

# MADISON HEIGHTS - RECYCLING

# *Sustainability*

# IN MOTION

**New Carts. Same Commitment.**

## CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, SAY HELLO TO YOUR NEW RECYCLING CART!

These new recycling carts make it easier to recycle more. They roll easily to the curb, hold more recyclables, and help reduce litter by protecting materials from the weather and animals.

### EVERYONE WINS WHEN WE RECYCLE.

You're receiving this recycling cart thanks to a partnership between the City of Madison Heights, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and The Recycling Partnership—a nonprofit working to improve recycling across the country.

Our community was chosen for these grants because of our strong commitment to growing and improving recycling in Madison Heights.

When we all recycle as much as we can, we create jobs, protect our natural resources, reduce pollution, and help our community thrive. Recycling also saves landfill space, supports local businesses, keeps neighborhoods cleaner, and makes the most of the materials we already have.

Thank you, to our residents, for your recycling efforts!

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64 gallon recycling cart.



Learn more at: [www.madison-heights.org/carts](http://www.madison-heights.org/carts)

# FAQs

## Why is the City transitioning to Cart-Only collection?

The City is moving to cart-only recycling collection to keep neighborhoods cleaner, reduce pests and rodents, and improve collection efficiency. The change is also expected to save the City an estimated \$1 million over the life of the contract. This decision follows a series of public engagement efforts, a community survey, and a unanimous recommendation to City Council from the Trash Talk subcommittee. For more insight, watch the "Trash Talk" meeting video here: [www.madison-heights.org/TrashTalk](http://www.madison-heights.org/TrashTalk)



## Can I order a second cart if I have a big household?

YES! You may use as many carts as you need for recycling (even your existing Rizzo, GFL, or Priority Waste carts.) If you'd like to purchase an additional City-issued cart, just give the Department of Public Services a call at 248-589-2294.

## Will my pickup day or time change?

No, your collection schedule will stay the same.

## Where does my recycling go?

When you recycle in Madison Heights, you're helping give materials a second life. Priority Waste, our current hauler, collects your recyclables and transports them to one of two local Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). At these facilities, materials are sorted, cleaned, and baled using advanced technology. From there, they're sold to domestic and international manufacturers who use them to create new products like cardboard boxes, aluminum cans, or even clothing fibers.

## Should I bag any of the recycling?

Do not bag recyclables - leave them unbagged in the cart.

## What if my cart is broken or damaged during service?

New carts come with a 10-year warranty. If your cart is broken or damaged during service please call the Department of Public Services for assistance.

## Carts were delivered to my home, but I do not want the new cart. Will you take it back?

City-issued carts are assigned to each address and must remain on the property, even if not in use. These new carts cannot be returned to the City. If you have old carts from prior use, you may recycle them by dropping them off at the Department of Public Services (DPS) or call DPS if you need assistance.

## Can I recycle plastic bags or wrap in my cart?

No. Plastic bags and wrap causes equipment jams at recycling processing facilities. These items can be taken to local grocery stores for recycling drop-off.

## What if I am physically unable to maneuver the carts to the curb?

Cart assistance is available for eligible residents who are physically unable to move their trash and recycling carts and do not have additional support. For those who qualify, staff will wheel the carts to the truck, empty them, and return them after collection. For more information visit: [www.madison-heights.org/CartAssistance](http://www.madison-heights.org/CartAssistance)