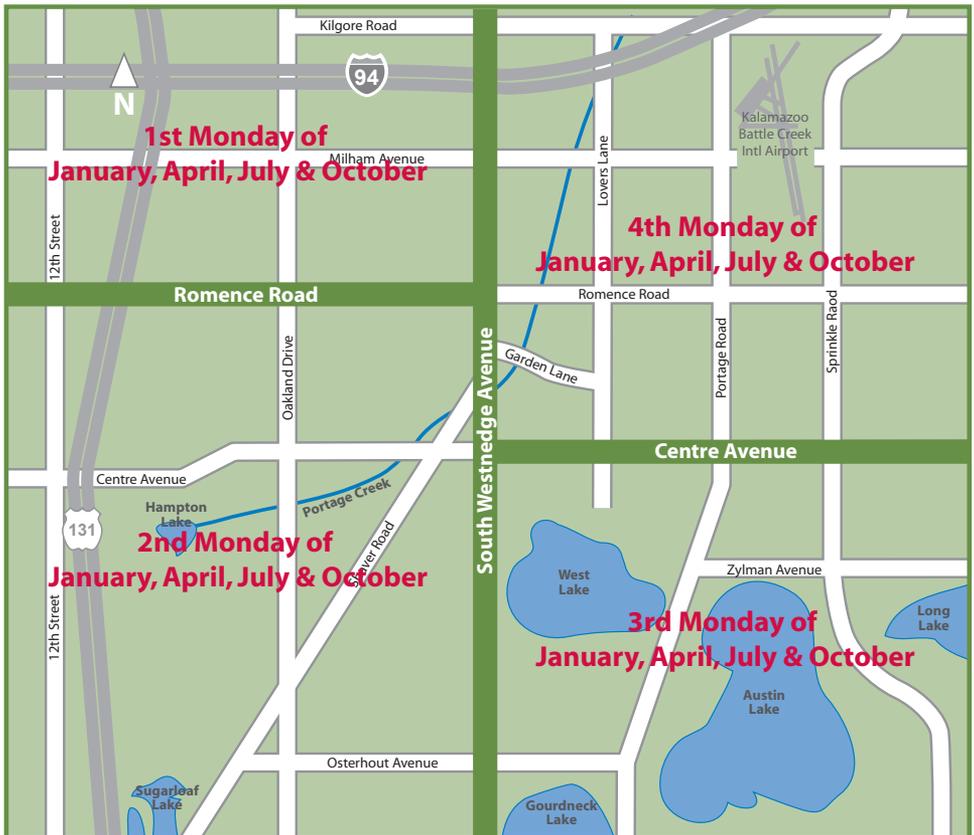


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## Collection Zone Map



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*See Reverse for Program Details*

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The City of Portage offers a Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection program during the months of January, April, July, and October. For collection purposes, the city is divided into four collection zones. The map (reverse) indicates the designated collection days in each zone. Residents are asked to place brush at the curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of the designated week. Materials may be placed at curbside up to – but not more than – 72 hours prior to 7 a.m. on Monday. This program includes collection of [Christmas trees in January](#) and one collection of [leaves and ornamental grasses in biodegradable paper bags in April](#). Residents are reminded that a small amount of debris may remain at the curb following brush collection and are asked to assist with the final cleanup.

## How should I prepare my brush?

- ✓ Brush and branches may be any length (4 feet or longer preferred).
- ✓ Branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter.
- ✓ Please stack brush and branches in neat piles at curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated Monday; each zone will be cleared of materials by the end of the designated week.

## What will not be collected?

- ✗ Brush and branches generated from the removal of a tree with a trunk greater than four inches in diameter at its base. ***No parts of a whole tree removal will be collected.***
- ✗ Brush and branches in excess of three inches in diameter.
- ✗ Brush and branches generated from a professional tree removal service.
- ✗ Firewood, lumber, timber, building materials or railroad ties.
- ✗ Roots or tree stumps.
- ✗ Yew branches or vines.
- ✗ Grass clippings, flowers, weeds or garden materials.
- ✗ Loose leaves and ornamental grasses (see below).
- ✗ Items placed at curbside after 7 a.m. on Monday of the designated week.

## April Collection - Bagged Leaves and Ornamental Grasses

Bagged leaves and ornamental grasses will be collected during the April quarterly collection only. Leaves and grasses must be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Non-biodegradable bags and bags that contain anything other than leaves or ornamental grasses will not be collected. ***Please note:*** Bags may be collected at different times than brush.

## Questions?

Call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Services at 329-4444 or visit [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov).