to cancel, contact WM.



A resident can have additional carts. They need to call WM customer service (800-796-9696) and let the representative know they want to rent an additional cart for \$7 per month, billed directly to the resident. *Such rental agreements are a private contract between WM and you; the township is not a party to such private contracts; they are outside the scope of our municipal contract with WM.* It should be communicated to any resident choosing to purchase the extra cart, **if this bill is not paid by the resident**, the area office and/or dispatch will set up tickets for the removal of the extra cart, and **service on the extra cart will be suspended.**

7. The benefits of the totes:

- a. Automation: Automated side loader is operated from inside the truck.
- b. Driver safety: eliminates manual lifting and exposure to possible hazards, and limits exposure to traffic.
- c. Efficient/Faster. More carts can be picked up in a shorter period of time, reducing operational and labor costs, and keeping the assessment affordable.
- d. Fuel efficiency and lower noise: trucks can perform at idle speeds.
- e. Convenience – Residents do not have to carry multiple cans to the road.

The totes are easy to roll, have larger capacities, are maintained by WM and residents do not need to purchase cans if they are damaged during normal service.

- f. Resistant to tipping by animals, reducing blown litter and strewn garbage.
- g. Aesthetics: bags of trash not piled at the street; uniform look.
- h. Durable and long-lasting, with an estimated life span of 10 years. Totes are recyclable at the end of their lifespan.

8. All trash collected in the township must be in sealed bags placed in the totes. “Critter Cages” will no longer be emptied, nor will any can/tote that is not a WM tote.

In addition to the tote, you may place one large item OR one extra bag next to the WM tote.

Yard waste must be placed in brown bags or in totes marked yard waste. Sticks and brush can be bundled. **Loose yard waste will not be collected.**

9. Totes can be left at the road if it is difficult to move them up and down a long driveway or private road/easement. WM Totes left at the road are not subject to the township’s Anti-Blight ordinance.

10. WM is not responsible for any damage to pavement or curbing that is the result of ordinary wear and tear during the performance of its service.

Curbside collection occurs on public roads; curbside may occur on private subdivision roads if the road is maintained to county standards. Which private roads are serviced are at the sole discretion of WM. Curbside does not occur on private road easements or private roads that are not platted. Residents on these private, non-standard roads and easements need to take their containers to the nearest public access point. A very small number of residents are impacted.



11. **Residents may have interrupted service due to weather conditions.** If a road is impassable or is deemed too dangerous on pickup day, it will be skipped. WM will notify the township which roads cannot be serviced and when the recovery day will be.

A few public roads are not serviceable in the Winter; residents must take their trash to the nearest service point identified by WM.

12. Waste collection does not occur on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. If a pickup day occurs on a holiday, the pickup will be delayed one day. Monday delayed to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, and Wednesday to Thursday. Likewise, there can be a cascade effect: If Monday is delayed to Tuesday, the Tuesday pickup will be delayed to Wednesday. If the Tuesday pickup is delayed to Wednesday, Wednesday will be delayed to Thursday.

13. WM has an unacceptable waste list. Unacceptable waste placed with trash will not be collected; title and liability remain with the resident. WM will place information stickers on waste to help you understand why they may not have taken all trash you placed at the road.

Continual unacceptable waste placed with garbage may cause service at the residence to be discontinued until such time as the waste conforms to WM acceptable refuse policy.

A list of acceptable and unacceptable waste is available from the township hall or website.

Unacceptable items must be removed from the road on collection day.

14. The contract with WM allows for one large item per week. A list of acceptable large items is available from the township hall or website.
15. Hayes Township does not currently offer a curbside recycling or recycling station at the township hall; but hope to have a recycling program in place in the near future to reduce the amount of trash headed for the landfill.

The Township, however, sponsors, along with the City of Harrison and Greenwood Township, an annual recycle day in September to collect used tires, metals, and electronics. Also offered is a paper shredding service. **The 2024 date is Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harrison City Park.**

16. The Northern Oaks landfill has a hazardous waste collection once per year. **The 2024 date is Friday, July 19, 2-6 p.m. at 513 N. County Farm Road.**

17. If service at your location was missed, please report it to WM or to the township. Generally, recovery will happen on the next business day, weather permitting.

WM is currently building a webpage for Hayes Township which will allow residents to directly report a missed pickup.



The Michigan Solid Waste Management Act, Section 11527a requires solid waste haulers to annually notify their customers regarding materials prohibited from landfill disposal.

Almost all banned materials can be readily diverted from landfill disposal, and many of the material can be recycled for reuse as a component of another material or as a reusable item. Some materials, however, like low-level radioactive waster and certain Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM), requires a specific alternative disposal method.

- a. **Medical waste**, unless that medical waste has been decontaminated or is not required to be decontaminated but is packed in the manner required under part 138 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 331.13801 to 333.13831.
- b. **Beverage containers.** (Applies to all containers that require a 10-cent deposit)
- c. **Whole motor vehicle tires.**
- d. **Yard clippings.** Leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, and shrubbery, brush and tree trimmings less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter, unless they are diseased or infested.
- e. **Used oil** as defined in Section 16701
- f. **Lead acid batteries** (primarily truck and car batteries) as defined in Section 17101.
- g. **Low-level radioactive waste** as defined in Section 2 or the low-level radioactive waste authority act, 1987 PA 204, MCL 333.26202
- h. **Regulated hazardous waste** as defined in R 299.4104 of the Michigan administrative code.
- i. **Liquid waste** as prohibited by R 299.4432(2)(c) of the Michigan administrative code.
- j. **Sewage.**
- k. **PCBs** as defined in 40 CFR Section 761.3
- l. **Asbestos waste**, unless the landfill complies with 40 CFR Section 61.154.
- m. **Empty drums** – Drums must be either full of solid waste or crushed in order to be disposed of in a solid waste landfill.
- n. **Certain TENORM waste** as Defined in MCL 324.11514.

Please take the appropriate steps to ensure banned items are removed from any waste you generate for disposal as a solid waste landfill.

