

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



## COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

March 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### **MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting**

MMWA Office

Thursday, March 23 @ 9:30 AM

#### **MMWA Brd of Trustees Meeting**

Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

Monday, April 10 @ 9:30 AM

#### **MMWA Earth Day Celebration**

Children's Zoo @ Celebration Sq  
Saginaw

Saturday, April 22, 10 am - 2 pm

### SVRC Industries offers electronics recycling

Mid Michigan Waste Authority's household special waste drop-off days will return in May, but there is a local option for electronics recycling in the meantime.

SVRC Industries is MMWA's e-waste vendor, and a Michigan DEQ registered electronics recycler.

Residents may drop off electronic items at SVRC's Saginaw facility at 919 Veterans Memorial Parkway. For information on accepted items and hours of operation, please contact Eve Flynn at (989) 752-6176, ext. 2118 or [eflynn@svrcindustries.com](mailto:eflynn@svrcindustries.com).

**In February 2017, 12 MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and seven communities had ONE.**

*A valid RCL is when a Waste Management collection worker returns to the address to provide collection service.*

### Yard waste season starts first week in April

Between the bursts of warm weather in February and the extremely windy days last week, many residents are asking when yard waste season starts.

Residents in Village of Birch Run, Bridgeport Township, Buena Vista Township, Carrollton Township, James Township, Kochville Township, City of Saginaw, Saginaw Township, Spaulding Township, Village of St Charles, Thomas Township, Tittabawassee Township and the City of Zilwaukee have weekly yard waste service, and may begin setting out yard waste on their first regular collection day in April.

Yard waste season runs through the end of November.

All materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags, available at most hardware and grocery stores, or in 35 gallon or smaller garbage containers that have a "Yard Waste Only" sticker attached. These stickers are available from participating community municipal offices or MMWA.

Brush, which includes branches greater than 2" in diameter but less than 6", is managed separately from yard waste. State law allows brush in the landfill, so it is treated as trash under the MMWA program. One 3' x 4' bundle of brush secured with twine may be set out next to regular trash at any time of year.

For more information about yard waste guidelines, please call MMWA.



Thank you to all who supported MMWA's second annual Holiday Light Drive, which collected more than one ton of unwanted holiday lights. We are especially appreciative of the member communities that served as drop-off sites and delivered lights to MMWA or to Rifkin Scrap Metal and Iron Co for recycling.

We are very pleased to announce that our efforts raised \$313 for the CAN (Child Abuse and Neglect Council) Great Lakes Bay Region, which is almost double what we earned in 2016. While the primary objective is to keep thousands of strands of lights out of the landfill, thanks to our friends at Rifkin, we are also able to support the important work being done by the CAN Council.

We look forward to kicking off our third annual holiday light drive in 2017!

**If you have residents who are asking about safe disposal of household hazardous waste & paint or electronics recycling, please advise them to call the MMWA office or check the MMWA website and Facebook page in mid April. As soon as the HSW drop-off schedule is confirmed, it will be posted and promoted.**

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