

BC WORKS!

The City of Battle Creek's Department of Public Works Newsletter

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City Switches to Republic Services for Solid Waste

Beginning April 1, 2021, Republic Services will take over as the City of Battle Creek's new residential solid waste hauler. Requests for proposals for the residential solid waste contract were issued by the City in September 2020, and two qualified proposals were received. The proposals were rated by City staff on a number of parameters, including cost, and Republic Services scored highest and was recommended for the five-year contract.

Republic will provide the same services to City residents that were provided by Waste Management. This includes weekly trash and bulk waste collections, weekly yard waste collection from April to December, live Christmas tree collection, spring and fall special collections and every other week recycling - for those

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SOLID WASTE NEWS

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that have opted-in. Residents must opt-in to receive a recycling cart and curbside recycling at no additional cost. To receive a recycling cart, call Republic Services at (269) 216-8008 and leave a message after the recording with the following information: your name, address, phone number and state, "YES, I would like a recycling cart." You can also send an email to: bcrecycles@publicservices.com with this same information.

City neighbors are billed monthly for solid waste service through their City of Battle Creek water bill. This service includes garbage, recycling and yard waste. The 30-day charge will be \$19.67 starting April 1, 2021, with incremental annual increases based on the contract with the city's solid waste hauler. Garbage, yard waste and additional recycling carts can be rented for \$39/year for the first cart and an additional \$30/year for each additional cart. One recycling cart can be provided at no additional charge. To rent carts, call Republic Services at (269) 216-8008 and leave a message. Backdoor service is also available for an additional charge. Senior (age 65 and older)/Handicapped discounts are available to those who qualify. Contact the city's Utility Billing team at (269) 966-3366 for more information on these services.

To report a missed collection or for other Republic Services questions, please call the **Republic Services Customer Service Line at (888) 249-5112**.

Collection Days:

Republic Services will collect solid waste from from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, so be sure to have your garbage, recycling and yard waste containers at the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. Your containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 1 p.m. on the day prior to your collection day. Containers need to be removed from the curb no later than 9 a.m. on the day following collection.



Sign up for Battle Creek's "**NOTIFY ME**" service to get email and text alerts on the City's street closures, boil water advisories, solid waste collection news and much more.

Visit: <http://www.battlecreekmi.gov/notifyme>



Chestnuthillcarting.com

2021 Spring Clean-up

The annual spring clean up will take place the week of May 24-28, 2021 on City neighbors' regular trash days. Up to 10 cubic yards will be accepted from each household.

Accepted items include:

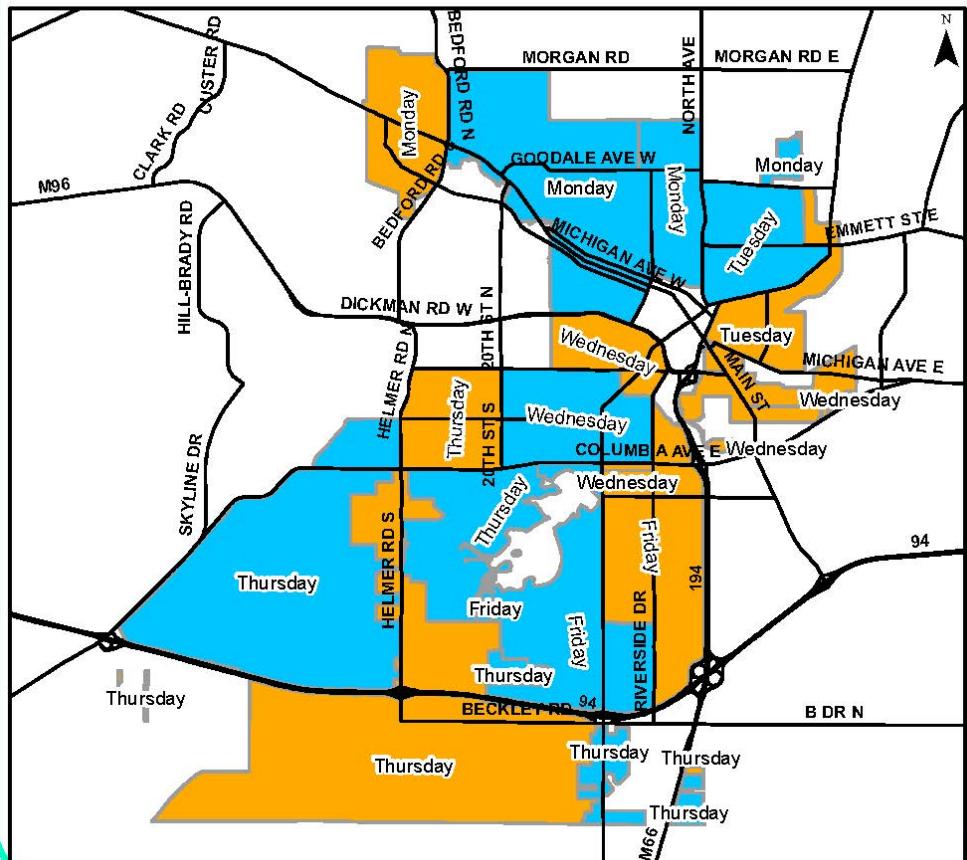
- Household doors, windows
- Furniture
- Mattress/box spring (must be wrapped)
- Toys
- Household furnishings,
- Miscellaneous rubbish/junk and packaging
- Glass (Must be placed in plastic garbage container for safety)
- Carpet and brush must be in bundles of 4 ft. or shorter lengths and no more than 1 foot in diameter.

