

Charter Township of White Lake



Solid Waste Program Update- Effective July 31, 2017

Dear Charter Township of White Lake Resident:

Welcome to GFL Environmental USA Inc. (GFL), a fully integrated waste management company providing residential collection and disposal, yard, large bulky waste, and recycling collection and processing. We have made available pertinent information which outlines all the services you presently have and new features that may interest and benefit residents. Please keep this information in a convenient location.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Customer Care Center Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HOLIDAYS

Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day on the following six holidays, *ONLY* if the holiday falls on a weekday:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

GFL Customer Care Center

1.844.464.3587

HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

GFL will pick up all solid waste that is contained in your blue 96-gallon cart. To ensure pick up, please have your items at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please place your recycling bin out for collection on your regular scheduled day by 7:00 am. Recyclables will be collected by a separate vehicle and should be placed separate from your household waste, bulky items and yard waste.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RECYCLING GUIDELINES

BULK WASTE

- Most items generated by a household can be set out for curbside collections including furniture, appliances, mattresses, box springs, and rolled carpet that is tied and bundled.
- Please keep bulk items separate from trash and recyclables.



YARD WASTE

**APR thru
end of NOV**

- Yard waste includes: garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs and tree trimmings/pruning waste. Yard waste will be collected in up to 32 gallon containers or paper landscape bags. NOT considered yard waste: dirt, sod, large stumps, sand, gravel, animal feces, and dead animals.
- Bundles should not exceed 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter and 60 pounds in weight. Please tie with heavy twine or rope.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES



Newspaper
Remove bags, strings
and rubber bands



Cardboard & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into
pieces. No wax coated cardboard



Magazines & Catalogs
Any size magazine



Junk Mail
Envelopes, flyers, brochures,
postcards etc.



Office Paper
All types and sizes



Phone Books
All types and sizes



Paperboard
No wax coated paperboard

YES

- Clean pizza boxes
- Clean garden plastics
- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse containers
- Leave caps on plastic bottles
- OK to leave staples, clips, labels, stamps, spiral bindings and metal fasteners on paper products



***Plastic Jugs/Bottles**
(#1 & #2)



***Household Plastic**
(#3-#7)
Empty containers only



Paper Milk or Juice
Cartons
Empty cartons only



Pots & Pans
Kitchen cookware



***Aluminum Cans**
Empty cans only



***Steel & Tin**
Cans
Empty cans
only



***Clear and Colored**
Glass
Empty containers
only

NO

- Plastic bags
- Foam containers or products (Styrofoam)
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous waste





THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN



1

NO Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling bin. When placed in a curbside bin, they get wet and dirty and cannot be recycled. Plastic bags with a #2 or #4 can be recycled at the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) if they are clean, dry and empty. They may also be recycled at participating grocery stores; find a list of participating stores.



2

NO Materials in Plastic Bags

Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the heap of bags bound for the landfill. These inefficiencies waste time and money.



3

NO Shredded Paper

Shredded paper is too small to sort. The pieces fall through the cracks of the sorting machines, stick to the belts and end up all over the floor. Please avoid shredding when possible because it destroys the potential for recycling. Compost shredded materials in your curbside compost bin (if you have one) or recycle at your local Recycling Drop-off Center.



4

NO Scrap Metal

Scrap metal items of any size should not go into your curbside bin. These items cause excessive damage to the recycling equipment.



5

NO Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste such as paint, automotive fluids, car batteries and pesticides must be taken to your local Hazardous Waste Facility, not to the Recycling Center.



6

NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste

Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable.



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7 NO Nonrecyclable Plastics

While we have added new plastic items, many plastics are still not recyclable. Plastic lids, foam (Styrofoam®) and any other plastics not listed in our recycling guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for these materials.



8 NO Flattened Containers

The single-stream sorting equipment separates "flats" (paper) from "rounds" (containers). When containers are flattened, the equipment mistakenly sends them to the paper side of the facility, significantly contaminating the paper we're sending to market.



9 NO Caps/Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars

Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin. Plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars should be thrown away.



10 NO Liquids

When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky, smelly mess on the sorting floor. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling.



11 NO Ceramics or Nonrecyclable Glass

Ceramic, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex®, porcelain and window glass should not go into the bin! Their different melting points and chemical compositions will ruin new glass bottles.



12 NO Frozen Food Containers

Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrées, have a plastic polymer sprayed on them to protect against freezer burn. That same coating prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process. These materials are not recyclable OR compostable.