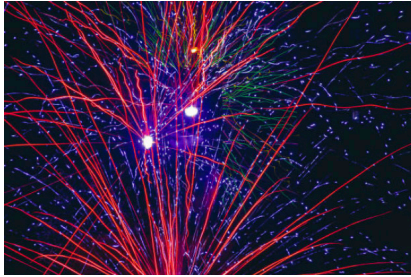
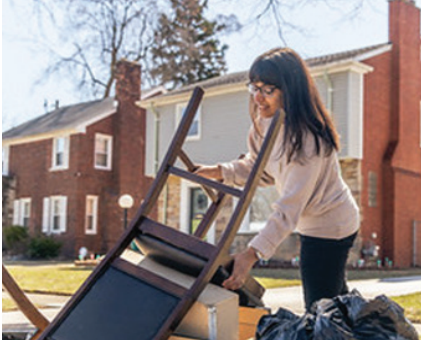



# Detroit RESIDENTS' GUIDE

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE





This guide contains information on what you need to know as a Detroit resident. The information focuses on a number of subjects, which are top areas of concern for residents. Additional details regarding this information are available on the City's website at

**[detroitmi.gov](https://detroitmi.gov)**

To review the City ordinances that pertain to the information contained in this guide, please go to:

**[detroitmi.gov/law](https://detroitmi.gov/law)**

and click on **[Detroit City Codes of Ordinances](#)**

# Maintain Your Property



- Pick up litter from around your property **(42-2-97a)**
- Keep your grass cut below 8" and free of weeds or plant growth unless they are decorative in nature, such as flowers or decorative shrubs. **Part IV, Chapter 8, Article XV, Section 104.**
- Do not place grass clippings or leaves in the street
- Residents are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the alley from their property to the middle of the alley. Residents must keep their portion of the alley free of overgrowth.
- Remove animal waste immediately from your property **(42-2-26b)**
- Owners are obligated to maintain their buildings in a way that does not encourage rats, rodents and other vermin. **Part IV, Chapter 8, Article XV, Section 105.**
- Do not keep inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on the property **(8-15-110a)**
- When snow falls or ice forms, it is the responsibility of the owner to remove snow or ice from sidewalks within 24 hours. **Part IV, Chapter 8, Article XV, Section 103.**
- Campaign yard signs may be posted on personal property (such as a front lawn), but not on public property. The berm, the area between the sidewalk and the street, is City of Detroit property.

## Maintain Your Rental Property

The guidelines above also apply to owners of rental properties.

- All rental properties in Detroit must be registered with the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department. There is no fee for registration. Fines can be \$280 plus any remediation costs.

# Take proper care of household trash, bulk items, yard waste and recycling

- Trash collection is once a week. Collection of recycling, bulk items and yard waste is every other week. Yard waste is collected from April-December every two weeks.
- Your container is only allowed at the curb from 6 p.m. on the day before collection and shall be removed no later than 9 p.m. on the day of collection **(42-2-50)**
- All items should be placed in front of your home. Placing items in front of another home, vacant lot, or other property is considered illegal dumping.
- Do not store your garbage or recycling container in the front yard **(42-2-48)**
- Do not place trash in someone else's container **(42-2-43)**
- Residents should not take garbage or recycling containers from vacant houses or when moving to another home. The City

does not allow more than one garbage or recycling container per household unless permitted by the Department of Public Works. Containers are assigned to households, not individuals.

- Containers shall be in good repair with a functioning lid. They can be purchased for \$25 from your waste hauler. **Part IV, Chapter 42, Division 3, Article 2, Section 42.**



## Find Out Your Collection Days

If you don't know your collection days, go to [detroitmi.gov](http://detroitmi.gov) and enter your address under My Home Info.

