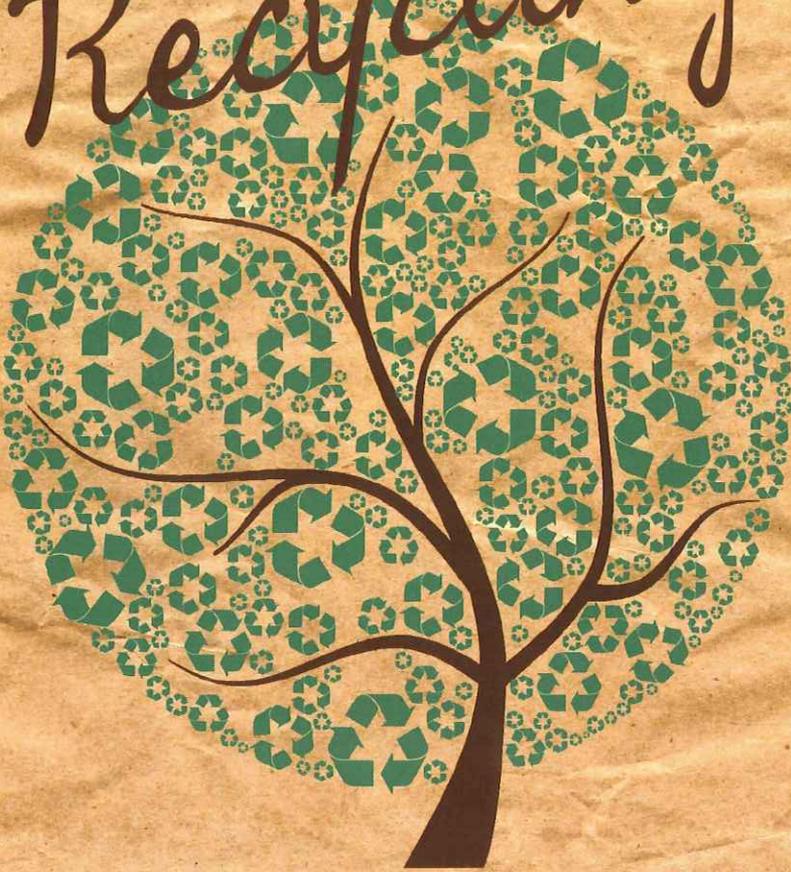


A comprehensive guide of what and where to recycle

Otsego County Recycling

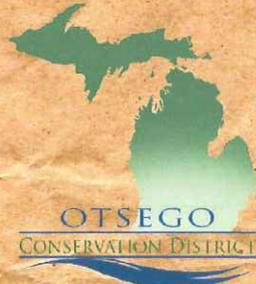


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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The purpose of the Otsego County Recycling Guide is to provide resources and information to the residents of Otsego County to help manage solid waste through reduction, reuse and recycling. It is made possible through the County of Otsego and the Otsego Conservation District.

For more information about recycling and household hazardous waste disposal please visit www.OtsegoRecycling.org or contact the Otsego Conservation District office at (989) 732-4021 or visit their website: www.otsegocd.org.

The Three R's...Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Reduce: Producing less waste, for example by shopping for items with less packaging, using reusable containers and using dish clothes instead of paper towels.

Reuse: Finding new and creative ways to reuse products is economically and environmentally beneficial. Examples of reuse include donating used items to charities and saving plastic grocery bags to use as small trash bags or other purposes.

Recycle: The recycling process collects and sorts used materials to be remanufactured into new products lessening the need for virgin materials. It also prevents materials from being placed in landfills. In 2012, the United States produced 251 million tons of municipal solid waste. Approximately 34.5% was recycled or composted. (US EPA)

Fast Facts

- 89 billion plastic bags are used each year in the U.S.
- Recycling just 500 phone books could save 7000 gallons of water
- About 34% of waste could be composted
- Recycling 1 can saves enough energy to run a TV for 2 hours

Source: Earth911



Otsego County's Recycling Drop-off Program

Dual-stream recycling means 2 handy bins:

1. Mixed Containers

Cardboard juice boxes, paper milk cartons and paper cups

- Please rinse and flatten
- NO juice pouches or straws

Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, tubs, trays and cups

- All numbers accepted
- Please rinse and flatten (no need to remove labels)
- NO Styrofoam, motor oil jugs, toys, oversized containers, durable dishes, "biodegradable" or corn-based plastics (PLA), and plant container plastics
- NO plastic bags. See Paper, Boxes and Bags Bin on facing page.

Metal cans, foils and trays

- Aluminum, steel and tin. Metal lids are okay.
- Rinse and flatten
- NO aerosol cans or propane tanks - See pages 6 & 32 for these items.

Glass bottles and jars

- Clear, brown, green and blue
- Please rinse. No need to remove labels.
- NO light bulbs, window glass or glass dishes

Recycling Bin Drop-off Locations

1. **Otsego Recycling West:** 71 Hayes Tower Road, Gaylord, 550 feet south of the M-32 and Hayes Tower Road intersection, just south of Hayes Township Hall
2. **Otsego Recycling North:** 621 Garfield Street in Vanderbilt. Northeast of the Vanderbilt Village Hall and the intersection of Garfield Street and Elm Street
3. **Otsego Recycling Central:** 931 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, MI, near Salvation Army, Secretary of State and Merchandise Outlet
4. **Otsego Recycling South:** 247 Old State Road across from the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery near Waters, MI, a half-mile east of the intersection of Old 27 South and Old State Road
5. **Otsego Recycling East:** 2932 Rock Road, Johannesburg, MI at the Charlton-Chester-Dover Transfer Station near the corner of M-32 East and Rock Road

Items are accepted 24/7.

For a map showing bin locations, see the inside back cover of this guide.

