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**RECYCLING IS  
MANDATORY IN  
ALLEN PARK**

**REUSE  
REDUCE  
RECYCLE**



**(877) 264-5544**  
www.republicwaste.net

**Current Resident**

# 2011 RECYCLING CALENDAR

JANUARY								FEBRUARY								MARCH								
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● City Offices Closed  
Trash collection NOT delayed

▲ Rubbish Contractor Holidays (City Offices  
also Closed) Collection delayed by 1 day

■ Household Hazardous Waste Day

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RUBBISH PICK-UP & OTHER SERVICES

The following is a list of the most frequently asked questions that are called into our office. Please clip and save for future reference. This is not an exhaustive list of questions regarding our operation, so if we missed something that you think you need help with, please feel free to contact us.

**Q. How do I dispose of household furniture? Does this include mattresses and box springs?**

**A.** Place furniture at the curb on your normal pick up day. The Contractor will pick up the following under their contract: Tables, chairs, couches, televisions, entertainment centers, recliners and the like. If you are unsure, please call our office. Yes, they will also pick up mattresses and box springs.

**Q. What about appliances?**

**A.** Place them at your curb on your normal pick-up day. Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers and hot water tanks are picked up at no charge. Any appliances containing Freon (freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners) will be assessed a charge of \$15.00. The doors MUST be removed in order for the appliance to be picked up. Call our office and our foreman will come to the house and pick-up the check, leave a receipt and place a numbered tag on the appliance. It will be picked up that afternoon. No charge will be assessed if you have a Freon Removal Certificate from a qualified HVAC company.

**Q. How do I dispose of tree trimmings and branches?**

**A.** Tree branches should be cut in four-foot lengths and bundled no larger than 18 inches in diameter in order for them to be picked up at no charge with your compost (April 4th through December 16th). No one branch can be larger than 3 inches in diameter. If you have a large amount you can call for a brush pick up estimate. The minimum charge is \$10.00. The foreman will give an estimate and once payment is made the brush will be picked up, usually within 24 hours. All small sticks and twigs can be placed in a compost container or tied in a bundle.

**Q. What time does the contractor start? How about quitting time?**

**A.** The contractor starts at 7 am and quitting time is 7 pm. Trash should be placed at the curb prior to this time. We have allowed them to work late into the evening when the rubbish volumes are above normal.

**Q. What type of rubbish container is acceptable?**

**A.** No container larger than 32 gallons (metal or plastic) will be accepted. Plastic bags are acceptable. No appliance boxes or cardboard containers will be accepted as rubbish receptacles. Cardboard boxes should be broken down, tied and bundled. Each container should not weigh in excess of 50 pounds. Do not use kitchen or bathroom trash cans.

**Q. Can I rake or blow my leaves and grass clippings into the street?**

**A.** No. This is a violation of the City Ordinance. Leaves/grass should be placed in paper compost bags or placed in plastic/metal garbage containers with a City compost sticker attached. These stickers are available at all City offices. Leaves/grass will not be picked up in plastic bags. The compost site does not accept plastic; we could lose use of the facility. The compost program runs from April 4th through December 16th.

**Q. How do I dispose of sod, dirt, concrete or building materials?**

**A.** You can call our office to have a foreman come out and give you an estimate for pick up. The minimum charge is \$25.00. A full load (7 yard dump) will be \$90.00 and \$45.00 for a half load. Once payment is made, the debris should be picked up on your trash day or as soon as possible. We do not recommend that you put this in the street, but if you do, it should be properly barricaded with lights and reflective material.

**Q. How about roofing materials?**

**A.** Same as above except the price is different. \$25.00 minimum charge with a \$120.00 full load and \$60.00 half load charge. Again, we do not recommend putting it in the street.

**Q. What do I do with old tires?**

**A.** Most tire stores will accept old tires at a minimum charge. Usually about \$2.00 or \$3.00 each. Tires are not accepted at the landfill.

