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UPDATED: COVID-19 IMPACT ON COLLECTION SERVICES

April 10, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – Governor Whitmer signed executive order 2020-42, extending her prior “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through the end of April. The City of Saginaw would like to provide an update to residents on how this extension will impact recycling and waste collection in the City of Saginaw.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION TO BEGIN APRIL 13

April 13 will mark the start of the City of Saginaw’s seasonal curbside yard waste collection for 2020. For Saginaw residents, the first yard waste collection day is based on their regular service day.

If your collection day is:	First date for yard waste collection:
Monday	Monday, April 13
Tuesday	Tuesday, April 14
Wednesday	Wednesday, April 15
Thursday	Thursday, April 16
Friday	Friday, April 17

The City of Saginaw reminds residents that all yard waste materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags or in 35 gallon or smaller garbage cans that have a “Yard Waste” sticker affixed to the front of the can. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves and twigs less than two inches in diameter. Twigs must not protrude more than 12” above the container. Individual cans and bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each. Yard waste stickers are free through MMWA. To order yard waste stickers or for more information on yard waste guidelines, contact MMWA at (989) 781-9555.

RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL RESUME THE WEEK OF APRIL 13

The City of Saginaw, will resume bi-weekly recycling collection service the week of April 13. Citizens are reminded to follow newly established guidelines including recycling glass items and plastics #4 – #7, excluding foam products, in their residential curbside recycling. This is in addition to clean and dry plastics #1 – #2, cardboard, mixed paper and steel and aluminum cans.

BULK COLLECTION SUSPENDED THROUGH APRIL 30

The City of Saginaw will continue to suspend bulk collection services through April 30. As a quick reminder to all – a bulk item is defined **as *anything* which is not contained in a bag or a can.**

CONVENIENCE STATION WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 11

The City Convenience Station, which is open the second Saturday of every month for Saginaw residents, will remain closed for the month of April. The next drop off date for Saginaw residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 8:00 a.m. to noon.

COMPOST SITE WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH APRIL

The city’s compost facility will remain closed to the public until April 30, 2020.

Trash collection, which is an essential service, is continuing as usual. Residents are reminded to have all properly prepared materials placed at the curb no later than 7 am on their regular collection day.

The City of Saginaw is committed to maintaining basic operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life in our city. We are all committed to the safety of our residents and collection workers. The City of Saginaw will continue to utilize extreme safety and other mitigation measures to protect employees and citizens.

The City will keep citizens informed as we have updates to share. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the MMWA website at www.recyclemotion.org or follow the City of Saginaw at www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawgovernment/

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will Police and Fire services still be available?

Yes, Police and Fire personnel will still be available to serve and protect our citizens.

2. Are City Parks open to the public?

The City of Saginaw has closed vehicle access to all city maintained parks and playground equipment until further notice. Residents are allowed to walk through our city parks and trails for outdoor exercise as outlined in Executive Order 2020-42. The order issued by Governor Whitmer includes civil penalties and fines for citizens convicted of disobeying the state's stay-at-home order. The Saginaw Police Department will be patrolling the parks and enforcing the order.

3. What about water and utility services?

When making payments, citizens are advised to use online options, pay-by-phone, or the payment drop box located in the back of City Hall. Visit www.saginaw-mi.com for information regarding payment options. During this time, city staff will be limited and only available to assist with emergency turn-ons and emergency shut-offs.

4. Will waste collection continue during this time?

Yes, all trash collection will continue for City of Saginaw residents. Citizens should continue to put their trash out by 7am on their scheduled collection day.

5. What services are impacted?

- a. All Recycling will resume April 13
- b. Spring yard waste collection will resume April 13
- c. All bulk collection services (which is anything NOT contained in a bag or a can) will be SUSPENDED until further notice
- d. The City's Compost site will be closed to the public until April 30
- e. The City's Convenience Station will be closed until Saturday, May 9

6. Will someone be available to assist with other public services?

Yes, staff will be available in a limited capacity to maintain the quality of our streets, traffic and parks. Citizens can call (989) 759-1776 for Public Services requests.

7. Will water treatment still continue?

Yes, this is an essential service for our citizens and we are well-prepared to continue providing water service throughout this pandemic. We will have staff and infrastructure in place to maintain water service around the clock to help keep families healthy, clean and hydrated. We are taking action to protect our staff and maintain our ability to provide the safe reliable source of water needed.

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