

# Solid Waste & Recycling Guide

July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021



## Trash Collection

Trash collection in the City of Manistee is a public / private partnership. The city has an exclusive contract with Republic Services to provide the garbage pick-up and disposal while the City does the monthly billing and handles changes to your service. Trash service is funded by a 1.15 mill property tax levy and a monthly user charge. Trash is collected Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, depending on which section of the City you live in.

Monday: North of the river

Wednesday: South of the River, east of Maple and north of Fifth Street and south of Fifth Street, east of Maple and west of U.S. 31

Thursday: South of the River and west of Maple

Friday: South of Fifth Street and East of U.S. 31

If your trash collection falls on one of the holiday's below, your collection day will be pushed back one day.

**New Year's Day    Memorial Day    4th of July    Labor Day    Thanksgiving Day    Christmas Day**

If you want to start, stop or change trash service, please contact the City at (231) 723-2559. If you have a problem with existing trash service, such as items not being picked up, please contact Republic Services at (231) 723-4850.

Monthly residential trash rates are as follows:

**Tidy Tote \$15.75 per month**

**Pre-paid, blue City Bags \$2.50 ea. (may be subject to store markup)**

**Bags may be purchased at City Hall, Wahr Hardware, Family Fare or Save-a-Lot . Bags come in a roll of 10 only.**

*Note: These charges are in addition to the annual refuse property tax. Commercial: Call the City for details at (231) 723-2559*

## The following new collection announcement was sent to all residents by mail in May 2020

**Automated Trash Collection**

A new and exciting way of collecting your trash is here. With the delivery of your containers, you have the ease of a rolling cart along with the benefits of a green system of collection.

Using automated collection containers can be much more efficient than hand pickup at the curb. Increasing efficiency helps us keep your long-term cost down. Automation will also make trash set out easy and hassle-free for you.

While you review the basic procedures, please keep in mind the single most important factor is creating a safe and contained way for your household trash to be collected. It is absolutely necessary to keep the driver in the truck as much as possible.

In the next few years, all collection will be performed by automated trucks. Reusing collection containers is the first step toward that improved system.

**Please do not purchase containers. You must use the containers provided.**

**Your New Trash Collection Process**  
City of Manistee

Dear City of Manistee Residents,

Beginning July 18, 2020 the City is modifying the residential outside trash collection program to enhance automation and enhance the cleanliness of our community.

While we understand that change is disruptive, we intend to make the process as easy as possible.

If you currently have a Republic Services® roll, you do not need to do anything and your service will not change. Your monthly base price will decrease to the new price of \$15.75.

If you currently have the regular roll service on your city bill, you will automatically receive a new container before the end of June.

If you have new service today, you will have a choice to make. You may opt-out of the container service and purchase City of Manistee provided bags as one of the following locations: City Hall, Wahr Hardware, Family Fare or Save-a-Lot. To opt-out, you need to complete and return the form on the right. If you choose to do nothing, you will automatically receive a container during the last two weeks of June and begin to see a charge on your utility bill of \$15.75 per month beginning July 18.

It is with great excitement after more than a year of planning and working with a citizen-led committee if you learn that the City is launching this new phase of program.

If you have any additional questions, please call the City at 231-723-2559 or visit our website at [www.manistee.mi.gov/trash](http://www.manistee.mi.gov/trash).

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**Non-Accepted Materials**

These items should never be placed in your outside container.

**Accepted Materials**

These items can be placed in your trash container.

**Residential Container Opt Out Form**

Please fill out the form only if you wish to opt out of the 66-gallon outside container service.

If you choose to opt out, you will be required to purchase specially marked Manistee City compact trash bags from a local store. They will come in rolls of 10 and will cost \$2.50 per bag.

Please complete the form below and mail it back to the City of Manistee, drop it off at City Hall or email [rcs lowering@manistee.gov](mailto:rcs lowering@manistee.gov).

Only complete the below form if you wish to use the provided bag service. Please submit no later than Friday, July 24, 2020.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_






Billing address (if different than above)  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*Bags available at City Hall for \$2.50 price at other may be subject to store markup.