2. Paper, Boxes and Bags

Cardboard and paper bags

- Boxes from frozen and refrigerated foods are okay
- Boxboard/fiberboard like cereal boxes and paper towel cores
- Please remove packaging materials and flatten
- Bubblewrap and air pillow packaging materials are okay
- NO Styrofoam or pet food bags

Newspapers, inserts, magazines, catalogs and books

- NO newspapers which have gotten wet and/or yellowed
- Hardcover, paperback and phone books are accepted

Office paper

- Junk mail, envelopes, copy paper, writing paper and file folders
- No need to remove rubber bands, paper clips, plastic windows from envelopes, mailing labels, sticky notes, stickers, staples or tape
- Shredded paper - Place in a transparent bag and tie shut
- NO construction paper, dark/bright copy paper, or padded envelopes

Plastic grocery and bread bags

- Stretchy, clean and dry bags only
- Shrink wrap from around rolls of paper towel and cases of water are okay
- NO cling wrap, cereal box liners, or "crunchy" plastics such as cellophane, pretzel bags, potato chip bags, etc.
- NO loose plastic bags. Stuff all plastic bags into one bag and tie shut.

For a full brochure, check out the display board at each drop-off site.



Still not sure if
it's recyclable?

Visit

www.OtsegoRecycling.org

or call 989-732-4021



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY

- Flammables
- Poisons
- Corrosives
- Reactives
- Fuels
- Oil
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Liquids
- Solvents
- Acids
- Bases
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Any Household Chemical Products
- Oil-based Paints & Stains
- Latex Paints (See pages 5 & 27)
- Paint Thinner
- Asbestos-Contaminated Materials
- Propane Cylinders
- Mercury
- Batteries
- PCB-Containing Lamp Ballasts
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Inks & Printer Cartridges
- Smoke Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers
- Aerosol Cans
- Cleaners
- Detergents
- Degreasers
- Drain Cleaners
- Grease
- Thermometers
- Wax
- Cell Phones
- Tires (for a small fee)

FREE For Otsego County Residents & Landowners.

This program has been made possible through the recycling millage.

For information on future Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days, please contact the Otsego Conservation District at 989-732-4021.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Businesses

We want to make it simple for you to dispose of hazardous waste properly! Our HHW program can take hazardous materials from businesses and organizations which meet both of the following criteria: Produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste a month and never accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of material at a time. Call 989-732-4021 for more information. Fees may apply.

What can't I bring?

- Weapons, explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials
- Debris, asphalt, shingles, building supplies and trash since it is not considered household hazardous waste
- Modern Latex Paint. Latex paints only qualify as hazardous waste and must be disposed at HHWD if they:
 - Were manufactured before 1980 - May contain lead
 - Are labeled "mildew resistant" - Contain pesticides
 - Are labeled "wood preservative" - Contain pesticides

Disposing of Latex Paints

Latex paint is less toxic than oil-based paint, but it still contains chemicals. When not disposed of properly it can seep into groundwater and bodies of water. While it's okay to rinse brushes and rollers and clean your hands at a sink after painting with latex, do not pour paint down the drain. Instead, try these options:

- Take to the Emmet County Drop-off Center. Call 231-348-0640 or visit www.emmetcounty.org/latex-paint-is-recyclable-529/ for more information.
- Dry it up: Use kitty litter, shredded paper or sawdust to absorb the remaining paint, and after it dries dispose of the can in the garbage.
- Donate it: Ask friends and neighbors if they need paint for a small project. Local schools or theater groups sometimes look for free paint for sets and art projects.
- Store it: Save the leftover paint for touch-ups in the future. To prevent the paint from drying out, wrap the can's lid with plastic wrap, making sure the lid fits on securely and doesn't leak.

Helpful Hints:



- Many items can be recycled for free in Otsego County. They are in this booklet!
- Please don't mix liquids. Keep them in their original containers if possible.
- When you arrive at the drop-off, please stay in your vehicle. Our contractors will unload your materials from your vehicle for you.

For more information concerning the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, please contact the Otsego Conservation District
Phone: 989-732-4021

Web: www.otsegocd.org/
Facebook: [facebook.com/otsegocd](https://www.facebook.com/otsegocd)
800 Livingston Blvd., Ste. 4A, Gaylord, MI 49735



RECYCLING & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

AEROSOLS & AEROSOL CANS

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

For information on upcoming dates and accepted items see page 4 of this guide, check the county website or contact the conservation district.
County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org
Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI
Phone: 231-348-0640
Website: www.emmetcounty.org/chemical-drop-off-556/
Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$1 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 4 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

ANTIFREEZE

Advance Auto Parts

Address: 111 N. Ohio Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-4566
Note: Antifreeze not mixed with oil or gas.
Limit of 5 gallons per visit.



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Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI
Phone: 231-348-0640
Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/
Item: Antifreeze - Both ethylene and propylene glycol-based products

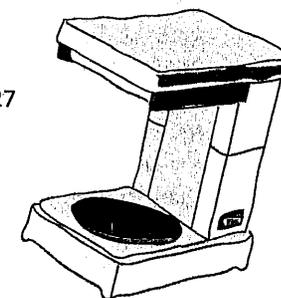
APPLIANCES

Consumers Energy

Website: www.consumersenergy.com/eeprograms/RHome.aspx?id=4117
Items: Working refrigerators or freezers. Working air conditioners and dehumidifiers accepted at the same time as a freezer/refrigerator pickup.
Note: Receive a \$50 rebate for freezers/refrigerators and \$15 for each air conditioner or dehumidifier. Call for more details and appointment.
Phone: JACO Environmental - 877-270-3519

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727
Phone: 231-536-2322
Website: www.ejautoparts.com
Items: All Appliances
Note: There is NO charge for Freon removal.



Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI
Phone: 231-348-0640
Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/
Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/
Items: Large and small appliances.
Note: Please throw away removable parts not made of plastic or metal—vacuum cleaner bags, glass carafes, wicks, microwave turntables, etc. Small appliances are free to drop off. For large appliances, there is a \$5 per item handling fee. For refrigerators freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers: If not tagged by a certified technician (as required by law before recycling or disposal) add \$25.