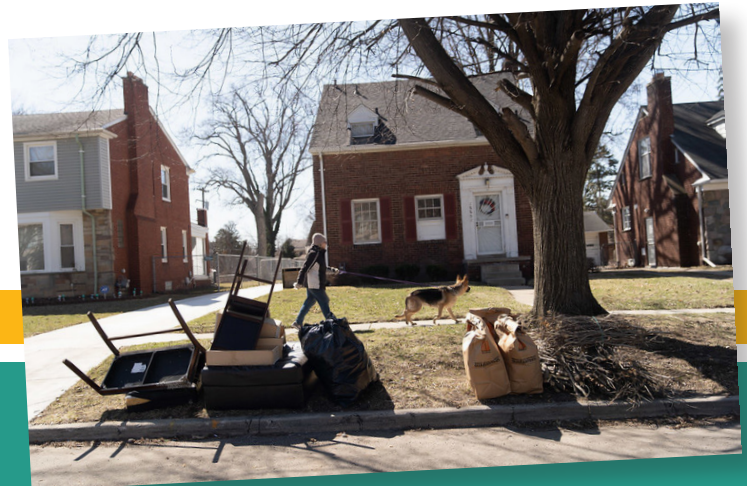
Also, you can sign up to receive weekly text message reminders about your trash, bulk, yard waste and recycling collection. Text your address to **(313) 800-7905**.

# Dispose of Bulk Items Properly

- Place your bulk items at the curb by 6 p.m. the day before your collection. Do not place bulk at the curb more than 24 hours before designated day **(42-2-97b)**.
- Bulk items may be no more than 1,000 lbs. or exceed 2 cubic yards in volume (roughly the size of two appliances). **(42-2-27)**
- **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS** include furniture, appliances, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.
- **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS** include: remodeling or construction debris, household hazardous waste, flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, tires, car parts, needles, radioactive materials, chemicals, etc.
- Construction materials (remodeling debris, roofing shingles, cabinets, toilets, etc.) are not accepted as bulk. DPW provides affordable pickup service for construction materials or when bulk items exceed the limit. Call DPW at **(313) 876-0004** to get an estimate. You may drop off construction materials at J Fons for a fee.



- Do not place bulk items in front of another structure or lot **(42-2-92b)**. This is considered illegal dumping and you can be ticketed.
- Keep bulk items separate from yard waste/brush. **(42-2-22)**.



# Dispose of Yard Waste Properly



- Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves and tree limbs.
- Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) or a personal garbage can labeled yard waste.
- Brush must not be longer than 4 feet in length or larger than 2 inches in diameter.

- Tree branches and limbs should be tied and bundled. Bundles should weigh no more than 60 lbs.

## RECYCLING ITEMS

Recyclables include paper, paper bags, paper board, boxes, clear and colored glass, metals, plastic bottles and containers

## DPW Drop-Off Locations

If yard waste or bulk items must be disposed of immediately, residents are encouraged to use any of the DPW drop-off locations (limited to 1,000 lbs. per resident per day)



- **Southfield Yard**, 12255 Southfield (bulk & yard waste)
- **Davison Yard**, 8221 W. Davison (bulk & yard waste)
- **J. Fons Transfer Station**, 6451 E. McNichols (bulk & yard waste, construction debris for fee)
- **Recycle Here!**, 5960 Lincoln St. (recyclable items including styrofoam & batteries)
- **Household Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility**, 2000 E. Ferry (TVs, pharmaceuticals, oil, paint, batteries, light bulbs, pesticides, etc.)

Go to [detroitmi.gov/dpw](http://detroitmi.gov/dpw) for additional information and hours of operation.

# Report Illegal Dumping

All items should be placed in front of your home. Placing items in front of another home, vacant lot, or other property is considered illegal dumping.

If you see illegal dumping in your neighborhood that has already occurred, residents can:

- 1** Use the **Improve Detroit app** (Link to: <https://detroitmi.gov/ImproveDetroit>)



- 2** Contact **BSEED Environmental Enforcement** at **(313) 876-0426** or email **EnvEnf@detroitmi.gov**.

If you see illegal dumping in progress, call 911 and provide as much detail as possible (person's description, car description, exact location of dumping, etc.) and take pictures or a video if possible.



# Be Careful Around Fire

(Part IV, Chapter 18, Division Five, Section 83)

## Barbecue Grills

It is illegal to grill on a porch or area with a roof including balconies and inside garages. Grilling in garages, on porches or balconies is a fire hazard and can lead to a structure fire.

## Campfires

Campfires must be approved and permitted by the Fire Marshal. There are no exceptions.

## Fire Pits

Fire pits that are UL approved and not larger than 3' x 3' are allowed. Fire pits shall be ten feet away from structures, fences or property lines, and the burning of clean wood (e.g., chopped logs,) is permitted. The burning of treated wood, garbage, trash or yard waste is prohibited.



## Fireworks

Consumer-grade fireworks are allowed in Detroit on days consistent with State law.

