

Intergovernmental Recycling Committee
Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Attention residential customers of Republic Services in the cities of Saugatuck and Douglas and Saugatuck Township. Effective 12/01/2020, Republic Services terminated its Yellow Bag recycling program; materials collected in yellow bags will no longer be eligible for recycling and yellow bag distribution will cease. Republic will continue to offer recycling service via a Cart program. This change in the recycling program is an effort to reduce the contamination rate of recyclable materials, a rate which can be as high as 75% with the traditional yellow bag system. All residents of the cities of Saugatuck and Douglas and Saugatuck Township are eligible for Republic's Cart program. Per the cities of Saugatuck and Douglas' respective contracts with Republic, the cost of monthly Cart service is included in residents' current waste and recycling bill. While Saugatuck Township does not have a single-hauler contract with Republic, Township residents can sign-up for bi-weekly cart service for a quarterly fee of \$16.50. If you presently participate in Republic's Cart program, no further action is required. If you do not presently participate in Republic's Cart program and would like to have recycling service, please contact Republic Services at 877-698-7274. For more information on the Cart Recycling Program visit <https://www.republicservices.com/cms/documents/recycling-simplified-is-this-recyclable.pdf>. For more information on recycling in the cities of Saugatuck and Douglas and Saugatuck Township, please visit the **Tri-Community Recycling and Composting** page on Facebook.