

## Holiday Schedule

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 28, 2019  
Thurs. collection on Friday  
Friday collection on Saturday

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday December 25, 2019  
Mon - Tues regular collection  
Wed - Fri collection 1 day behind

### NEW YEARS DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
Mon - Tues regular collection  
Wed - Fri collection 1 day behind

### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2020  
Collection 1 day behind

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Saturday, July 4, 2020  
No change to schedule

### LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7, 2020  
Collection 1 day behind

## Save the Dates

### DECEMBER 13, 2019

Yard Waste Collection  
Ends

### MARCH 16, 2020

Yard Waste Collection  
Begins



#### Website

Please visit the Bloomfield Township website at [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org). From the "Government" menu, under the "Services" heading, click on the "Solid Waste" tab for details on collection schedule and map by collection day; extended leave program; household hazardous waste; recycling; solid waste collection; and yard collection.

## GFL Environmental USA Inc

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# Bloomfield Township

## Solid Waste Program Update

Fall 2019

### Household Hazardous Waste Event Cancelled

The Township Board voted to eliminate the annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days previously held in October and May. Additionally, the E-Waste, Paper Shredding and Medication Disposal Event held in the spring was also cancelled. These services are being eliminated as part of a cost-cutting measure related to unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities. Township voters said no to the proposed Public Safety SAD on the August 6 ballot. As a result, these are the first steps in changes made to the Township operations to make room in the budget for these legally mandated costs.

There is an upcoming Hazardous Waste Disposal Event hosted by NoHaz communities on October 12, 2019 at the Oakland County Service Center Campus (1200 Building in Pontiac) Cost to Township Residents is \$50.

For other disposal alternatives, see several options below or for a more extensive list including additional information on the NoHaz event visit the Solid Waste page on the Township website [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org).

### What about Batteries?

While household batteries (AA, C, 9V, etc) can be recycled, they should not be placed in the recycling container.

**Batteries should be considered household hazardous waste and disposed of properly.**

### How Do I Get Rid of Paint?

**LATEX** paint does not need to be brought to the HHW event, it is not hazardous. Latex paint can be disposed of with your regular trash by drying out any paint in the can then leaving it at the curb with the top off. To help dry the residual paint, fill the can with kitty litter or sand.

**OIL-BASED** paint is hazardous waste and cannot be placed in regular trash

For more information on recycling or the solid waste program - visit the Township website [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org)

### Environmental Responsibility

Protecting our environment is of vital importance. Preventing the illicit discharges (oils, fuels, paints and other liquids) from entering into ditches and storm sewers helps keep the rivers, lakes & streams that comprise the Rouge River Watershed clean. Please do your part by disposing of your waste properly.

#### Household Hazardous Waste

ERG Environmental Services  
Livonia 734-437-9650

*There is a nominal charge*

#### Prescription Medication

Bloomfield Twp Police Dept.  
4200 Telegraph

*Must be in a sealed container in a ziplock bag. No needles.*

#### Paper Shredding:

SOCORA 995 Coolidge, Troy  
248-288-5150

#### CFL Lightbulbs

Home Depot will accept these for proper disposal.

#### Electronic Waste

Many stores such as Best Buy, Staples and Office Depot offer recycling.

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#### Important Dates:

- December 13, 2019 Yard Waste Collection ends
- March 16, 2020 Yard Waste Collection begins

### Yard Waste Collection Ends

The yard waste season ends December 13, 2019 and will resume on March 16, 2020.

Please remember compostable materials (i.e. leaves, clippings, twigs) must be prepared in one of the following ways:

- Paper yard waste bags (available at local lawn, garden and hardware stores).
- 32- gallon cans marked "Yard Waste" or "Compost" (stickers are available at the Township Clerk's office and reception desk).
- Trimmings/branches between 2" - 6" in diameter will be collected with the garbage (solid waste) provided they are bundled and tied. Bundles should be 4 feet maximum in length and a maximum of 60 pounds each.

If you have trimmings larger than 6" in diameter, contact either GFL at 844-464-3587 or a private tree service.