**Q. How do I dispose of old paint or paint cans?**

**A.** If the paint is oil based it must be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Day. If the paint is latex based you can put the old paint cans at the curb for pick up after the paint has dried out. Make sure the lids are removed. To accelerate the drying process you can put oil dry, kitty litter or sand in the can to help it solidify. This is done so that when the garbage truck compacts its load, the paint doesn't spray all over.

**Q. Can I put my rubbish in the street?**

**A.** We would prefer that you didn't since it hampers our sweeping operations and our snow removal process.

**Q. I change my own oil, what can I do with the used oil? What about auto batteries?**

**A.** The city has a drop off site located behind the DPS building for homeowners to bring in used oil. The hours are 8am to 3pm, M-F. Please dump the oil in the container and dispose of the jugs in the cans provided. You may also bring your old automotive batteries to this same drop off site.

**Q. Do I have to recycle? If so, what recyclables are accepted?**

**A.** Yes. Recycling is mandatory under the City Ordinance Chapter 12 Sec. 12-5b in Allen Park. It is done on a bi-weekly schedule. Refer to our recycling calendar for your week or call our office. All homes received recycle bins. If you need an additional recycling bin they are available at the DPS building for \$10.00. If you have a broken or damaged one, bring it in and we will replace it at no charge. Acceptable items are as follows: newspapers, magazines, glossy prints and junk mail, phone books, cardboard (tied 2' x 3' x 6"), office and computer paper, glass jars and bottles (clear, brown and green – rinsed with lids removed), plastic jugs and containers with the #1 or #2 triangle, empty aerosol cans and aluminum products. **HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AS A RECYCLED ITEM. PLEASE HOLD FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY.**

**Q. Does Allen Park have a Household Hazardous Waste Day? If so, when, where and what is accepted?**

**A.** Yes. It is June 11, 2011. The second Saturday of June. It is held at the rear portion of City Hall from 8am – 3pm. Acceptable items are as follows; household batteries, kitchen and bathroom cleaning chemicals, automotive products, lawn and garden chemicals, oil based paints, thinners, stains and glues, all other household and garage chemicals. Unacceptable items are ammunitions and explosives, asbestos and industrial waste. If you are unsure, please call the DPS office.

**Q. How do I dispose of Medical Waste?**

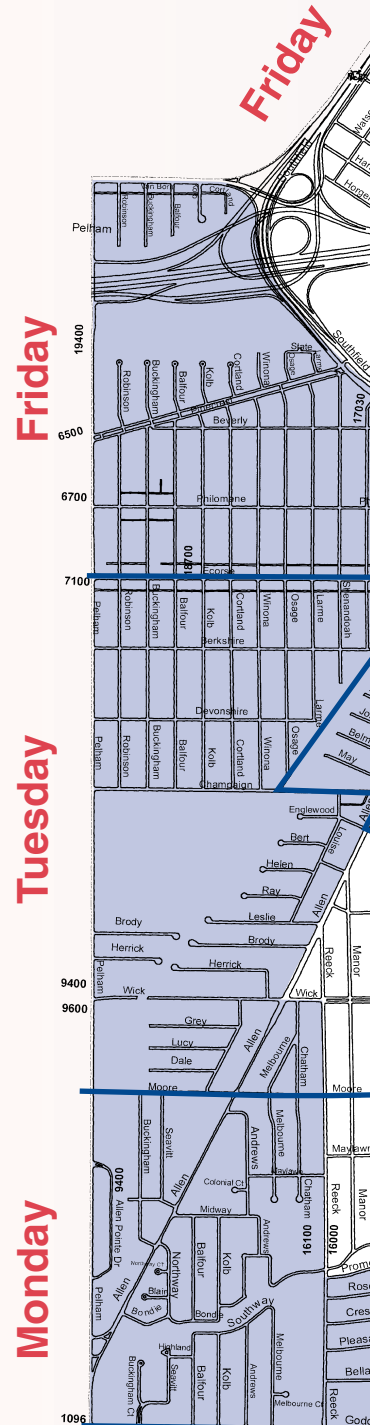
**A.** Michigan Department of Environmental Quality suggests putting sharps in a purchased sharps container, an empty coffee can, a laundry detergent or bleaching bottle. Once the container is full, seal and label it, and put in with the regular trash. Please visit their website at [www.michigan.gov/deq/waste](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/waste) and select "Medical Waste" for further information.