Items **NOT** accepted include:

- Freon appliances such as refrigerators, freezers & dehumidifiers
- Electronics including computers, printers, monitors and accessories
- Televisions
- Auto parts or engines
- Tires
- Oil, gasoline or antifreeze
- Batteries
- Florescent light bulbs
- Shingles
- Chemicals, paints, solvents, pesticides, herbicides or other household
- Hazardous waste
- Concrete
- Iron or steel or cast iron bathtubs
- Stumps
- Medical waste

RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR AND MAP

Weekly Recycle Pickup Schedule - Effective 4/1/2021



City of Battle Creek 2021-2022 Recycling Guide

■ Holiday - No Service. If your collection day falls on or after a holiday your service will be delayed one day during that week.

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City neighbors who have opted-in to receive curbside recycling service with Republic Services will have recycling collection every other week on their collection day. The recycling collection day map (to the left) corresponds to the recycling calendar below the map.

Please note:

Recycling collection days may change as more city neighbors sign up for curbside recycling over the next few months. Information will be provided if there is a need to change collection days.

Coming soon!

See full interactive recycling and garbage map online at: battlecreekmi.gov/recycling

My recycling day is:

RECYCLING DOS, DON'TS AND RESOURCES

ONLY place these items in the recycling cart:

COLOQUE sólo estos artículos en el contenedor de reciclaje



Flattened
Cardboard
Cartón Aplanado



Paper
Papel



Metal
Cans
Latas de Metal



Plastic Bottles
& Jugs #1 - #7
Botellas y Receptáculos
de Plástico #1 - #7



Glass
Vidrio

How to prepare your recyclables:

Cómo preparar sus artículos reciclables:



Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid.

Vacie. Limpie. Seque.

Mantenga todos los artículos reciclables
libres de alimentos y líquidos.



Don't bag it

Never put recyclables in containers or bags.

No lo embolse

Nunca ponga los artículos reciclables
en contenedores o bolsas.



NEVER place these items in the recycling cart:

NUNCA COLOQUE sólo estos artículos en el contenedor de reciclaje:



Plastic Bags
& Wrappers
Bolsas y envolturas
de plástico



Toys
Juguetes



Food
Alimentos



Diapers
Pañales



Electronics &
Batteries
Artículos electrónicos,
pilas o baterías



Construction
Waste
Desechos de
construcción



Greasy
Pizza Boxes
Cajas de pizza
con grasa



Shredded
Paper
Papel en trizas



Clothing &
Shoes
Ropa y zapatos



Tools
Herramientas



Soiled Paper
Papel sucio



Polystyrene
Foam
Espuma de
poliestireno



Yard Waste
Desechos de
jardinería



Medical
Waste
Desechos
médicos



Scrap
Metal
Chatarra
de metal

Learn more at
RecyclingSimplified.com

Recycling *Simplified*



We'll handle it from here.™

There are many options for recycling some of the materials that are not accepted in your curbside cart.
Visit these sites to learn more.