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735
(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)
Phone: 989-705-1747
Website: www.goodwillnmi.org
Items: Small, working appliances and electronics. No microwaves or large appliances such as ovens, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.

Great Lakes Energy & Presque Isle Energy

Website: www.michigan-energy.org/greatlakesappliance
Items: Working refrigerators or freezers. Working air conditioners and dehumidifiers accepted at the same time as a freezer/refrigerator pickup.
Note: Receive a \$50 rebate for freezers/refrigerators and \$15 for each air conditioner or dehumidifier. Call for more details and appointment.
Phone: 877-296-4319

APPLIANCES Continued

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Phone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: Smaller microwaves, small appliances and large appliances that are white, almond, or black. Must be clean, in working order, and less than 20 years old. No green or gold appliances. Call for more details.

AUTOMOBILES OR AUTOMOBILE PARTS

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: 231-536-2322

Items: Auto bodies and metal scrap parts

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Donations of cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, RVs, boats, and snowmobiles on trailers. For items that are not titled, registration must be provided. Can be working or not working. Call for more details.

Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Telephone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: Vehicle donation. Call for more details.

BATTERIES (CAR)

Advance Auto Parts

Address: 111 N. Ohio Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4566

BATTERIES (CAR) Continued

Auto Value Gaylord

Address: 1789 S. Otsego Avenue,

Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-2365

AutoZone

Address: 409 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-731-4898

Note: Receive \$5.00 for each car battery turned in for recycling.

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: 231-536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

Note: Call for an appointment.

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Tractor Supply

Address: 1286 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-1256

BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD)

Advance Auto Parts

Address: 111 N. Ohio Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4566



BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD) Continued

Auto Value Gaylord

Address: 1789 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-2365

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org
Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI
Phone: 231-348-0640
Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/
Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Meyer ACE Hardware

Address: 1961 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-1394
Items: Rechargeable batteries, cell phone batteries, laptop batteries

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: 989-348-4361
Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html
Note: Call for an appointment.

Home Depot

Address: 1381 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-705-8471
Items: Rechargeable batteries for power tools

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646
Phone: 231-258-3369
Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>
Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-705-3920
Items: Rechargeable batteries for power tools, computers, phones, etc.

BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD) Continued

RadioShack

Address: 658 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-6731
Items: Any batteries

BUBBLE WRAP & AIR PILLOW PACKING MATERIALS

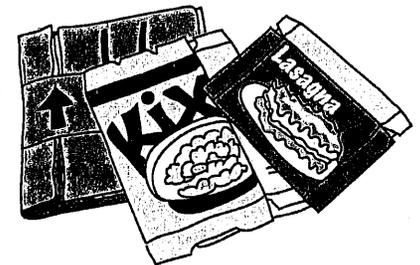
County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations
Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)
Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org
Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

CARDBOARD

Arrow Sanitation/American Waste

Address: 254 Little League Drive,
Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-4243
Note: Cardboard may be dropped off at Arrow Sanitation Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It must be clean and flattened.



County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations
Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)
Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org
Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

Crossroads Industries Inc.

Address: 2464 Silver Fox Trail, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-1233
Website: <http://crossroadsindustries.com/shredding.cfm>
Items: Corrugated cardboard, hardcover books, paper to be shredded
Note: Secure shredding department will shred paper for \$0.15/lb. All shredded paper is recycled. Drop-off Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CARDBOARD Continued

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off Site Addresses: Please see website

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Cardboard, paper bags, boxes from frozen or refrigerated foods, fiberboard, boxboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, books, phone books, office and writing paper

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

CELL PHONES

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Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website:

www.emmetcounty.org/dpw---recycling-and-waste-services-521/

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Details: Donated cell phones in working or non-working order

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-3920

CELL PHONES Continued

RadioShack

Address: 658 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-6731

St. Mary Cathedral School

Address: 321 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5801

Items: Used cell phones in working condition

Inside office doors. ONLY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

CHEMICALS & CLEANING PRODUCTS

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/chemical-drop-off-556/

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$1 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 4 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

COMPUTERS & PRINTERS

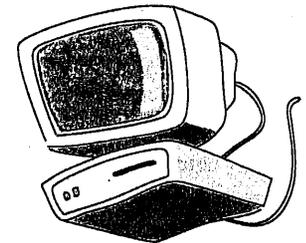
Alpine Computers

Address: 249 S. Wisconsin, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5577

Website: www.alpinecomputers.biz

Items: Any computer components or TVs. No CRT monitors.



Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735 (In front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Goodwill Industries recycles the following items in any condition: All computer equipment including desktop computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, hard drives (external or internal), keyboards, mice, speakers, cords and cables & software. No ink or toner cartridges.

Natural Home Remedies: Less Toxic Alternatives to Common Household Cleaners

Many brand-name cleaners used in households today contain toxic or hazardous chemicals. There are several less toxic alternatives that can be utilized. These solutions are typically more cost-effective.

PURPOSE	LESS TOXIC ALTERNATIVE
All-purpose cleaner	Mix 1/2 cup vinegar + 1/4 cup baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) into 1/2 gallon of water
Bathroom mold	Mix one part hydrogen peroxide with 2 parts water in spray bottle; wait 1 hour before rinsing
Bleach	Borax
Car battery corrosion	Baking soda and water
Carpet stains	Club soda
Coffee and tea stains	Moist salt; for coffee makers add 2 cups water and 1/4 cup vinegar and bring to a boil, rinse with water and wipe clean
Dishwasher soap	Mix equal parts of borax and washing soda
Disinfectant	Mix 2 teaspoons borax, 4 tablespoons vinegar and 3 cups hot water
Drain cleaner	1/2 cup baking soda down drain and add 1/2 cup vinegar wait 15 minutes and flush with warm water
Fertilizer	Compost and vermicomposting
Furniture polish	1 tablespoon lemon oil in 1 pint mineral oil
Garbage disposal	Ground lemon
Grease removal	Borax on damp cloth
Ink spot remover	Cold water and 1 tablespoon cream of tartar and 1 tablespoon lemon
Laundry detergent	Mix 1 cup Ivory soap, 1/2 cup washing soda and 1/2 cup borax. Use 1 tbsp for light loads; 2 tbsp for heavy loads.
Oil and grease spots	For small spills on the garage floor, add baking soda and scrub with wet brush
Oven cleaner	2 tablespoons liquid soap and 2 tablespoons borax and warm water
Per odor remover	Cider vinegar
Rust removal	Lemon juice, salt and sunlight
Window cleaner	Mix 2 teaspoons of white vinegar with 1 liter warm water

Please visit this website for more tips and alternatives:
http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

COMPUTERS & PRINTERS Continued

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

State of Michigan

Free TV, computer and electronics recycling is available through registered manufacturers. Visit www.michigan.gov/deq/waste. Click on "Solid Waste" then click on "Electronic Waste Takeback Program". Click on "Registered Manufacturers" for a list of manufacturers with free recycling programs. For questions, contact Steve Noble at 517-284-6589. If you have electronic equipment that is not collected and recycled through a manufacturer program, click on "Additional Information on Electronic Waste Reuse and Recycling".

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Arrow Sanitation/American Waste

Address: 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4243

Items: Clean shingles only. No paper, nails, wood, etc.

Call ahead for times accepted, fees and additional details.

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

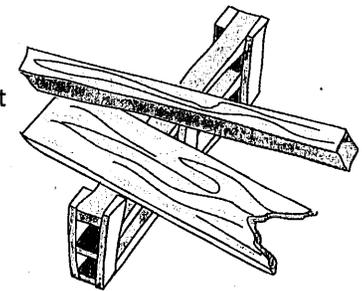
Items: Rubble and ceramic fixtures: Rocks, bricks, concrete, asphalt, ceramics and porcelain including toilets, sinks and bathtubs; rebar and wire mesh. Please remove seats, faucets, etc. from plumbing fixtures. NO lead paint or asbestos.

Wood: No treated wood, plywood, or particle board. Nails are okay.

Asphalt shingles: Nails, tarpaper, and felt okay. No wood or flashing. Accepted seasonally from April 1 to November 1.

NO cedar shakes, roll roofing, roofing tiles or drip edge.

Note: SAVE 50% over landfilling cost!



CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS Continued

Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Phone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: Cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, shower enclosures, toilets, new shower doors, any type of flooring, new or like new lighting fixtures and ceiling fans, windows newer in frame (no single pane or storm), doors in good condition, electrical switches, hardware, nails, tools, drills, hammers, saws, garden tools, plumbing items, dimensional lumber 4' or longer, full bundle shingles only, new unopened paint cans, new duct work, etc. Call for more details.

Team Elmer's

Address: 2100 Millbocker Road, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-0656

Website: www.TeamElmers.com

Items: Concrete and asphalt

Note: Small tipping fees apply for some items. Open seasonally.

ELECTRONICS

Alpine Computers

Address: 249 S. Wisconsin, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5577

Website: www.alpinecomputers.biz

Items: Any computer components or TVs. No CRT monitors.

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Note: All electronics from households and businesses with under ten employees are accepted for free. Please call for more information.

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Electronics in working condition such as CD/DVD players, radios, coffee makers, lawn and garden equipment, telephones, tools, toys, etc. For computer equipment, see Computers & Printers.

ELECTRONICS Continued

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Items: TVs, monitors, CPUs, copiers, fax, printers, etc. - \$1 charge each

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

RadioShack

Address: 658 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-6731

Items: Cell phones, iPods, and other small electronics

State of Michigan

Free TV, computer and electronics recycling is available through registered manufacturers. Visit www.michigan.gov/degwaste. Click on "Solid Waste" then click on "Electronic Waste Takeback Program". Click on "Registered Manufacturers" for a list of manufacturers with free recycling programs. For questions, contact Steve Noble at 517-284-6589. If you have electronic equipment that is not collected and recycled through a manufacturer program, click on "Additional Information on Electronic Waste Reuse and Recycling".

FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, HAZARDOUS WASTE

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

For information on upcoming dates and accepted items see page 4 of this guide, check the county website or contact the conservation district.

County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/chemical-drop-off-556/

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$1 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 4 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

Fertilize Smart

You probably know that fertilizer allows for a lush green lawn but you may be unaware of how it impacts local watersheds. One of the most problematic water pollutants in Michigan is phosphorus. Phosphorus is a nutrient found in most lawn and garden fertilizers.

What is the issue with phosphorus?

Phosphorus occurs naturally. It becomes a pollutant when human sources add an excess amount to the environment. When fertilizers run off lawns during a rain even the phosphorus is added to surrounding lakes and streams. Excess nutrients in lakes can cause algal blooms which are harmful to aquatic life and humans. Algal blooms are unsightly, often have an unattractive odor, cause fish kills and disruption of lake ecosystem dynamics, and can be harmful to humans. Groundwater pollution is also a concern with fertilizers.



Healthy Lawn Tips

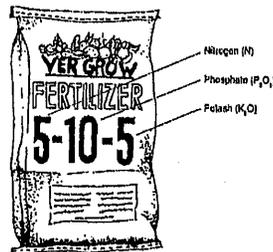
You can still have a green lawn without harming nearby water bodies! These steps can help achieve this:

Fertilize

- Use phosphorus-free fertilizers – Most Michigan lawns only need nitrogen as they have enough phosphorus
- Apply once a year – Early fall is best
- Clean up fertilizer on sidewalks and driveways
- Don't fertilize before a heavy rain

Look for the Middle Number

- Fertilizer bags have N-P-K nutrient analysis
- The middle number is the P (Phosphorus) content
- A zero indicates P-free



Soil Test

- It is helpful to know the soil on your property including the nutrient content, pH level and organic content to better understand what your lawn needs.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/chemical-drop-off-556/

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$1 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 4 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

GLASS

County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations

Phone: 989-732-4021

(Otsego Conservation District)

Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.



Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off Site Addresses: Please see website

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Blue, brown, clear and green glass bottles and jars.

Note: No window glass, glass dishes or light bulbs.

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Items: Glass - No window glass or light bulbs please.

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Clothing, bedding, shoes and work boots

Note: Clean and dry only. Please rubber band shoes and boots in pairs.

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Clothing, footwear, accessories, toys, sporting goods, games, current & vintage books record, tapes, CDs, videos, linens, house wares, knickknacks, kitchenware, art/pictures/mirrors, antiques, collectibles, small working tools, small working appliances and electronics, all computer equipment, and quality furniture. No mattresses, TVs, waterbeds, paint, carpet, hazardous materials, building materials or car seats. Goodwill recycles the following items in any condition: All computer equipment including desktop computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, hard drives (external or internal), keyboards, mice, speakers, cords and cables & software. No ink and toner cartridges.

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Items: Refrigerators, air conditioners, appliances including stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, TVs, monitors, CPUs, copiers, fax, and printers, metals, plastics, milk jugs, batteries, paper, glass, newspaper, shredded paper, magazines, cardboard, junk mail, Styrofoam

Note: NO building materials, household hazardous waste, garbage, compost materials, light bulbs, or window glass

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Phone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: Smaller microwaves, appliances, mirrors, pictures, bed spreads, pots & pans/dishes (full sets only), doors, furniture, mattresses and box springs in good condition only. Call for more details.

INK CARTRIDGES

OfficeMax

Address: 2344 M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-7138

Website: www.officemax.com

Note: See website or store for Ink and Toner Recycling Program

St. Mary Cathedral School

Address: 321 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5801

Items: Used inkjet and laser printer cartridges

Inside office doors. ONLY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

LIGHT BULBS (FLUORESCENT) & STRANDS OF LIGHTS

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

For information on upcoming dates and accepted items see page 4 of this guide, check the county website or contact the conservation district.

County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Items: Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs/CFLs

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs/CFLs

Note: NO broken, incandescent or halogen bulbs. For businesses, please call for rates.

Gaylord City Hall

Address: 305 E. Main, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4060

Items: Broken/unwanted stands of Christmas lights and appliance cords

Note: Place in the barrel located in the foyer of city hall open 24/7.

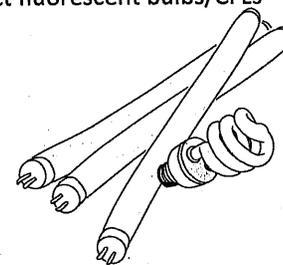
Great Lakes Energy Service Centers

Address: 10380 Great Lakes Drive, Waters, MI 49797

Phone: 888-GT-LAKES

Items: CFLs/Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (unbroken)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., closed daily 12-12:30 p.m.



LIGHT BULBS (FLUORESCENT) & STRANDS OF LIGHTS Continued

Home Depot

Address: 1381 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-8471

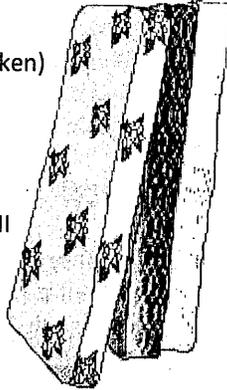
Items: CFLs/Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (unbroken)

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-3920

Items: CFLs/Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (unbroken)



MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS & FUTONS

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Mattresses, springs and futons. Twin/single \$8 per piece; double/queen/king \$12 per piece.

Michigan Mattress Recyclers & Bay Area Recycling for Charities

Address: 1732 Barlow St., Traverse City, MI 49684

Phone: 231-360-1231

Website: <https://mybarc.org/mattress-recycling/>

Note: Please call for cost and drop-off information. They are currently looking to have a drop-off site in the Gaylord area. Call for updates.

Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Phone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: Mattresses and box springs gently used

MEDICATION

Emmet County

Address: See website or call for various drop-off sites

Phone: 231-347-2500

Please visit this website for locations and disposal information:

www.emmetcounty.org/drug-disposal-569/

Items: Prescription drugs, controlled substances, over-the-counter medicines, pet medicines, nutritional supplements, medicated ointments/lotions, liquid medications (well sealed or in a plastic bag)

MEDICATION Continued

Family Fare

Address: 829 W. Main, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4114 (Pharmacy)

Items: Unused/unwanted/expired drugs, prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, pills, ointments, liquids, creams, etc. No charge.

Note: Family Fare participates in the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization. Call 989-736-8179 or visit www.greatlakescleanwater.org/yellow-jug-old-drug for more info.

Otsego County Sheriff's Department, Drug Disposal Program

Address: 124 South Court Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-3555

Note: Prescription medications and drugs can be dropped off at the Otsego County Sheriff's Department office at any time of day or night.

A Remedy for Residential Drug Disposal



Properly disposing of unused medications ensures safety and environmental health. In the past, flushing medications down the toilet was the accepted method of disposal. This method works for disposing of drugs in order to keep them from being misused but has negative consequences for our water systems. Wastewater treatment plants are able to screen out a large number of contaminants, but many medications are unable to be filtered out. This means many medications are ending up in our streams and aquatic ecosystems.

In 2000, the U.S. Geological Survey collected water samples from 139 streams in 30 states and identified both organic wastewater contaminants and pharmaceuticals in 80% of the sampled sites.