**Q. How do I find out about changes in rubbish rules and regulations?**

**A.** You can call Republic at 877 264-5544, check our recycling calendar, check our quarterly newsletter, go to the city's web site at [www.cityoffallenpark.org](http://www.cityoffallenpark.org) or the Republic website at [www.republicwaste.net](http://www.republicwaste.net).

Anything that is not mentioned in the above questions that you may have concerns about, please call the DPS at 928-0550. They will be more than happy to try and assist you in any way. The DPS office hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

# City of A Curbside Program



# Allen Park Recycling

**Recycling Collection**

**A Area** = 

**B Area** = 

# CURBSIDE RECYCLING ITEMS & PROCEDURES

All recyclables must be placed in the recycle bin prior to setting curbside. All materials are collected in a separate truck and transported to a Materials Recovery Facility where they are sorted for processing and reuse.

**Print Address on Recycle Bin**  
**\$10.00 Charge for Additional Bin**

## RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN ALLEN PARK

**Newspapers** – Must be tied in bundles six to eight inches thick or put in brown paper bags. Do not use plastic bags. No wet newspapers will be picked up.

**Magazines & Catalogs** – Must be tied in bundles no more than eight inches thick.

**Glossy Prints & Junk Mail** – Must be tied in bundles no more than eight inches or use brown paper bags.

**Cardboard** – Must be tied in bundles two feet by three feet by six inches thick. **NO PIZZA BOXES.**

**Office & Computer Paper** – Must be tied in bundles six to eight inches thick or put in a brown paper bag.

**Glass** – Clear, brown, green – rinsed with lids removed, Do not include – drinking glass, pyrex, plate glass, other colored glass, china, light bulbs, ceramics, or mirrors.

**Plastics** – Clear and colored containers used for such products as soda pop, milk, liquor, cleaners, detergents and other items in bottle or jug form with the number 1 or 2 triangle symbol on them. Remove hard plastic lids and rings. Rinse well. Labels can be left on. Flatten as much as possible. **DO NOT INCLUDE** tubs or containers for cottage cheese, butter, whipped topping, foam products or deodorant containers.

**Aluminum** – Metal from food and beverage cans as well as metal lids from glass containers is accepted.

**Motor Oil** – Bring to DPS yard Monday thru Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Dump in the Large Drum and please check with DPS before entering yard.

**Auto Batteries** – Bring to DPS yard Monday thru Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and please check with DPS before entering yard.

**HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES ARE CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEM, PLEASE HOLD FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY.**

## COMPOST PICKUP AND RULES

PROGRAM STARTS APRIL 4 THRU DECEMBER 16

**Leaves, Grass Clippings, Yard Waste** – Must be in cans with Compost Stickers (Available at City Offices) or in Paper Compost bags only.

