

**City of Farmington Hills**  
**Mixed Waste, Bulk Item, and Composting Collection**  
**Rules and Regulations for Single-Family Residences**

(Condo residents: Please call the DPW for specific information applicable to condominiums.)

The City of Farmington Hills collects mixed waste, recyclables, compost material, and bulk items once a week from single-family residences. To find out what day your collection will take place, please refer to the map on the back of this sheet.

Place containers, bags, and bundles at the curb or at the edge of the street in front of your home no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection. All containers must be removed from the curb no later than 12 hours following collection. Collection will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Times may vary week to week. To ensure pickup of your items, place them at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

If you have questions about this program, contact Farmington Hills Division of Public Works at 248-871-2850.

## MIXED WASTE

Mixed waste is a mixture of garbage and rubbish (not yard waste or recyclables). Mixed waste can be placed at the curb in any of the following containers:

- **95-Gallon Trash Carts:** Effective Oct. 9, 2023, the City of Farmington Hills will begin using 95-gallon trash carts as provided by the City's hauler, GFL. There are many homeowner benefits to using the new trash carts, which are safer and are a more efficient means to place the refuse curbside. They will also provide for improved contractor safety and operations.
- **Metal or Plastic Containers:** Must not be less than 10 gallons or more than **35 gallons** in capacity. Should be watertight with handles and tight-fitting lids. Total weight of containers and contents must not exceed 60 pounds. Please do not fill containers above the rims. *In the interest of worker safety, the size and weight of the containers must be limited to 35 gallons and 60 pounds.*
- **Plastic Bags:** Must not be less than 10 gallons or more than 30 gallons in capacity and not less than 2 mil in strength. Total weight of bag and contents must not exceed 40 pounds. Cardboard boxes are **not** acceptable containers.

## BULK ITEMS

A bulk item can be described as a large piece of furniture, bed springs, refrigerator or freezer (with doors removed), stove, and other such items incidental to housekeeping for and in single-family residences, as defined in the ordinance.

Bulk items will be picked up on regularly scheduled collection day. You do not have to schedule for bulk item pick-up.

## YARD WASTE

Yard waste is the miscellaneous organic waste material resulting from landscaping and/or maintenance of a home or property, including grass, weeds, fallen leaves, shrub and plant clippings, plant materials, twigs, and small limbs (not to exceed 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length). Each year, compost service will be provided from early April through early December. **Check the City's newsletter or website for updates or changes (or call the DPW at 248-871-2850).**

Compostable materials will be collected if placed in a metal or plastic (**35-gallon**) container with a yard waste label or in a brown paper compost bag. Grocery bags are **NOT** acceptable. Total weight of bag and contents must not exceed 40 pounds. Total weight of metal or plastic containers and contents must not exceed 60 pounds. Labels will be supplied by the City at no charge. Do not place labels on bags. Tied bundles of small branches must not exceed 4 feet in length and 60 pounds in weight, with each branch no larger than 6 inches in diameter. *In the interest of worker safety, the size and weight of containers must be limited to 35 gallons and 60 pounds.*

For information about backyard composting, please call RRRASOC at 248-208-2270.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous waste, such as paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides, etc., is not collected at the curbside. Instead, household hazardous waste will be collected annually at a location and time to be announced in the City's newsletter and the local newspaper. Latex and water-based paints are not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste days. These can be dried and thrown out with your regular trash at the curbside.

# HOLIDAY COLLECTION

There are only six holidays during the year that may affect garbage and recycling collection: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. For further information on holiday collection, please call 248-871-2850 or visit the City website at [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com).

## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