## Service Choices

A homeowner may select to change their service level at any point in time. The City requests that any change does not occur more than once per calendar year, unless resulting from transfer of property ownership or rental tenant change.

**The form to complete a change is below and can also be obtained at City Hall.**

<p>Dear City of Manistee Residents,</p> <p>Beginning July 18, 2020 the City is modifying the residential curbside trash collection program to embrace automation and enhance the cleanliness of our community.</p> <p>While we understand that change is disruptive, we intend to make this process as easy as possible.</p> <p>If you currently have a Republic Services® tote, you do not need to do anything and your service will not change. Your monthly tote price will decrease to the new price of \$15.75.</p> <p>If you currently have the regular level service on your utility bill, you will automatically receive a new container before the end of June.</p> <p>If you have mini-service today, you will have a choice to make. You may opt-out of the container service and purchase City of Manistee prepaid bags at one of the following locations; <b>City Hall, Wahr Hardware, Family Fare or Save-a-Lot</b>. To opt-out, you need to complete and return the form to the right. If you choose to do nothing, you will automatically receive a container during the last two weeks of June and begin to see a charge on your utility bill of \$15.75 per month beginning July 18.</p> <p>It is with great excitement after more than a year of planning and working with a citizen-led committee of your peers that the City is launching this new style of program.</p> <p>If you have any additional questions, please call the City at 231.723.2559 or visit our website at <a href="http://www.manisteemi.gov/trash">www.manisteemi.gov/trash</a>.</p> <p>©2020 Republic Services, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-Accepted Materials</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">These items should never be placed in your trash container:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Residential Container Opt Out Form</b></p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Yard waste</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Construction materials</p> </div> </div>	<p>Please fill out the form only if you wish to opt out of the 96-gallon curbside container service.</p> <p>If you choose to opt out, you will be required to purchase specially marked Manistee City prepaid trash bags from a local store. They will come in rolls of 10 and will cost \$2.50* per bag.</p> <p>Please complete the form below and mail it back to the City of Manistee, drop it off at City Hall or email it to <a href="mailto:kowens@manisteemi.gov">kowens@manisteemi.gov</a>.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Accepted Materials</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">These items can be placed in your trash container:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Only complete the below form if you wish to use the prepaid bag services. Please submit no later than Friday, May 29, 2020.</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>First Name _____</p> <p>Last Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Home Phone _____</p> <p>Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Billing address (if different than above)</i></p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip _____</p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Bagged waste</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pizza boxes/soiled recycling</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Broken household items (such as vacuums, lamps and other small broken home goods)</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>\$15.75 per month</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>\$2.50* per bag (sold in packages of 10)</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Bags available at City Hall for \$2.50; prices at stores may be subject to store markup.</i></p>	

## Recycling

The City offers a drop-off style recycling program which is located at Manistee Catholic Central School on 12th St. There is no direct charge for this service.

Residents may bring their sorted recycling and place in either the dumpster style recycling container for all metal & plastic cans, bottles and tubs (all acceptable 3-dimension items) and separately place newspaper, office paper and cardboard in the semi-trailer provided by PCA.

For more information on recycling, visit [www.reprecyclingsimplified.com](http://www.reprecyclingsimplified.com)

**Curbside Recycling will no longer be available after July 1, 2020 due to low participation.**

## **Bulky Item Garbage Pickup**

City residents are able to place one bulky item out for pickup on the first collection of each month. These items need to be placed by 7am on the City Trash collection day for your area of residence.