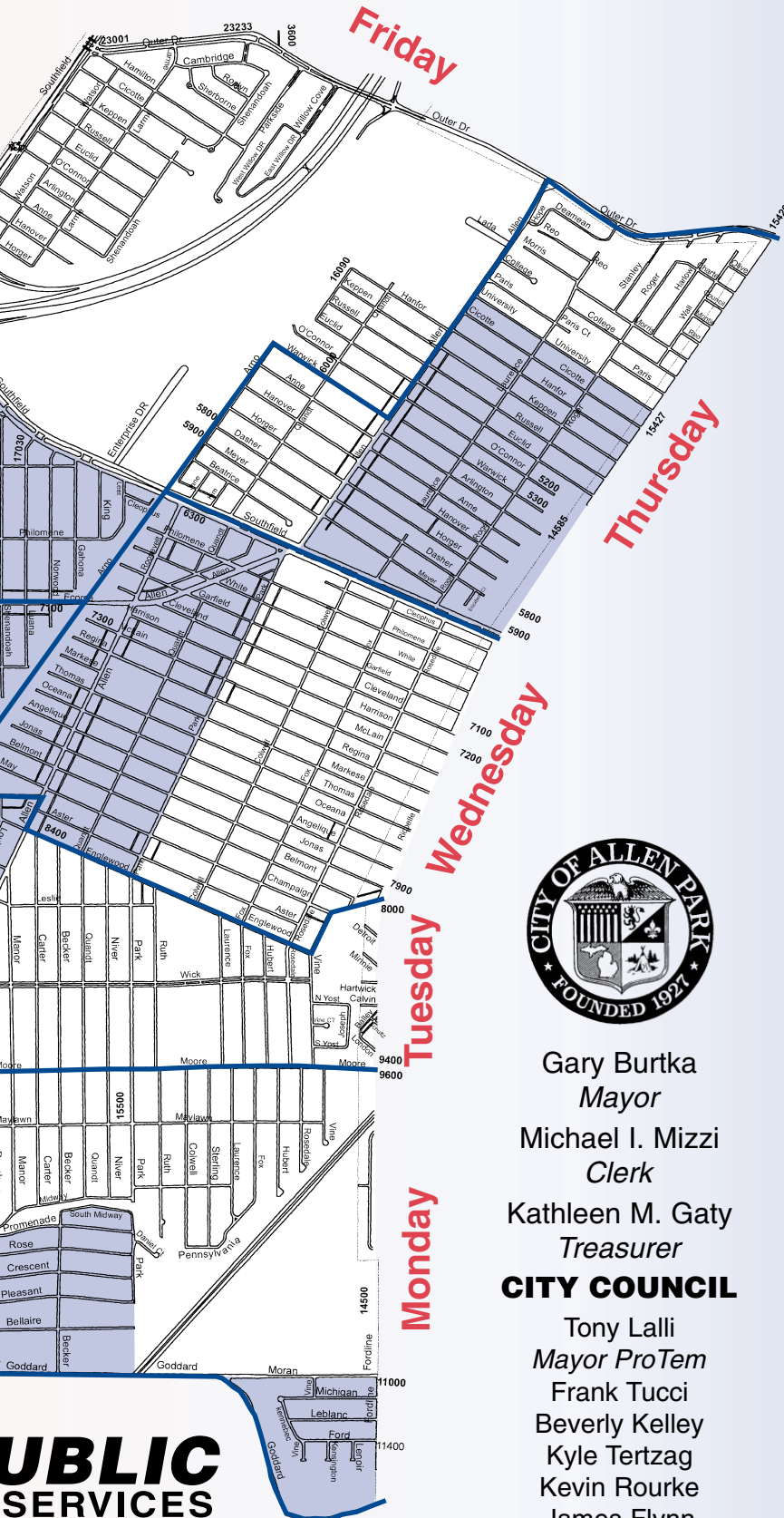
**NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Brush** – Must be bundled eighteen inches in diameter and four feet long. (Nothing over three inches in diameter).

## WARNING

**Raking of leaves into the street is against the city ordinance. You could be ticketed and fined.**

**\*50 pound maximum weight on cans and bags.**



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 Mayor

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 Clerk

Kathleen M. Gaty  
 Treasurer

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- Beverly Kelley
- Kyle Tertzag
- Kevin Rourke
- James Flynn