State law requires that fireworks be allowed on the following days after 11 a.m.:

- December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1
- The Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m.
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m.
- July 5, if it falls on a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
- The Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day until 11:45 p.m.

It is illegal to ignite fireworks on public property (including streets and sidewalks), school



property, church property or another person's property without their express permission.

The Detroit Police Department and The Detroit Fire Marshal's Office will oversee enforcement. Any violations of City, State or Federal law are subject to a misdemeanor and punishable by fines of up to \$500.00 per occurrence.

If there is a violation related to fireworks, citizens should call 911. However, this is a non-priority police call for service. If an officer is unavailable, the citizen should call the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit (TCRU) at 313-267-4600 to document the complaint. The citizen should also call the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) and/or NPO team within their designated area. The NPO can also implement restorative practices if there is a conflict between parties.

Residents should consider these important safety tips to protect lives and property:

## ALWAYS

- Follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Have an adult supervise fireworks activities, including sparklers.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then immediately back away to a safe distance.

- Keep people and pets out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Light fireworks outdoors on a driveway or other paved surface at least 25 feet away from houses and highly flammable materials such as dry grass or mulch.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Douse spent fireworks in a bucket of water before discarding them.

## NEVER

- Buy fireworks packaged in brown paper or use unlabeled fireworks – they are for professional use only.
- Experiment with or make your own fireworks.
- Allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Try to re-light "duds" or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. (Rather, wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.)
- Point or throw fireworks at other people.
- Carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

# Be a Responsible Pet Owner

## DOG LICENSING

### City Code Chapter 6, Article Five, Sections 1 through Five

A license is proof of ownership and that a dog has been vaccinated against rabies. Each Detroit license bears a unique identification number that shows your dog is registered to you.

### Get a dog license by applying in person, by mail or online.

#### Apply in person or by mail

**Detroit Animal Care and Control,  
7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit 48211**

For more information, call  
**313-922-DOGS (313-922-3647)**

Apply online at  
**[detroitmi.gov/health](http://detroitmi.gov/health)**

#### Dog License Fees:

- Neutered \$10
- Not Neutered \$15

## What You Need for a Dog License

- Owner Identification
- Proof of Rabies Vaccine
- Payment (Cash, Check, Money Order) made payable to *City of Detroit*

## Dog Licensing Requirements:

- Licenses will not be issued if there are fewer than 31 days until the rabies vaccine expires. You will need to get your dog vaccination updated prior to applying for a license.
- A rabies vaccine **MUST** be given by a veterinarian.
- Licenses are not transferable between individuals or dogs
  - You will need proof that your dog is currently vaccinated against rabies prior to applying for a license online. A copy of the rabies certificate bearing the manufacturer, serial number, date the animal was vaccinated, veterinarian's signature and license number must be received prior to a license tag being issued.
  - The license tag will be mailed to the mailing address you provide



## DOG OWNERSHIP RULES

### (Part IV, Chapter 6, Article 2)

- Families are limited to four of any one species of pet per household.
- It is the duty and responsibility of the dog owner to actively monitor and keep the dog on the owner's property.
- Dogs must not be continuously tethered outside for more than three hours per day. Tethers must be made of coated steel cable and should be 3 times the length of the dog from nose to tail tip. The tether should be positioned so that the dog can use its shelter and has access to food and water.
- Food, water and shelter must be provided for your dog if it is outside in the elements.

- Dogs should be brought inside during extreme weather (hot or cold, storms, etc)
- Placing a microchip in your dog is the easiest way to make sure your dog is returned home if lost. Once a loose dog is found, the City can use the chip to obtain owner information and return the dog to its owner.

For more information on microchips, contact Detroit Animal Control at **(313)-922-DOGS**



# Follow the Parking Rules

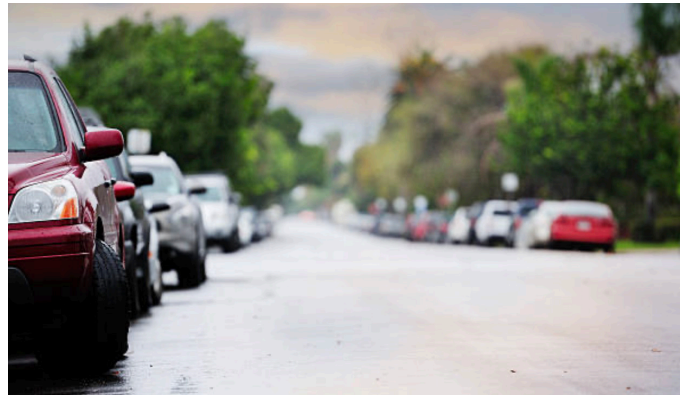
The rules for parking are contained in Part IV, Chapter 46, Article 3 of the Detroit City Code via the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code. The State of Michigan makes the rules for the entire state and the various local governments adopt and enforce them.