- Calhoun County Recycling Guide
Calhouncountymi.gov/recycling
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-70153_69695---,00.html
- Earth 911
https://search.earth911.com/?utm_source=earth911-header
- Red Med Boxes in Calhoun County for unused medicines
<https://www.drugfreebc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/RedMed9-19-19.pdf>
- Plastic Film Recycling
plasticfilmrecycling.org



Still need a recycling cart?

Call Republic Services at
269-216-8008
or email
bcrecycles@republicservices.com
to request a cart at no extra charge!



FREE battery and compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) recycling kits are available at the Department of Public Works (150 S. Kendall St.).

Call us to pick one up!
(269) 966-3507

Keep up with the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners events and news at bcwater.org or on their Facebook page.

2021 RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENTS

April 10: County Appliance and Electronics Event

Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek, 9 am—noon

Accepted Items:

Electronics: Computers, Computer equipment, Laptops, LCD monitors, CRT monitors, Printers, Wires and cords, Computer peripherals, Copy/fax machines, Audio-visual equipment, Plasma televisions, LCD televisions, Tube televisions, Game consoles, Stereo equipment, Lamps, Small kitchen appliances and electronics, Car batteries, Household batteries, and other items with a cord.

Appliances: Household appliances (Washing machines, Dryers, Refrigerators, Air conditioners, Dehumidifiers)

April 24: County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection

Toeller Building, 190 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, 9 am—noon

Accepted Items:

Oil-based paint; Fuels (must be in approved container); Solvents; Acids; Bases; Pesticides; Household cleaners; Metallic mercury; Medications; Sharps; Household batteries; Fluorescent light bulbs; Smoke detectors; Motor oils; Antifreeze; Propane cylinders; Fire extinguishers; Aerosol cans;

NOT accepted:

Latex paint; Car batteries; School chemicals; Construction materials/debris (includes treated lumber); Radioactive material; Ammunitions; Weapons; Explosives

May 8: Stryrofoam (Polystyrene #6)

Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek, 3—6 pm

Accepted items: Egg cartons, Take-out food containers, meat trays, drink cups, disposable coolers and packing materials. All materials must be clean and dry.

NOT accepted: Packing peanuts and flexible foam packing materials/wrap

July 28: Scrap Tire Collection

Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek, 3—6 pm

Accepted Tires: Lawn mower; Residential passenger vehicles (cars/trucks); Semi tires; Motorcycle tires

NOT accepted: Tractor tires; Tires with rims; NO COMMERCIAL TIRES

August 28: Electronics/Stryrofoam Collection

Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek, 9 am—noon

Electronics: (See April 10, above, for accepted items)

Stryrofoam: (See May 8, above, for accepted items)



October 23: County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection

Department of Public Works, 150 S Kendall St., Battle Creek, 9 am—noon

(See April 24 event, above, for accepted items)

***All events are subject to change due to Covid restrictions**

Did you know the City of Battle Creek has a **Sustainability Plan** and a Sustainable BC Committee that meets nearly monthly? Meetings are the first Monday of the month (except May, July, Sept., Nov.) at 3:30 p.m and are open to the public.



For City of Battle Creek public meetings, visit:

<https://www.battlecreekmi.gov/421/Public-Meeting-Notices>

The Plan is available online at:

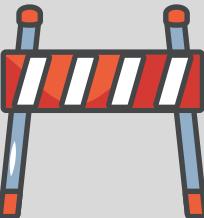
<https://www.battlecreekmi.gov/220/Environmental-Services>

CONSTRUCTION SEASON 2021

Pending approval from the City Commission, the Engineering Division is preparing the following projects to be completed during the 2021 construction season.

The following roads will be **Crack filled**:

- Capital Ave. SW. from the City limits Beckley Rd.
- Elm St. from Cliff St. to Michigan Ave.
- Glenn Cross Rd. from Capital Ave. to M-66
- Jackson St. from Angel St. to Stringham
- Stringham from Jackson St. to Michigan Ave.
- North Ave. from Roosevelt to Coolidge
- Emmett St. from N. Washington Ave. to Grant St.
- Goodale from Beglin Ct. to North Ave.
- River Rd. from the City limits M-37
- Helmer Rd. from I-94 to Gethings Rd.
- Lafayette from Angell St. to Kendall St.



