

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF CLARE

This flier is to provide you with information regarding some of the various services available to city residents (along with fees, if any).

We hope you will find this information helpful.

(Garbage, Bulk Items, Recycling Materials, and Yard Waste should always be placed at the curb at the end of your driveway).

1. Garbage Collection:

Residential garbage collection is on THURSDAY* and materials must be placed to the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. in the GFL trash cans. If the GFL truck goes by your home at or after 6:00 a.m. and your refuse was not at the curb, they will *not* make a return trip to collect it. There is no “bag” limit, but all materials must be bagged (***no “boxes” of trash***).

2. Bulk Items:

Residential properties having curbside collection are also eligible to dispose of one “qualified” bulk item with their regular garbage collection. *You may call 989.386.2182 x201 for a complete list of qualified bulk items or to schedule an item for pickup.* Qualified bulk items include furniture (if the furniture is multiple-piece item, each item counts as one bulk item); appliances (doors removed and a certificate attached from a licensed extractor stating all CFC & HFC [freon] has been removed); 4 bundles of carpeting and/or padding (cut into lengths of 4’ or less and rolled and tied into bundles weighing 50 pounds or less); and miscellaneous items (properly contained or bundled weighing 50 pounds or less).

Construction materials do NOT qualify as bulk items – no siding, windows, doors, wood, shingles, etc... and will not be collected. You may take them to Northern Oaks Landfill in Harrison (call 539-6111 for cost).

3. Curbside Recycling Program:

The City of Clare participates in the curbside recycling program for residential units having curbside garbage collection also. Recycle cans were issued to each residential property and are to *remain with the property* if you move. Recycle cans should be placed at the curb for collection by 6:00 a.m. on Thursdays*. If you have an excess amount of recycling (more than will fit in one can) you may use your own additional cans that are clearly marked “RECYCLE” or you can rent an addition can from GFL for \$5 per month (\$60 per year). Cardboard boxes should always be broken down (3’ square maximum size) and placed on top of the recycle bin. *(If you have an excessive amount of cardboard, please tie it into manageable bundles prior to placing it at the curb. Thank you.)*

4. Yard Waste Collection:

The City of Clare also participates in the residential curbside yard waste collection program. Yard waste is collected on Fridays* from April 1 through November 30 (barring substantial snowfall). **Yard waste will not be**

collected if placed in plastic bags, cardboard boxes, the customer's recycle bin, or other unapproved container. It must be in one of the following:

Biodegradable bags available at City Hall; *or*

A privately owned rigid container (trash can) that has the words "YARD WASTE ONLY" clearly painted (or otherwise permanently marked) on the side IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS in a contrasting color.

NO YARD WASTE CONTAINER SHALL WEIGH MORE THAN 35 LBS. WHEN FULL.

Yard waste must be placed to the curb before 6:00 a.m. on day of collection. GFL drivers will only go down each street one time.

*NOTE: *When a major holiday (New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day) falls on a regular working day, collection for all services will be one day later. If the holiday falls on Sunday, there will not be a change in the collection day.*

5. Brush Chipping:

Brush Chipping is strictly a "Time & Weather" permitting activity, and is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor). As time & weather allow, we normally begin chipping brush on the Monday of the week where the first day of the month falls. If you are unsure, you can check the listing on the Clare Informational Access Channel (Cable TV – Channel 97) or call 989/386-2182, x202.

The City of Clare chips brush for properties where an existing structure is already in place. Brush to be chipped should:

Be placed at the curb before 7:00 a.m. of the first scheduled day of chipping;

Be placed within 2 feet of the curb with large ends facing same direction;

Be not longer than 6' in length nor larger than 8" in diameter; AND

Not include Stumps, Roots, or Vines. The property owner is responsible for disposing of these as they will not go through the chipper.

You may NEVER dispose of stumps, roots, or vines on any public property.

If you have a large amount of brush, please call 989/386-2182 (x202).

If you have a vacant lot, you should contact the D.P.W. at 989/386-2182 (x202) for further information.

6. Used Motor Oil/Automotive Batteries:

City residents may take used motor oil and automotive batteries to the Department of Public Works (307 Maple Street) for disposal Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **You must show your driver's license** as proof of residency each time prior to dropping these items off.