The topic of pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) in our water has gained national attention and poses a threat to human and environmental health. PPCPs are a broad group of compounds consisting of human and veterinary medicine and consumer products such as fragrances, sunscreens, lotions, cosmetics and house cleaning products. Scientific studies have shown negative health implications for a number of aquatic organisms. The small dose of exposure for humans does not pose immediate concern for human health, but it is important to take steps now to prevent this threat.



DON'T FLUSH

There are safer alternatives for disposing of medications!
See above and page 22 for local disposal options.

MERCURY

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

For information on upcoming dates and accepted items see page 4 of this guide, check the county website or contact the conservation district.

County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/chemical-drop-off-556/

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$1 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 4 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

Preventing Hazardous Mercury Spills

Products containing mercury should be replaced with safer alternatives to avoid exposure and contamination. Mercury is used in many items such as thermometers, barometer, switches, thermostats and fluorescent lamps. These items often have mercury-free or lower-mercury alternatives.

Although it is legal to throw these items in the trash, it is highly recommended that you dispose of them at household hazardous waste collection sites. At high levels, mercury can cause damage to the nervous system and cause convulsions, tremors and inability to walk. Landfills have the ability to leach contaminants into groundwater, so reducing the amount of toxins we place in our waste stream can only help reduce the risk of contamination.



METAL

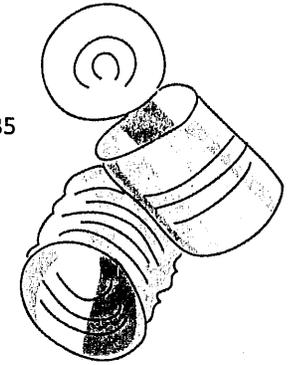
A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Millbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Note: Receive money for metal. Call for details.



County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: 231-536-2322

Items: Any metal

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Site addresses: Please see website

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Metal cans, foil and trays; aluminum, steel and tin; metal lids are okay. NO aerosol cans or propane tanks. See those categories for disposal information.

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Items: Any type of metal

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

METAL Continued

St. Mary Cathedral School

Address: 321 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5801

Items: All metal

Fundraiser for the 8th, 9th and 10th grade class trip. Drop off in large blue dumpster near the gym entrance on N. Otsego Avenue. Please remove metal from any bags or boxes.

MOTOR OIL

Advance Auto Parts

Address: 111 N. Ohio Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4566

Note: No antifreeze mix.

Limit of 5 gallons per visit.

Auto Value Gaylord

Address: 1789 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-2365

Items: All petroleum based liquids. No antifreeze.

AutoZone

Address: 409 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-731-4898

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

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Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide

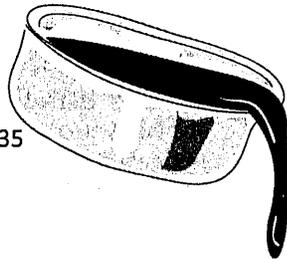
Item: Motor oil, hydraulic fluid, fuel oil, transmission fluid, lube oils, diesel fuel. No gas or contaminated oil (Take these to Household Chemical Drop-off events)

Tractor Supply

Address: 1286 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-1256

Items: Motor oil (no mixing); transmission fluid (no mixing)



Oil is a serious pollutant! Recycle Used Motor Oil!

An estimated 11 million gallons of used oil are dumped per year in Michigan

When used motor oil is dumped down sewers, in empty lots, in holes in the ground, on weeds or in landfills the result is toxic. Used motor oil contains toxic substances produced during engine use (lead is one of these substances). Dumping oil contaminates ground and surface waters therefore impacting aquatic ecosystems and human health.

- One quart of oil will foul the taste of 250,000 gallons of water
- Oil kills small organisms floating on the water's surface. A lack of these organisms causes those higher up in the food chain to also be killed.
- One pint of oil can create an acre-sized slick on surface water.

MOTOR OIL Continued

Walmart Tire & Lube Express

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-8090

Website: www.walmart.com

Items: Motor oil (up to 5 gallons)

PAINT

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Web: www.emmetcounty.org/latex-paint-is-recyclable-529/

Visit this website to properly dispose of paint and other finishes:

www.emmetcounty.org/paint-disposal-522/

Items: Latex paint, stains and additives in any condition. Look for words "latex," "acrylic," "waterbased," and "clean up with soap and water".

Note: Accepted April 1-Nov. 1. Fees may apply. No oil-based paints or stains, polyurethane, varnish, shellac, marine finishes, epoxy finishes & adhesives. Look for words "alkyd," "clean up with paint thinner," and "flammable." These can be brought to Household Chemical Drop-off Days.

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Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735 (By Lowe's)

Phone: 989-731-4506

Website: <http://otsegohabitat.org> Click on "ReStore"

Items: New, unopened paint cans only

PAPER

County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.



Crossroads Industries Inc.

Address: 2464 Silver Fox Trail, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-1233

Website: <http://crossroadsindustries.com/shredding.cfm>

Items: Corrugated cardboard, hardcover books and paper to be shredded. Secure shredding department will shred paper for \$0.15/lb. All shredded paper is recycled. Drop-off Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Cardboard, paper bags, boxes from frozen or refrigerated foods, fiberboard, boxboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, books, phone books, office and writing paper

Note: Paper milk cartons, juice containers and similar items go in the mixed container bin with plastic, glass and metal containers.

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: 989-705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Books, scrap paper (including office paper), cardboard

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Grayling Township Recycling Center

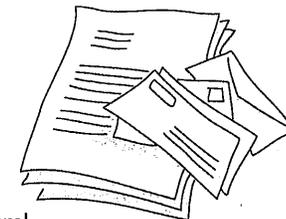
Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road,

Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

Items: Brown paper bags, cardboard, catalogs, computer paper, magazines, mixed paper, newspaper, paperboard, phonebooks, white office paper



Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Telephone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Items: Paper, newspaper, shredded paper, magazines, cardboard, junk mail

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

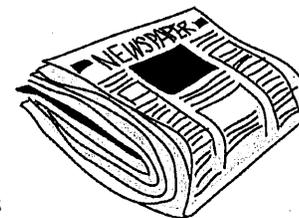
Lions Club Trailer

Address: 931 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI

In front of Merchandise Outlet, next to the Otsego County recycling bins

Website: <http://gaylordlions.lionwap.org>

Items: Newspapers bundled or in paper bags



PLANT PLASTICS - POTS, TRAYS & SIMILAR PLANT CONTAINERS

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Item: Cell packs, flats, pots and hanging pots

Note: Tap out soil and stack like with like. Remove metal hangers.