What is **Crack fill**? Filling of 3/8-inch or wider preliminary cracks on recently-treated roads. This prevents cracks from widening and spreading, keeping out water. The filler is a cold liquid asphalt.

The following road will be **Chip sealed**:

- Emmett St. from Grant St. to Capital Ave. NW

What is **Chip seal**? Inexpensive, effective method to extend pavement life, by applying small chips in a liquid asphalt. The road is swept to remove dust, a liquid layer is sprayed onto the road, and chips are applied and rolled over.

The following roads will be **Resurfaced**:

- North Dr. from Capital Ave. to Roosevelt Ave.
- Minges Rd. from Minges Rd. S to Riverside Dr.
- Goguac Rd. from Capital Ave. to Riverside Dr.
- Avery from Urbandale to M-89
- Everett from Urbandale to M-89
- Lenon from Jackson to M-89
- Sherbrooke from Arbor Pointe to Lenon
- Arbor Pointe from Jackson to Jackson
- Allene from Urbandale to M-89
- Russell from Allene to Everett
- Carl Ave. from Goguac St. to Spring St.

What is **Resurfacing**? A quick process in which 1.5 to 2 inches are milled off the top, enough to remove defects, after which a new layer of asphalt is laid. Prior to road work crews will also perform lead service line replacement.

The following roads will be **Reconstructed**:

- 6th St. from M-37 to end
- Ritchie from River to M-37

What is **Reconstructing**? Full pulverization of the asphalt and six inches of base; the mixture will be used as the base for the new pavement. Layers of asphalt may vary.

The following location will receive **Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvement**:

- Wentworth Ave. from Circle Dr. to Foster
- Sisson Ave. (includes force main and pump station work)

Summary: Full replacement of water and sewer infrastructure along with associated road improvement including road surface, curb and gutter and driveways.

The following locations will receive **Water Main Replacement**:

- Ann Ave. from Howland to Washington Ave.
- Fairfield Ave. from Lavista Blvd. Foster Ave.

Summary: Full replacement of water infrastructure along with associated road improvement including road surface.

The following **bridges** will receive **preventative maintenance**:

- Emmett St. over the CN Railroad
- Hamblin Ave. over the Kalamazoo River
- Michigan Ave. over the Battle Creek River

Summary: These bridges will receive improvement to critical components such as the deck and superstructure. Detours will be posted.

The following location will receive **speed hump installation**:

- Terry Ct. from 24th to Woodrow

Summary: Following the City's Traffic Calming Policy, Terry Court will receive 3 speed humps in an effort to control speed in the neighborhood.

In addition to this work, the Michigan Department of Transportation also has resurfacing planned along Columbia Ave. from Helmer Rd to M-66.

As the construction season nears, impacted neighbors will be notified by the project personnel of the anticipated timelines. Neighbors along these routes may encounter team members performing maintenance and inspections prior to projects beginning. This could include activities like tree trimming, valve exercising, lead service line replacement and sewer inspection.

The estimated investment listed above is approximately \$4 million for the City of Battle Creek assets.

Questions/concerns should be forwarded to Carl Fedders, City Engineer at 269.966.3343 or by email at cefedders@battlecreekmi.gov

Customers can also get information on these projects by signing up for alerts here:

<https://www.battlecreekmi.gov/list.aspx>



ROUNDABOUTS/STORM DRAINS

The Engineering Division has proposed a roundabout at the Intersection of North Ave. and Emmett Street.

Roundabout intersections are a growing trend that have demonstrated overall safety improvements.

What are the advantages to a roundabout at Emmett Street and North Avenue?

