

# It's Back! 2017 City Spring Clean Up

## Spring Cleanup - "Trash Amnesty Day"



The City of Madison Heights and GFL Environmental USA Inc. (the City's refuse contractor) are sponsoring a **Spring Clean Up Day on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12 noon**. This event will be held **at the Department of Public Services at 801 Ajax Drive**. The trash amnesty day is meant to encourage residents to clean out garages, basements, and most especially yards.

You will be able to tote your trash to the Department of Public Services (D.P.S.) for disposal in one of the waiting trash trucks or roll-off waste receptacles. A wide variety of items will be accepted, but only after proof of residency.

### Residential Refuse Only

- Bricks
- Shingles (limited quantity only - no roofing jobs - miscellaneous pieces only)
- Swing sets cut in 3 - 4 foot lengths and bundled so one person can handle
- Drywall and other building or house improvement debris from your remodeling projects only
- Glass windows
- Concrete - even if attached to something
- Sod, logs, root balls and stumps
- Aluminum foil
- Car parts (not batteries)
- Tires (no rims) must be cut into 4 sections due to State law. Residents can also take them to a tire dealer and pay to have them disposed of.
- Refrigerators, stoves, washers & dryers
- Bathtubs (even cast iron)
- Carpet and padding cut in 3 - 4 foot width and tied so one person can manage it
- Beds, mattresses and box springs
- Sinks & toilets
- Hot water tanks
- Couches & chairs
- Garage doors - cut in sections and bundled so one person can handle
- Railroad ties and wooden fencing cut and bundled in 3-foot sections

*The list is almost endless and the only restrictions are no contractors, only single-family residential trash and debris, and NO household hazardous waste.*

The ultimate goal of "Trash Amnesty Day" is a cleaner, nicer Madison Heights. One of the benefits is fewer places to harbor rodents, mosquitoes, and other pesky critters.

## Spring Cleanup - "No Fee Brush Chipping Week"

Do you have piles of branches or brush in your yard that you've been meaning to dispose of, but haven't? Do you have a tree you've trimmed, or plan on trimming, but need a good excuse to do it? Well, we've got a deal for you!



The week of May 8th has been designated by the City of Madison Heights as a NO FEE Brush Chipping Week. During this week you may place your branches and brush curbside. Your piles of brush will be chipped "Free of Charge" by one of several brush chipping crews from the Department of Public Services.

Rules for this week of free chipping are as follows:

- Branches placed neatly in piles at curbside cut to 4' lengths with butt end toward road.
- Branches must not extend into the street, nor can they block the sidewalk.
- Branches will be chipped on your regular trash day, so please don't set out your branches prior to 7:00 pm the day before your trash day.

City crews will be traveling throughout the entire City each day, until every bit of brush is chipped at every home in Madison Heights, Free of Charge. Brush must be placed curbside. Crews will not be able to "drag" brush from private property.

## No Wipes in The Pipes!!

Convenience wipes such as baby, hygienic, cleaning, and disinfectant, as well as toilet bowl scrubbers and paper towels might be labeled as 'disposable' or 'flushable', but these items should NOT go down the drain.

Products like these do not break down in the City's sewer system, causing plugs in sewer pipes and pumps, resulting in sewage backups, costly cleanups, and environmental consequences that can result in rate increases.

What Can YOU Do to Help?

1. Do not flush objects down the toilet such as: wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, or dental floss.
2. Dispose of these items in your household or business trash receptacles.
3. Inform those who clean your house or business of proper disposal methods for convenience products.
4. Select cleaning supplies that can be washed and reused.
5. Spread the word! Inform your friends and family of the dangers of flushing wipes down the drain.