Accepted seasonally from April 1 to November 1.

Flower Mania

Address: S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI, near Sears

Items: Plant plastics regardless of where purchased.

Note: Accepted seasonally

Home Depot

Address: 1381 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-8471

Note: Accepts items when the garden center is open.

PLANT PLASTICS Continued

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-3920

Note: Accepts items when the garden center is open.

PLASTICS

County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations

Phone: 989-732-4021

(Otsego Conservation District)

Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.



Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website.

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Juice boxes, milk cartons, plastic bottles, jugs, jars, tubs, trays and cups (all numbers). NO Styrofoam or motor oil jugs.

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

Items: #1 Plastic (clear only) and #2 Plastics (clear and colored)

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website:

<http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.



PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS & PACKAGING SHRINK WRAP

County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program

Address: See page 2 or inside back cover of this guide for bin locations

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center and Sites

Drop-off Center Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Recycling guide: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Phone: 231-348-0640

Items: Grocery bags, bread bags and stretchy plastic bags. Shrink wrap from packaging such as toilet paper, paper towel, water, beverages, etc. Bubblewrap, air pillow packing and plastic envelopes.

Note: Clean and dry only. Please place all in one bag and tie closed.

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-3920

Meijer

Address: 250 Meijer Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-731-9600

Website: www.meijer.com

Save-A-Lot

Address: 1396 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-2624

Walmart Supercenter

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-8090

PROPANE TANKS

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County website: www.OtsegoRecycling.org

Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: 231-536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

RADON TESTING

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Gaylord Office: 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-1794

SWAT Environmental Services: Radon Mitigation Systems

Phone: 989-348-1111

Web: <http://radonmitigationmichigan.com/GaylordServices>

What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is derived from radioactive decay of the element radium. It is colorless and odorless, which makes it impossible to detect without testing. When radium disintegrates in soils it emits radioactive gas that comes through to the surface. Outdoors radon is able to become diluted so it poses little health risk as opposed to inside a building. Radon can accumulate to high and dangerous levels.

How does radon enter your home?

Radon enters through gaps in suspended floors and around pipes, cracks in floors and walls, construction joints, cavities inside walls and the water supply.

How is radon a health risk?

Long term exposure to elevated radon levels increases risks of lung cancer. Radon is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States

To determine if radon exists in your home contact the local health department or other environmental services in your area for testing procedures.

SCRAP METAL

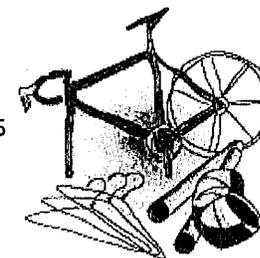
A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Millbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Note: Receive money for metal. Call for details.



Arrow Sanitation/American Waste

Address: 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-4243

Note: Metal items may be dropped off at Arrow Sanitation Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: 231-536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/

Items: Steel, aluminum, copper, cast iron, and other metals.

NO propane tanks or vehicle tanks. See Propane Tanks for more info.

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

St. Mary Cathedral School

Address: 321 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5801

Fundraiser for the 8th, 9th and 10th grade class trip. Drop off in large blue dumpster near the gym entrance on N. Otsego Avenue. Please remove metal from any bags or boxes.

STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Telephone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

TIRES

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Phone: 989-732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

www.emmetcounty.org/dpw---recycling-and-waste-services-521/

Note: On or off-the-rim accepted. Call for prices.

Johnson Tire Service/Kelly Tires

Address: 502 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-6014

Note: \$2.50+ per tire disposal fee.

Price dependent on tire size.

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Telephone: 231-258-3369

Website: <http://kalkaskacounty.net/recycling.asp>

Note: Call or check website for fees and item preparation guidelines.

Fee based on tire size.

Upper Lakes Tire

Address: 1260 M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-6258

Note: \$3+ per tire disposal fee (price dependent on tire size)



TRANSMISSION OIL

Auto Value Gaylord

Address: 1789 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-2365

Items: All petroleum based liquids. No antifreeze.

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TRANSMISSION OIL Continued

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: 231-348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Item: Motor oil, hydraulic fluid, fuel oil, transmission fluid, lube oils, diesel fuel. No gas or contaminated oil (Take these to Household Chemical Drop-off events)

Tractor Supply

Address: 1286 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-705-1256

Items: Motor oil (no mixing); transmission fluid (no mixing)

YARD WASTE & COMPOST

City of Gaylord

Address: Gaylord DPW Yard, 102 E. 7th Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-732-5475

Items: Leaves, weeds, grass clippings and biodegradable bags

Note: City of Gaylord residents only. Material can be dropped off seven days a week in the spring, summer and fall. Composted material can also be picked up at no charge.

Grayling Township Recycling Center

Address: 4670 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: 989-348-4361

Website: www.twp.grayling.mi.us/recycling.html

Items: Leaves and grass clippings.

Note: Composted material can also be picked up at no charge.

Team Elmer's

Address: 2100 Millbocker Road, Gaylord, MI 49735

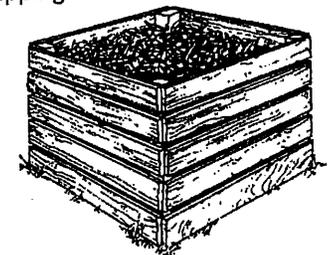
Phone: 989-732-0656

Website: www.TeamElmers.com

Items: Brush, trees, pallets, leaves, grass clippings

Note: Small tipping fees apply for some items. Open seasonally.