### **Acceptable Items for Large Item Pickup**

**General Guidelines:** Furniture items should not exceed 6 ft. in length.

- Barbecue Grills
- Bed Frames / Metal
- Bike Parts
- Bird Cages – Metal
- Blinds
- Box Springs
- Cabinets
- Carpet (cut, rolled into 3' diameter x 6' length; dry; and weighing 40 lbs. max.)
- Chairs
- Computers
- Coolers
- Copiers / Scanners
- Couch (sectional couch is priced per piece)
- Cribs
- Desks
- Dishwashers
- Doors
- Dressers
- Dryers
- Electronic Equipment
- Fences - Metal (cut, bundle into 3 ft. pieces)
- File Cabinets - Metal
- Garage Doors - Call (989) 779-5401 for Information
- Glass Windows - In Frame
- Heaters
- Headboards
- Humidifiers
- Ladders
- Lamps
- Pipes - Metal (cut, bundle into 3 ft. pieces)
- Laptops
- Mattresses – Queen / King
- Mattresses – Single / Double
- Microwaves
- Monitors
- Ovens
- Patio Furniture
- Scrap Metal
- Pool Heaters
- Portable Basketball Hoops
- Printer / Fax Machines
- Rain Gutters (cut, bundle into 3 ft. pieces)
- Shelves
- Shower Doors
- Sinks
- Stereos / Radios
- Stoves
- Telephones / Cell Phones
- Televisions - Any Size
- Toilets
- Trash Compactors
- VCR / DVD Players
- Washing Machines
- Other Similar Items as Listed Above

### **Items That Will Not Be Collected**

- Any Materials Resulting from Work Performed by a Commercial Contractor
- Automobile Parts - Motors, Tires on Rims, Doors, Fenders, Seats, Batteries, Bumpers
- Bricks
- Central Air Conditioning / Heating Units
- Ceramic Tile
- Chain Link Fencing
- Cinderblocks
- Concrete
- Dehumidifiers
- Dirt
- Duct or Sheet Metal Materials
- Fence Posts with Concrete Attached
- Fire-Damaged Items
- Floor Coverings (except carpet/padding installed or removed by homeowner)
- Freezers
- Grocery Carts
- Hot Tubs / Spa Tubs
- Marble or Simulated Marble Countertops
- Nails or Boards with Protruding Nails
- Paint and Other Hazardous Waste
- Plaster
- Propane / Oxygen tanks
- Railroad Ties
- Refrigerators
- Rocks
- Roofing Materials, Shingles
- Sand
- Sheetrock
- Yard Waste

## **Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Manistee County hosts a Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics and Unwanted Medication Collection Day in summertime of each year. This event is typically held in late July or early August at the Manistee County Road Commission – 8946 Chippewa Hwy, Bear Lake MI.

To find more information about proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste items such as paint, cleaners and other materials please go to the County's website or Call the Conservation District for information, 231-889-4761. Unacceptable Items include:

- Ammunition or Explosives – Call the Sheriff Department for disposal, 231- 723-8393
- Fire Extinguishers – Call the Conservation District for information, 231-889-4761
- Tires – Call the Conservation District for information, 231-889-4761

**Disclaimer: All information provided in this document, on the City's website or social media related to refuse, recycling, bulky item or hazardous waste collection and disposal is subject to change without notice. Please verify any and all rates with the City at time of service change or other inquiry. For additional information, questions or needs please call the City at 231-723-2559**

## **Questions & Answers**

**(Q) If I choose the blue City of Manistee pre-paid garbage bags will there be still be a monthly fee on my utility bill?**

(A) No, if you choose the pre-paid bags the fee you pay is the purchase price of the pre-paid bags.

**(Q) How often can I change service level?**

(A) The City request that you do change service levels more than once per year or if the ownership or tenant status changes on a residence.

**(Q) What if I have more trash than can fit into a single 96-gallon tote/cart?**

(A) You can either contact City Hall and add a 2<sup>nd</sup> tote/cart to your utility billing, or if it is an occasional issue you can place pre-paid bags alongside your container. Pre-paid bags can be purchased locally at various retailers including Save-a-Lot, Wahr Hardware, Family Fare or City Hall.

**(Q) Can I use my own container?**

(A) If you use the pre-paid bags Republic Services prefers you place the bag directly at the curb. However, if you so desire to place your prepaid blue bag inside a personal container, that is allowed.

**(Q) Can I use my own bags to place garbage out?**

**No**, you must use a Tidy-Tote or a pre-paid garbage bag. If garbage is placed out that is not in a Tidy-Tote or a pre-paid garbage bag, it will not be picked up. If you choose the Tidy-Tote service, you can and should bag your garbage using standard garbage bags prior to placing it in the Tidy-Tote.

**(Q) How large are the pre-paid bags?**

The pre-paid bags are approximately 30 G in size.