



## TRASH, RECYCLING AND CORONAVIRUS

We are all concerned about the effect of coronavirus, or COVID-19. This virus has interrupted our lives in ways we had *never* imagined possible.

Monroe County is asking residents to keep in mind **Garbage and Recycling workers** – both private and public – who continue to provide this valuable service to Monroe County businesses and residents every day.

For now, garbage and recycling collection is operating on normal schedules.

**Any changes to this will be communicated from your hauler.**

Please use the tips below to help keep garbage and recycling workers safe and working efficiently:

**Garbage should be placed in a hauler issued garbage cart or other provided receptacle on your designated pickup day.**

**Garbage should be bagged!**

Limit loose items in your garbage cart.

**Contact your hauler directly regarding bulk pickups**

(i.e., furniture, mattresses, carpet pieces and construction materials) as these services may be reduced.

**Cardboard recycling MUST be broken down, contained and left at the curb.**

**All other recyclables** (paper, plastic bottles, plastic jugs, plastic jars, plastic tubs, glass bottles or jars, metal cans and containers) **should be placed in your recycling bin or cart and left at the curb on your designated pickup day.**

*All materials MUST be clean and dry.*

*Recycling material in plastic bags will NOT be accepted.*

**Garbage and recycling are essential services!**

We ask you to please help keep these critical workers safe!

Here are some ideas:

- Use soap and water or an alcohol-based cleaning product to wash-off the handles and lids of all trash and recycling bins that are physically picked-up by sanitation workers
- Ensure that bins and bags are closed and sealed properly
- Rinse off and wipe down bottles, cans, and other recyclables that you put into bins
- Keep to the rules outlined by your hauler and only place proper waste and recycling materials in the proper bins
- Practice social distancing by placing your bins out the night before the waste or recycling is slated to be picked up
- Donate new pairs of work gloves and/or bottles of hand sanitizer by leaving them on top of the trash lid as a gift (include a note so they know they're safe to use)

Monroe County appreciates our garbage and recycling workers, both public and private.

Thanks for your help in creating safe and healthy working

conditions for them!

As always, please email  
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