### Plastic Bags and Recycling

Plastic bags and some plastic wraps are recyclable — **just not in your curbside bin!** Meaning, it's not that used plastic bags, wraps and film can't be recycled into new materials – they simply require a different collection system and processing equipment than many curbside recycling programs provide. Therefore, you need to recycle those bags at your local grocery store drop-offs. When you place these items in the curbside bin, they get wrapped on the equipment at the recycling facility, and workers have to stop the machines to climb on them to cut out the bags. And then they get landfilled. This also applies to using plastic bags to bag your recyclables! Recycling facilities cannot recycle stuff that you put inside a plastic bag. Not only does the bag itself not get recycled, it is also likely that the recyclables in the bag do not get recycled. Putting your recyclables in plastic bags requires extra man power at a recycling center as the workers at the transfer station have to open the bags and then separate the recyclables. Often, these bags will just be pulled from the stream and they'll landfill it. So please don't put plastic bags/wraps/film in your bin. But please DO recycle them. More than 18,000 retail locations across the country – such as large grocery chains, home improvement stores, Walmart, Target, etc. – provide collection bins for these plastic bags/wraps/film, usually in the storefront close to the main entrance.



#### Common Household Hazardous Waste

##### Kitchen

- Aerosol Cans
- Ammonia Based Cleaners
- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Oven Cleaners

##### Bathroom

- Alcohol Based Lotions
- Disinfectants
- Hair Relaxers
- Mercury Thermometers
- Nail Polish
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Tub & Tile Cleaner

##### Outdoor Shed

- Fungicide/Herbicide
- Insecticide
- Rat Poison
- Weed Killer
- Fertilizer

##### Garage

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Battery Acid
- Brake Fluid
- Diesel/Gasoline
- Gas/Oil Mixtures
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze

##### Basement Workshop

- Oil Based Paint
- Paint Stripper
- Turpentine
- Varnish
- Wood Preserver
- Rust Remover
- Glue

##### Miscellaneous

- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Propane Tanks

### Solid Waste Services

Bloomfield Township offers several levels of services for residents through our solid waste provider, GFL Environmental. Service levels include single-family homes curbside, doorside and inside collection and for detached condominiums curbside and doorside collection.

GFL also offers discounts to seniors who have attained age 65 and for residents that pay for their service annually. An extended leave discount is available to residents if their property is vacated for 30 to 90 days and requires a Solid Waste Exemption Form, located on the Township website, that can be mailed or faxed to GFL Services. Please submit form 30 days prior to start of leave period.

Contact GFL at (844) 464-3587 for more information on these services and discounts.



### About Your Rubbish Bill

GFL will invoice residents 30 days prior to the start of each new service quarter. Payments must be received by GFL by the last business day of the month prior to the start of the quarter as established by Township Ordinance. Payments received after the last business day of the month may be assessed a one percent late fee on the unpaid balance.

**Payment options include: automatic payment, online payment, credit card by phone or direct mail.**

Please keep in mind that accounts with an overdue balance will be submitted to the Township September 1st and forwarded to Oakland County Treasurer to be applied to the property tax roll and a lien placed against the property.

### Waiver of Solid Waste Fees

The Township Ordinance allows for the waiver of solid waste collection fees in cases where there is financial hardship.

Applications for waiver of municipal solid waste collection fees along with proof of annual gross household income from the previous year must be filed with the Township and approved by a Review Board before June 1st to be eligible. Approved waivers will be on an annual basis only and applicants must reapply every year.

The following criteria must be met to qualify for a full or partial waiver of solid waste collection fees:

1. An annual gross household income of less than or equal to 200% of the current year's Federal Poverty Threshold for a full waiver or less than or equal to 300% for a partial waiver.
2. The property applying for the waiver shall have true cash value (assessment x2) which is less than \$200,000.
3. A maximum amount in savings/checking of \$10,000 or less for each person residing in the homestead.
4. Shall not have ownership of, or interest in, real estate other than their homestead property.

Applications will be provided upon request to the Department of Public Works at (248) 594-2800

### Container Requirements

**SOLID WASTE** There is a trash container size limit of 32 gallons. Any solid waste put into a container exceeding the 32-gallon limit will not be picked up. Additionally, each container must not exceed 60 lbs.

**RECYCLING** GFL provides each customer an 18-gallon bin or a 65-gallon cart for recycling. Homeowners may request an additional bin or purchase an additional cart if necessary.

**COMPOST** Compost may be placed in brown craft bags or trash containers that are clearly marked as compost. Compost in plastic bags are prohibited by State Law and will not be picked up.

#### PAYMENT ADDRESS

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Suite 200  
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www.gflusa.com

All items for pickup must be out by 7:00 a.m. as routes are subject to change without notice.