

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING UPDATE



Waterford Township residential curbside collection customers will continue to receive weekly services under a new 5-year contract with Priority Waste beginning April 1, 2026. This newsletter features important changes to the program that will increase efficiencies and continue to provide an exceptional value for Waterford customers.

This newsletter will highlight some of the important changes to be aware of, answer some of the most frequently asked questions, and provide resources for more information. We're excited to partner with Priority Waste on the new contract, keeping your collection day the same, offering universal recycling for all customers under a single rate for everyone, moving to annual billing placed on residential Winter tax bills, and continuing to offer weekly unlimited yard waste collection in season, and weekly cart plus collection.

Rates: 5 Year Contracted Rate Schedule Pre-Collected Annually on Winter Tax Bills

Year 1	April 2026 - March 2027	\$210.00
Year 2	April 2027 - March 2028	\$216.30
Year 3	April 2028 - March 2029	\$222.79
Year 4	April 2029 - March 2030	\$229.47
Year 5	April 2030 - March 2031	\$236.35

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY

If your service day is on or after a holiday, that week, your service will be delayed by one day.

WHAT'S NEW?

RECYCLING FOR EVERYONE - All Waterford Customers will now have access to convenient universal curbside recycling included in the annual rate. If you didn't previously recycle, a new cart will be delivered to your residence in the last two weeks of March 2026.

VALUE RATE - Under the single annual rate, all residents receive the same service at a set price. There's no need to sign up for discounts as they have been replaced by a single reduced rate for all customers.

BILLED ON WINTER TAXES - Under the new contract beginning April 1, 2026, a single annual rate will be billed to all single-family residential customers on your annual Winter tax bill. Quarterly direct billing ends with your January - March 2026 invoice due December 31, 2025. If you have current billing concerns, call (586) 228-1200.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I pay my bill directly instead of having it placed on my taxes? No. Under the contract beginning April 1, 2026, all Waterford customers will be billed for residential waste collection on their Winter taxes.

Can I refuse to take the new recycling cart? Yes, you may refuse the new recycling cart. However, all Waterford customers will be paying a set annual fee that includes recycling service. Refusing to take the cart does not opt a resident out of paying for recycling services. Residents who refuse a recycling cart during initial delivery, then request to have one delivered later will be subject to a \$15 delivery fee.

I'm new to Waterford. How do I sign up? Visit www.waterfordmi.gov/trash for the most up-to-date information!

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UNIVERSAL RECYCLING INFORMATION

Beginning April 1, 2026, all Waterford residential customers will have access to convenient curbside collection of recycling. While customers can no longer “opt out” of curbside recycling, universal recycling provides all customers with full-service each week at the curb for one low price, helping to keep the community clean and sustainable with a focus on value and efficiency.

Priority Waste will soon be mailing further details about recycling to each residence in Waterford, so keep an eye on your U.S. mailbox for more information, or visit www.waterfordmi.gov/trash

YARD WASTE

Unlimited yard waste will be collected curbside on your regular weekly collection day in season (see below).

Place yard waste at the curb by 7 a.m. in paper compost bags, or containers that are 32 gallons or less, weighing less than 50 pounds, and clearly marked as yard waste or compost.

April 6 - December 18, 2026

April 5 - December 17, 2027

April 3 - December 15, 2028

April 2 - December 14, 2029

April 1 - December 13, 2030


BULK & SPECIAL PICKUPS


Service includes curbside collection of one bulk item per month such as furniture or appliances. For each additional bulk pickup requested by residents in excess of one per month, the cost is only \$10 per item.


Visit www.waterfordmi.gov/trash for more information about bulk item collection.


Moving out or doing a large project? Contact Priority Waste for pricing for large pickups at 248-861-2987

HELPFUL REMINDERS

 **7 A.M. RULE** - All waste must be at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. Priority Waste is not required to return to collect items set out after 7 a.m.

 **CART PLACEMENT** - Place collection carts at the curb on flat ground, handle toward house leaving space between carts. Do not place in the street or blocking driveways. Be sure carts are not obstructed by parked cars, trees, posts, or mailboxes. Placement of waste material containers, yard waste, and recycling bins beyond the front building line of any principal residential building is restricted by ordinance to the time period beginning at 6:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled collection day through 8:00 p.m. of the scheduled collection day.

 **BILLING** - After the current billing period covering January to March 2026, residents will no longer receive bills directly from Priority Waste. Going forward, charges for trash collection will be placed on Winter tax bills.

 **COLLECTION NOTES** - You will continue to receive unlimited yard waste collection under the new contract, as well as “cart plus” trash collection. “Cart Plus” means that extra trash bags may be placed on the ground next to carts at the curb on your collection day. If you regularly have extra trash bags, it’s recommended to purchase a second trash cart from Priority Waste. Call 248-861-2987 or visit www.waterfordmi.gov/trash.

CONTACTS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Missed collection?

Scan the QR code or call (248) 861-2987 to report missed collections. Stops may be considered missed after 7 p.m. on your scheduled collection day



www.prioritywaste.com



(248) 861-2987 Priority Waste

(586) 228-1200 Priority Waste Billing



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