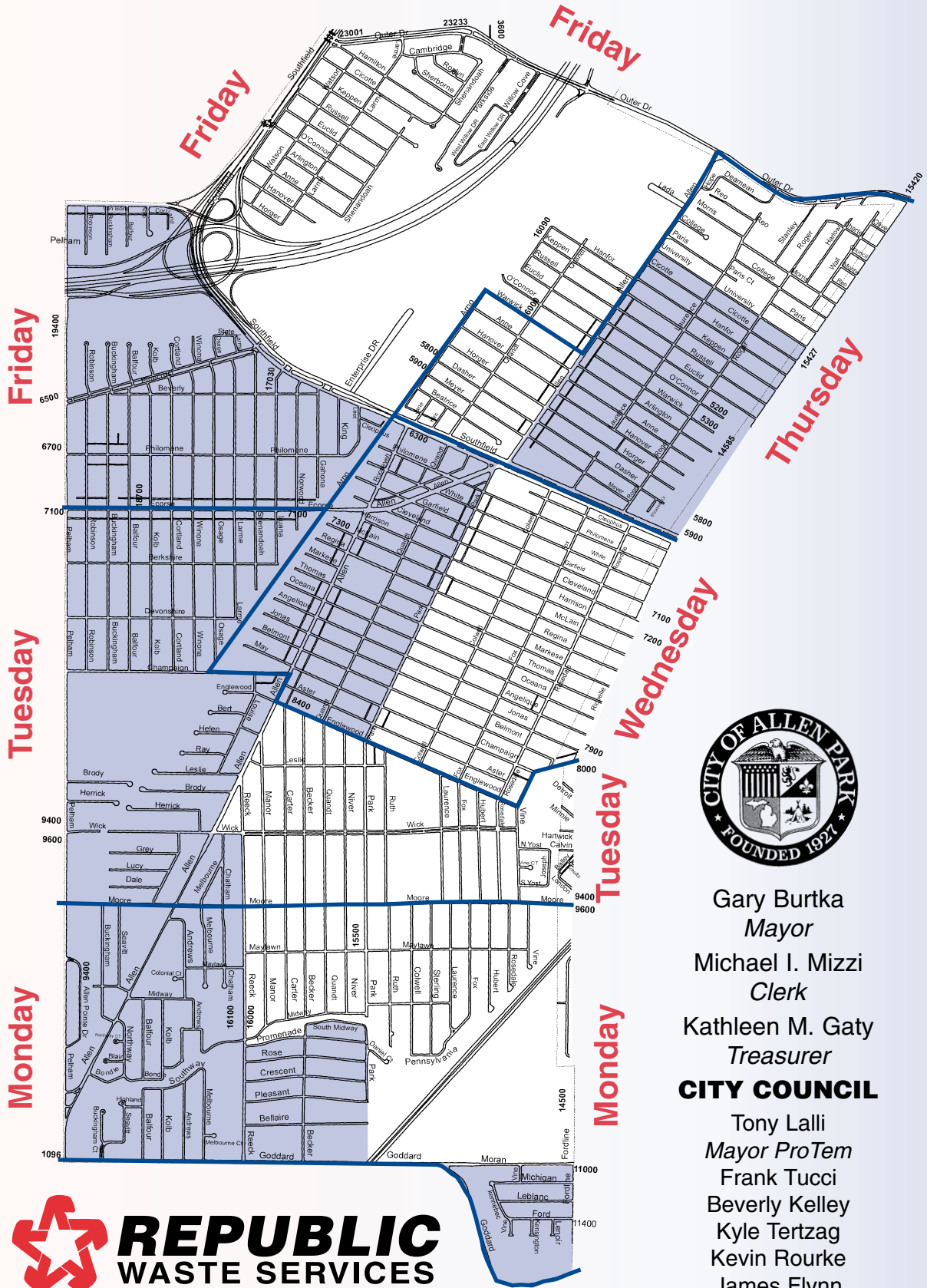
**PUBLIC SERVICES**

# City of Allen Park Curbside Recycling Program

## Recycling Collection

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## REGARDING GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

### PLEASE HAVE RUBBISH, GARBAGE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE SET OUT AS PER AREA SCHEDULE

Rubbish shall not be placed on the street earlier than 5:00 P.M. of the night before regular pickup day. Empty receptacles shall be removed from the streets no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of pickup. Call 877 264-5544 with any questions.

