

CHAPTER 1080
Yard Waste Collection

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Cutting or destroying trees - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 247.235, 247.241, 752.701 et seq.

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Trees, plants and shrubs - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 1022

1080.01 DEFINITIONS.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

- (a) **BUILDERS OR CONTRACTORS REFUSE.** "Builders or contractors refuse" shall include all forms of refuse generated as a result of building construction, alterations or repairs of contractors or tradesmen.
- (b) **GARBAGE.** The term "garbage," as used herein, shall be deemed to include animal, fruit and vegetable waste materials resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods in kitchens, stores, markets, hotels, restaurants and other places where food is stored, cooked or consumed.
- (c) **HAZARDOUS REFUSE.** "Hazardous refuse" shall include explosives, chemicals, radioactive material, highly flammable material and any other material that is dangerous and would result in serious hazards.
- (d) **PLASTIC BAGS.** "Plastic bags" means polyethylene or similar clear plastic bags of sufficient strength to hold their contents and allow for handling designed to store trash, secured in a manner to be made flytight by securely fastening the top with wire, string or ties appropriate for this purpose.

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(e) RUBBISH. The term "rubbish," as used herein, shall be deemed to include all waste material such as:

(1) That which can be economically processed or disposed of, and including all ordinary wastes such as paper cartons, rags, boxes, wood, excelsior, leather, rubber and other miscellaneous materials. Said listing is by way of inclusion and not exclusion. Material shall not exceed four feet in maximum dimension.

(2) That which, due to its nature or size, cannot be economically processed or disposed of, including ashes, cinders, debris from building construction, metal, barrels, glass containers, broken dishes and crockery.

(f) TRASH. "Trash" shall include all forms of waste materials, including waste material resulting from the usual routine of housekeeping; garbage produced for food preparation and consumption; discarded articles such as small appliances, household maintenance items, small automobile parts and other similar items; containers used in households or yards, such as boxes, bags and other items; and any type of appliance larger than one foot by one foot, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces, freezers and air conditioners.

(g) YARD WASTE. "Yard waste" consists of grass clippings; yard trimmings; leaves; general yard and garden waste materials; small branches, twigs, brush and shrubbery not exceeding two inches in diameter and one foot in length; dead grass; flower garden plants; vegetables; and other garden debris. (Ord. 235. Passed 6-6-95.)

1080.02 SEPARATION, BUNDLING AND PACKAGING.

Yard waste shall be separated and segregated from all other waste material, including, but not limited to, garbage, trash, rubbish, builders' and/or contractors' refuse, and hazardous refuse, and shall be bundled and packaged separately in clear plastic bags secured and fastened at the top, and, when filled, must not weigh in excess of thirty-five pounds. No person shall commingle yard waste with any other waste. If commingling shall occur, said bags will not be picked up and carried away by the City. (Ord. 235. Passed 6-6-95.)

1080.03 DISPOSITION ON PROPERTY.

No person shall rake, sweep, deposit, place, or in any manner cause to be placed, yard waste in the traveled portions of the public streets, including curbing thereof, at any time. Further, no person shall burn yard waste on the traveled portion of a public street, including curbing thereof, within the City. (Ord. 235. Passed 6-6-95.)

1080.04 COMPLIANCE BY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS.

It shall be the duty of each property owner, resident and tenant or occupant in the City to comply with yard waste rules and regulations as amended and approved by Council. (Ord. 235. Passed 6-6-95.)

1080.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 235. Passed 6-6-95.)