

Trash Compactor Guidelines

Please provide the following rules and expectations to all employees who handle waste and recycling.

Proper disposal of waste and recycling, as well as maintenance of the compactor area, helps keep everything clean and operational. The compactor and recycling area are under video surveillance by the DPW. Illegally dumping will not be tolerated, and has a minimum fine of \$100.

Any type of trash receptacle, including trash bags or containers, can be used to transport refuse and recyclables, provided that it is leak-proof and no spillage occurs.

The following items **cannot** be placed in the compactor:

- No liquids of any kind
- No pallets or large shipping containers or landscape material of any kind
- No construction debris (e.g., drywall, countertops, sinks, carpet, doors, wood, cement).
- No furniture (e.g., chairs, sofas, desks, cabinets).
- No appliances (e.g., washers, hot water tanks, refrigerators).
- Never leave trash on the ground around the compactor. Violating this rule will result in the following fine structure – 1st time offense \$100, 2nd \$200, 3rd shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and up to \$500.

The City does not provide collection of large bulk items within the Central Business District. Bulk items can be disposed of at the SOCRRA Troy drop off location at 995 Coolidge, Troy, MI. Drop off hours are from 6-10 am and the cost is \$65 per ton, or \$40 per minimum drop off. Unable to drop off those bulk items? Contact the city's solid-waste collection contractor, Car Trucking, (586-791-8480) to receive a quote for pickup.

If the compactor is not working properly, or if the area needs maintenance, please contact the [Zero Waste Program Coordinator](#) at **248-336-4160** or report it using the [SeeClickFix](#) app. If it is after City Hall hours (8 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Thursday) please call the Police Department's non-emergency line 248-541-3650.

Mixed Recycling

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE EMPTIED. NEVER TRY TO RECYCLE FOOD OR LIQUIDS.

Currently, businesses may use a roll-off recycling cart. If you do not have one and are interested in obtaining a recycling cart, please email zerowaste@ferndalemi.gov.

If using a roll-off cart, it must be placed in the enclosure, along the right-hand side (west side), the night prior to collection (collection occurs Monday-Friday mornings).

Acceptable Items:

- Paper (newspaper, envelopes, cartons, shredded paper, boxboard, etc)
 - Plastic (bottles, jugs, containers)
 - Metal (cans, aerosol, tin foil,)
 - Glass (bottles, jars, etc)
- Unacceptable Items (must go in trash)
- All food waste and food-soiled items
 - Napkins, wipes, paper towels
 - Plastic bags
 - Plastic wrap and wrappers
 - Rubber
 - Styrofoam
 - Medical waste
 - Chemicals (dry or liquid)
 - Wood items
 - Batteries or light bulbs
 - Electronics and cords

Cardboard Recycling

BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN

- Cardboard bins are located outside in the parking lot adjacent to the waste room.
- All cardboard boxes must be broken down completely. Please remove and dispose of all packing materials.
- It is important to keep the dumpster lids closed to keep the cardboard dry.

Grease Recycling

Under no circumstances are they to be used for: *Water, Food Matter, Garbage, Liquid Waste, Fryer Cleaning Detergent, Animal Bones, Rags, Rubber Gloves, or Any Other Debris.*

USED COOKING OIL (UCO) DISPOSAL ONLY

Please be advised that any violation of the above rule may result in additional penalties if clean-up services are needed, in an amount of the actual cost experienced by the damage.

If you witness or encounter any spills, overflow, or any other hazardous conditions, please report it using SeeClickFix or by calling 248-546-2519, after hours 248-541-3650.