1. Trash, furniture and appliances must be set at the curb for pickup BEFORE 7:00 A.M.
2. Rubbish and garbage MUST be in a container. Rubbish Containers cannot be: **OIL DRUMS, PAPER BAGS WIRE BASKETS, PAPER BOXES, PAPER BARRELS.** Recyclables MUST be in city authorized bins. Yard Waste MUST be in metal or plastic containers with sticker or in paper yard waste bags. The maximum container size will not be greater than thirty (32) gallon capacity and under 50 pounds each.
3. Recyclables must be separated from household trash and placed in the Recycle Bin. Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, computer paper, catalogs, phone books, boxboard (e.g. cereal boxes with plastic liner removed), corrugated cardboard flattened to no larger than two feet by three feet by six inches, plastic, tin cans, aluminum and glass will continue to be picked up. **This will be Bi-Weekly per Your Recycling Calendar.**
4. Yard Waste must be separated from household trash and recyclables from **April 4th until December 16th.** It shall be placed in rubbish cans with Yard Waste stickers or in paper yard waste bags. **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED – NO EXCEPTIONS.** No yard waste will be picked up from December 17th thru April 1st.
5. All brush must be cut in four foot lengths, bundles may not exceed 18 inches in diameter, and tied with string or twine for pickup by the trash company.
6. The above items will be picked up on REGULAR rubbish day ONLY.
7. Collection will be made each week per area schedule except if the Holidays below fall on or before your regular pick up day. In this event the collection for this week only will be one day later.  
**The Holidays Are:**  

<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>4th of July</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>

  
**No Trash Pick-Up December 24-26 (Christmas Holiday)**
8. A minimum fee of \$10.00 will be charged for any unbundled brush. Price will be higher depending on amount.
9. A minimum fee of \$25.00 will be charged on large amounts of rubbish and/or furniture .
10. Appliances will be picked up at no charge unless they have contained freon. Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners will be a charge of \$15.00 each – Call 928-0550 before 8:00 a.m. on your rubbish day.
11. A fee will be charged for pickup of concrete, bricks, dirt, building materials, etc. Minimum charge is \$25.00.
12. No parking in the street from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on regular pickup day in your area.
13. Motor oil and automotive type batteries can be dropped off at DPS yard Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
14. Leaves cannot be raked into street. It is a violation of city code.
15. No Tires Will Be Picked-Up. Call your local tire dealer.
16. All latex paint cans must have the lids removed and the material must be dried. Add kitty litter, oil-dry, or sand to absorb extra paint.

**Do not place rubbish in the street – it interferes with street sweeping operations.**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011**

**Allen Park City Hall • 16850 Southfield Road – 8:00 a.m. Thru 3:00 p.m.**

**For More Information Call 928-0550**

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### KITCHEN/BATHROOM

Bugs Sprays  
Medicines  
Nail Polish  
Metal Polish with/Solvent  
Cooking Oil  
Floor Care Products  
Furniture Polishes  
Cleaning Products  
Medical Waste

#### GARAGE

Auto Batteries  
Brake Fluids  
Diesel Fuel  
Antifreeze  
Kerosene  
Propane Tanks  
Battery Acid  
Car Waxes  
Fuel Oil  
Gasoline  
Motor Oil  
Transmission Fluid

#### GARDEN

Fungicides  
Insecticides  
Fertilizers  
Herbicides  
Pesticides  
Rat Bait

#### WORKSHOP

Paint Thinners  
Glues, Paints (all)  
Varnish & Stains  
Household Batteries  
Cutting Oils  
Turpentine  
Wood Preservatives  
Fluorescent Lights

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Artist Paints/Mediums  
Dry Cleaning Solvents  
Fiberglass Epoxy  
Gun Cleaning Solvents  
Computers & Components  
Aerosol Cans - Full  
Lighter Fluids  
Pool Chemicals

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Explosives & Ammunition  
Industrial Waste  
Asbestos

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED**  
**Driver's License or Voter Registration**