For HOME COMPOSTING information, see the following page.



IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-1794 Fax: 989-732-3285

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Gaylord Field Office

2100 West M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735-9282
Phone: 989-731-4920 Fax: 989-731-6181

Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Gaylord Office

1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735 Phone: 989-732-3541

Michigan State University Extension

800 Livingston Blvd., Suite 4A-2, Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-731-0272 Email: msue.otsego@county.msu.edu

Otsego Conservation District

800 Livingston Blvd., Ste. 4A, Gaylord, MI 49735 Fax: 989-731-7480
Phone: 989-732-4021 Web: www.otsegocd.org

What is Composting? Composting is nature's process of recycling decomposed organic materials into a rich, dark brown, crumbly soil known as compost. Anything that was once living will decompose. Basically, backyard composting is an acceleration of the same process nature uses. By composting your organic waste you are returning nutrients back into the soil.

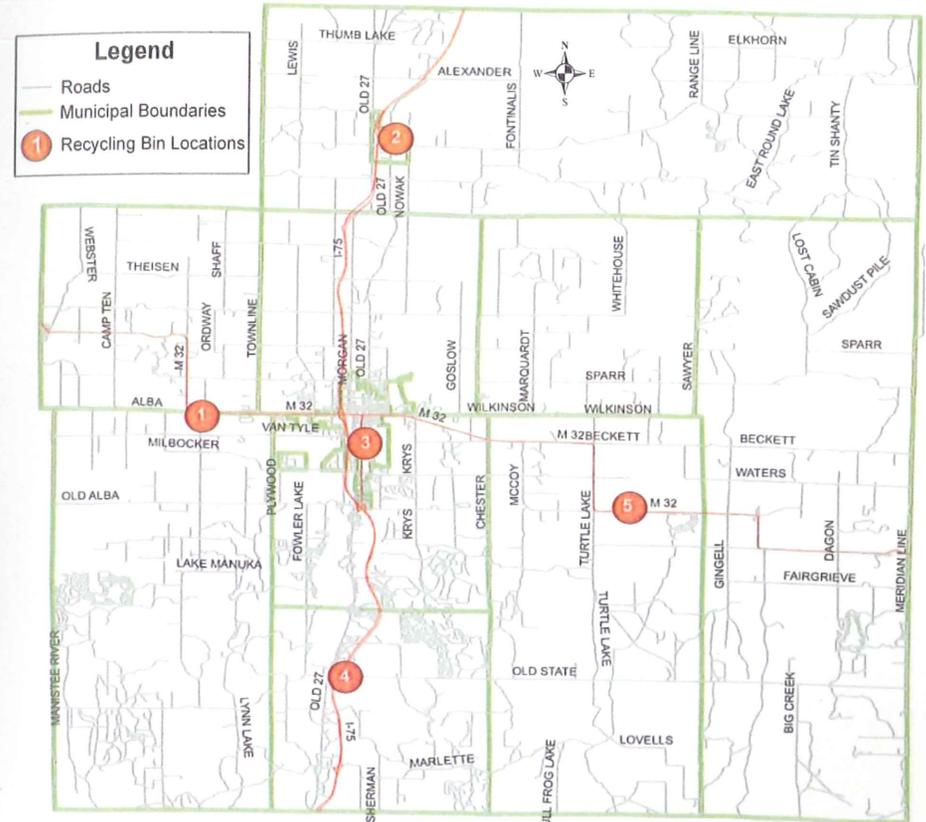
10 Important Reasons To Compost:

1. Yard and food waste make up 30% of the waste stream. Composting helps divert that waste from landfills, waterways and water treatment facilities.
2. Significantly reduce pest problems and use of pesticides.
3. Healthy plants from healthy soil look better, produce better and have a much greater ability to fight off pests and diseases.
4. Adding organic materials to the soil improves moisture retention.
5. Adding decomposed organic material to soil feeds beneficial organisms.
6. Compost amends both sandy and clay soils.
7. Compost provides a balanced, slow-release source of nutrients that helps the soil hold nutrients long enough for plants to use them.
8. Composting saves money. Avoid the cost of buying soil conditioners etc.
9. Feeding your plants well will improve your own diet. Plants grown in depleted soils have a reduced nutrient content.
10. Composting is a valuable tool to educate kids about nature & the lifecycle.

-From www.recycleworks.org

Resources To Get Started: http://eartheasy.com/grow_compost.html
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/composting_recycling
<http://cctompkins.org/gardening/composting/compost-resources>

Otsego County Recycling Drop-off Locations

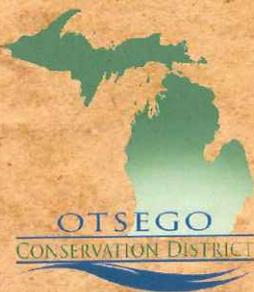


1. **Otsego Recycling West:** 71 Hayes Tower Road, Gaylord, 550 feet south of the M-32 and Hayes Tower Road intersection, just south of Hayes Township Hall
2. **Otsego Recycling North:** 621 Garfield Street in Vanderbilt, MI. Northeast of the Vanderbilt Village Hall and the intersection of Garfield Street and Elm Street
3. **Otsego Recycling Central:** 931 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, MI, near Merchandise Outlet, the Michigan Secretary of State office and the Salvation Army
4. **Otsego Recycling South:** 247 Old State Road across from the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery near Waters, MI, a half-mile east of the intersection of Old 27 South and Old State Road
5. **Otsego Recycling East:** 2932 Rock Road, Johannesburg, MI at the Charlton-Chester-Dover Transfer Station near the corner of M-32 East and Rock Road



For more information,
visit www.OtsegoRecycling.org
or contact the Otsego Conservation District
at (989) 732-4021

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