## Where Motorists Can Park

- When parking next to the curb, 12 inches or less is the acceptable standard
- When parking next to an intersection:
  - Park 30 feet from a stop sign, traffic signal or yield sign
  - Park 20 feet from a marked cross walk
  - Park 15 feet from a unmarked cross walk
- When parking next to a fire hydrant, the vehicle should be 15 feet away from the hydrant. To determine distance count sidewalk squares which are typically five feet per square.

## PARKING RULES

Parking of a motor vehicle is allowed on a person's property (in a garage, driveway or back yard). Parking is NOT permitted in the front yard or side yard. **Part IV, Chapter 50, Article 14, Section 286.**



A registered vehicle may be parked on the street for 48 hours without having to be moved.

If a vehicle is inoperable, it must be stored in a garage, NOT on the street for more than 48 hours. Each address is limited to one inoperable vehicle at a time. **Part IV, Chapter 50, Article 8, Section 27.**

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Parking is prohibited in these areas:

- Alleys
- Bus stops
- No parking/standing zones
- Bike lanes
- Sidewalks

# Keep Noise Down

## (Part IV, Chapter 16, Article 1)

Noise is banned from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. in public streets, alleys or sidewalks

Construction noise is subject to these regulations as well.

Landlords are responsible for their tenants creating nuisances for neighbors through this noise ordinance.

Residents are encouraged to be considerate of others when it comes to noise. It is unlawful for anyone to unreasonably disturb the peace by shouting; with loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct; using equipment or an instrument that amplifies and produces sound in a public or private place. It is also unlawful to operate equipment or an instrument from a parked or moving motor vehicle that is audible at a distance more than 10 feet from the vehicle.

If the citizen has a friendly relationship with a neighbor, that person should ask the neighbor, politely, to turn down the music. If this is not possible, then the citizen should

call 911 for a unit to address the noise complaint.

This police run is classified as a non-priority police call for service. If no units are available, the person reporting the offense may call the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit (TCRU) at 313-267-4600, so that the complaint can be documented and later addressed by the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) in the designated Police precinct. The NPO can implement restorative practices if there is a conflict between parties.

The Detroit Police Department (DPD) Manual addresses noise complaints in **section 201.1-11, per Detroit City Ordinance Code Sec. 36-1-1**.

Violations and penalties: A person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor for each violation, and, in the discretion of the court, may be fined up to \$500 and sentenced to a maximum of 90 days in jail, or both, for each violation, except for a violation of **section 36-1-1(b)** of the Code. **(36-1-6)**

A first conviction for a violation of section



36-1-1(b) of the Code shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100. A second conviction for a violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200. A third or subsequent conviction for a violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 and, in the discretion of the court, up to 90 days in jail.

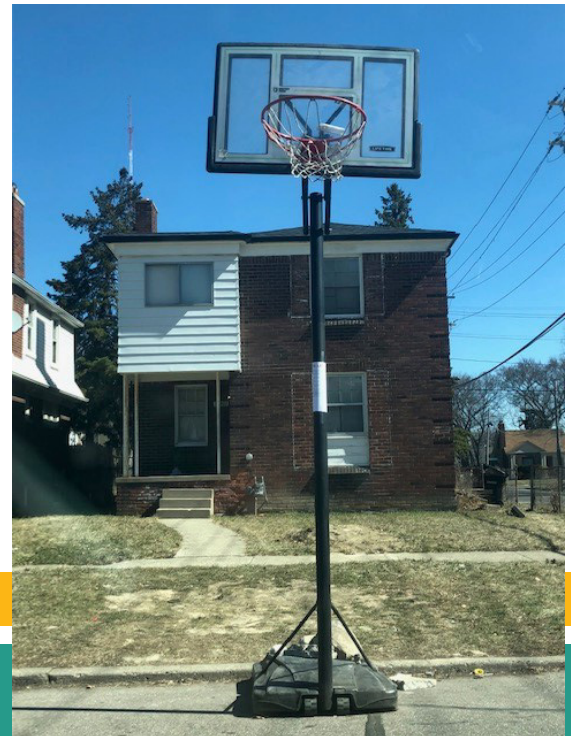
Exceptions to the noise ordinance include:

