

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE**

Section 1. Purpose

These administrative rules and regulations are promulgated, adopted and published in accordance with Section 2-34 of the City of Port Huron Code; to provide for the administration of Chapter 38, Solid Waste & Recycling, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port Huron.

Section 2. Definitions

When used in this regulation, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

- a. The term "garbage" shall mean rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable matter used or intended for food or that attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit, or vegetable matter, but does not include animal carcasses.
- b. The term "rubbish" shall mean non putrescible solid waste, excluding ashes, consisting of both combustible and noncombustible waste, including paper, cardboard, metal containers, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, demolished building materials, or litter of any kind that may be a detriment to the public health and safety, provided rubbish shall not include earth and wastes from building operations, yard waste as defined by law, nor shall it include waste resulting from industrial processes or manufacturing operations, nor any materials collectable under the curbside recycling program in effect at the time.
- c. The term "solid waste" shall mean garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, street cleanings, municipal and industrial sludge, solid commercial and solid industrial waste, and animal waste other than organic waste generated in the production of livestock and poultry. The term "solid waste" means as defined in MCL 324.11506.

Section 3. Responsibility for Collection

The City of Port Huron shall collect solid waste, composed of both garbage and rubbish, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations herein set forth.

Section 4. Pre-Collection Requirement

- a. **Preparation of Solid Waste:** Ashes and small or bulk items of solid waste shall be placed in containers for collection so that it will not be necessary for men making the collection to use either a shovel or fork to pick up the solid waste. Cardboard containers and magazines, when securely tied in bundles, need not be placed in containers. It is not necessary to separate rubbish from garbage, although garbage shall be wrapped and placed in an approved container. It shall

be the responsibility of occupants or persons in charge of every residence in the City of Port Huron to place or cause to be placed all solid waste accumulating on the premises in suitable containers and to set said containers out on scheduled days for solid waste collection. Said persons shall be responsible for keeping the containers clean and free of accumulated water.

- b. **Container Requirements:** The maximum capacity of approved containers shall not exceed 35 gallons and shall be made of galvanized metal, or other non-rusting material. Containers shall be equipped with tight fitting covers or ties sufficient to keep out water and to prevent disturbance by animals and entrance of insects. All containers shall have suitable handles, bails or necks by which they may be lifted. Polyethylene bags of 2 mil minimum thickness, securely tied, shall be approved containers. Approved containers shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. Carpet should be tied securely in 4ft bundles and not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight.

Non-approved containers include, but are not limited to the following: Paper bags, cardboard boxes, fiberpaks, wire trash burners, grocery carts.

Solid Waste containers that do not conform to the provisions of these regulations or that may have jagged or sharp edges, or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the persons collecting the contents thereof, must be promptly replaced by a proper container upon receipt of notice to that effect by the City and, if not so replaced within two weeks after receipt of such notice, such non-conforming or defective container may be collected and removed by the City as solid waste.

- c. **Point of Collection:** Solid waste to be collected by the City shall, on the day of collection, be placed on the property side of the curb on paved streets, or in the area between sidewalk and the edge of the roadway on unpaved streets. Recycling bins and yard waste containers shall be placed three (3) feet from the point of solid waste collection. Solid waste to be collected by either municipal or private collection agencies shall not be collected in alleys, except in those alleys specifically designated as follows:

Alleys bounded by:

1. Lincoln, 12th Avenue, Kearney and 11th Avenue

Refuse shall be placed in the designated alley on the day of collection. The alley shall not be used as a location for the storage of solid waste of any sort.

- d. **Leaves:** Leaves shall not be placed in containers for collection as solid waste. Leaves may be disposed of as yard waste between the first full week of April and the second full week of December on your regular solid waste removal day.

- e. **Materials not to be collected:** Materials not to be collected include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Materials resulting from the major construction, remodeling, repair or demolition of buildings
2. Human waste
3. Liquids
4. Dangerous materials which are radioactive, acid, caustic or explosive

5. Hot ashes, hot cinders, or smoldering embers
6. Medical waste, including hypodermic needles
7. Waste designated as hazardous by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or any appropriate responsible State agency.
8. Tires and large auto parts

Section 5. Collection Regulations

- a. **Limitations on Properties Served:** The City's collection service will be limited to solid waste produced from residential residences with four or fewer units, located within the corporate limits of the City of Port Huron, except that, commercial or non-profit properties generating no more than four trash bags or two trash containers, but not both, shall be allowed. This service is not intended to include collection nor disposal of industrial and commercial wastes.
- b. **Collection Districts:** The City shall be divided into collection districts by the Director of Public Works (see attached map).
- c. **Collection Schedule:** Collection of solid waste shall be made on a four day schedule throughout the entire year. The collection schedule shall be so arranged that the day of collection for a given district shall fall upon the same day of every week except for interruptions due to holidays. The starting time for collections shall be 7:00 a.m. All solid waste shall be placed out for collection prior to this time, but shall not be placed out for collection prior to 4:00 p.m. of the day before the scheduled pickup. Emptied containers shall be removed from the street before sundown on collection day.
- d. **Interrupted Collection Schedules:** Unless otherwise published, no collection of solid waste will be made on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. When the above holidays fall during the week, the collection schedules are to be delayed one (1) day. This will place all routes back on schedule the following Monday.
- e. **Refrigerators:** Doors must be removed from refrigerators and must be kept separate from solid waste.
- f. **Collecting Special Items:** Items with a weight and volume greater than allowed for by the collection trucks will not be collected.
- g. **Mattress and Box Springs:** All mattress and box springs must be wrapped in plastic and taped.