- Slower vehicle speeds, as all movements would require drivers to yield to pedestrians and other vehicles in the roundabout. This includes putting the driver through a slight chicane (an extra curve) to slow them down as they approach the intersection.
- Eliminates all 90-degree conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians (legal left and right turns toward pedestrians).
- Eliminates all 90-degree conflict points between vehicles (left turn and thru movements). This eliminates the major cause of injuries at most conventional intersections.
- Reduces the length and time that crossing pedestrians are exposed to traffic by utilizing pedestrian refuge islands, where the current left-turn lane is situated.
- Reduces emissions by eliminating vehicle idle time and delays.
- Reduces operational costs of maintaining the traffic signal.

What is the proposed timeline?

Pending City Commission approval, the construction is proposed for Spring 2022.

How do I ask the city additional questions about this?

Call the city's Engineering Division, at 269-966-3343. You can email the city at PublicInput@battlecreekmi.gov.

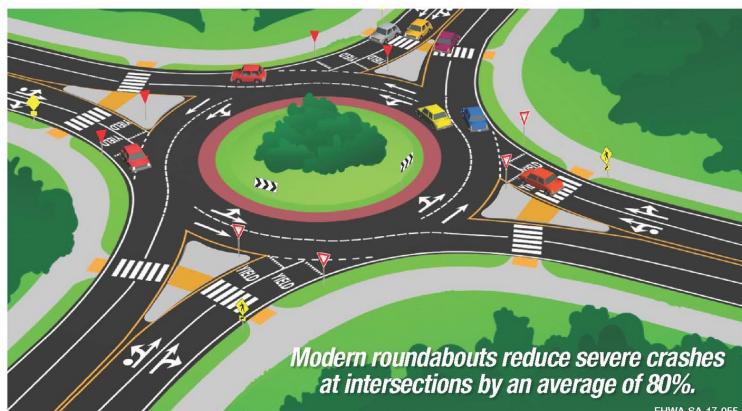
Only Rain in the Storm Drain

Rain water and snow melt are the only things that should wash down our storm drains. Anything else—grass clippings, leaves, motor oil, and fertilizer—is considered an illicit discharge. Storm water travels **UNTREATED** to lakes, rivers or wetlands.

You can help keep our local waters clean with the following simple actions:

- Take unwanted household chemicals to a collection event (see page 5). Never dump them down the storm drain.
- Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the storm drain
- Pick up after your pet. Pet waste can wash to our rivers and lakes, carrying harmful bacteria.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash or in a lawn area so soap and dirt don't wash into the storm drain and to area rivers and lakes.
- Limit fertilizer/chemical use on your lawn and take care to not spill excess on paved surfaces where it will wash off.
- If you see any suspicious flows coming from a stormwater outfall (especially during dry weather) in the Battle Creek area, please contact the City of Battle Creek's Environmental Department at (269) 966-3355 ext. 1878.

Do you know the rules of the roundabout?



FHWA-SA-17-055

1 Slow Down.

2 Look Around.

3 Be Ready to Yield.

A roundabout is a circular intersection design where traffic travels at low speed around a central island and entering traffic must yield to circulating traffic. Roundabouts are safer and more efficient than traditional intersections.

The geometry of a roundabout is key to controlling the speed at which traffic enters and maneuvers through the intersection, providing the following benefits:

- Lower severity of collisions that may occur, resulting in significantly fewer severe injuries.
- Increased likelihood of drivers yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Time for drivers to judge and enter a comfortable gap in circulating traffic.

 U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration





Fire Hydrant Landscaping

In order to provide excellent fire service, we are asking our City neighbors to assist us in resolving a potentially dangerous problem: landscaping, debris, fences, and other objects that are obstructing fire hydrants.

The City has adopted the International Fire Code at ordinance section 1610.01 as follows:

"507.5.4 Obstruction. Unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrant."

"507.5.5 Clear space around hydrants. A 3-foot (914 mm) clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants, except as otherwise required or approved."

We thank you for your help in dealing with this matter. **If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Water Division at 269-966-3506.**



311 Information Center

We have started a 311 Information Center, a one-call shop to answer your non-emergency city questions, and help you with service needs. We are still working through the setup of this center, so for right now, when you dial some city department phone numbers, those will forward to our two call center teammates.

You can also call directly, 269-966-3311. Eventually, all main department phone numbers will route through the information center, and we will have more ways to contact the call center team. They answer calls from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can find this information on our website at battlecreekmi.gov/BC311.