- Any noise or music resulting from or accompanying activities of temporary duration that are permitted by the Code
- Parades and public gatherings for which the City Council has granted approval under **sections 40-1-25 or 50-9-16** of the Code
- Alarm systems regulated under **Chapter 38, Article XV**, of the Code
- Noise from safety signals and warning devices, including steam or compressed air whistles used as alarm signals
- Noise arising from the official performance of duties by the City Police and Fire departments. **(36-1-5)**

## Remove Basketball Rims from the Street

In accordance with the City of Detroit ordinance, playing games in streets, alleys and public places is prohibited.

If there is a concern about basketball rims in the street, the citizen should contact the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) or NPO team at the precinct where the basketball rims exist. The NPO will investigate where the basketball rim belongs and provide a warning to the owner of the basketball rim, citing the violation 50-1-12. The NPO will give the owner 48 hours to have the basketball rim moved on to private property or it will be removed (confiscated/Impounded). The citizen who is in possession of the basketball rim may also be subject to a court appearance. **(Section 43-1-10)**



# Obtain Permits for Events

In order to have events in City-owned parks, it is necessary to have a permit. You can find a link to the online form for permit applications for events in parks at [detroitmi.gov/recreation](https://detroitmi.gov/recreation) and click **Parks and Recreation Permits**. They must conform to City noise ordinances.

For special events, such as a festivals, parades, walks and runs, go to [detroitmi.gov/mediaservices](https://detroitmi.gov/mediaservices) to fill out an application for a special event.

Block clubs registered with the Department of Neighborhoods are able to host block parties by contacting the Neighborhood Police Officer in your local precinct. The Special Events Office does not permit residential block parties.

**(Part IV, Chapter 33, Division One, Section 61)**



# Follow Park Rules

## No parking or driving of vehicles on the grass Ordinance # 40-1-28 and 40-1-29

Park hours are from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Ordinance # 40-1-10

## Acceptable Behavior

- No weapons, drugs or alcohol. Ordinance #55-1-8 and 38-5-1
- No disorderly conduct (profanity, lewd acts, fighting, standing on vehicles, illegal occupation). **Ordinance #38-5-1**
- No amplified music
- No speeding or reckless driving (burning or squealing of tires).
- No ATVs, model aircrafts, model automobile, go-carts, model boats or any other type of unlicensed combustion powered vehicle allowed. **Ordinance # 40-1-23**
- No overnight camping without permission from park administration. **Ordinance # 34-2-2**

## Parking Regulations

- Parking or driving of vehicles, including ATVs, on the grass or other non-designated areas is prohibited. This includes loading and unloading of vehicles and equipment.
- Permit holders and vendors erecting canopies and inflatables may not drive or park on the grass. Parts & equipment may be carried by hand cart. **Ordinance #40-1-28, 40-1-29 and 34-2-2**





## Use of Barbecue Grills and Inflatables

- Barbeque grills may not be placed under shelters, canopies, near trees, buses, tables, buildings or within 25 feet of an inflatable. Ashes and coals must be placed in hot coal containers only. Propane canisters and gas grills are prohibited for safety and liability.
- Grills, of any type, are prohibited in the areas of buildings, playscapes, play areas and athletic fields.
- Area must be cleaned prior to leaving
- Inflatables may not be used for commercial activity (this includes selling, charging admission, etc.)
- An adult over 21 years of age must supervise the usage of inflatables at all times
- No skating on buildings or structures
- Do not cut scratch burn or deface trees,



pick flowers or cut branches, harm park landscapes, remove plants or dig in soils.  
**Ordinance #57-2-3**

## Pets at Parks

- Dogs must be on leash no longer than 72 inches Ordinance # 40-1-18
- Dog owner must clean up after dogs. Ordinance #40-1-13
- No pets in or on play areas, play equipment or sports fields.

## Permits are required for:

- Shelters, canopies (tents), inflatables, and use of fields
- Commercial photography/filming
- Commercial activities, including vending of food, merchandise, pictures, etc.  
**Ordinance # 40-1-12 and 40-1-24**

Permit fees are non-refundable.

Contact Parks & Recreation Division at **(313) 224-1100**.



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