

# 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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org), contact the Otsego Conservation District office at (989) 732-4021 or visit their website: [www.otsegocd.org](http://www.otsegocd.org).**

## The Three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

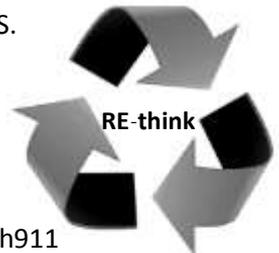
**Reduce:** Produce less waste for example, by shopping for items with less packaging, using reusable containers and using dish clothes instead of paper towels.

**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.

**Recycle:** The recycling process collects and sorts used materials to be remanufactured into new products, reducing the need for virgin materials. It also prevents materials from being placed in landfills.

### 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 or durable dishes*
- *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.
- Please rinse and flatten
- NO aerosol cans or propane tanks (See pages 6 & 32)

#### Glass bottles and jars

- Clear and all colors
- 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 and Elm Street
3. **Otsego Recycling Central:** 931 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, near Jay's Sporting Goods
4. **Otsego Recycling South:** 247 Old State Road across from the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery, half-mile east of the intersection of Old 27 South and Old State Road
5. **Otsego Recycling East:** 2932 Rock Road, Johannesburg, 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 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 that are 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 like 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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)**  
or call (989) 732-4021



**Otsego**  
**COUNTY**  
M I C H I G A N



800 Livingston Blvd., Suite 4A  
Gaylord, MI 49735

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY

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- 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.

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Otsego County Road Commission

669 W. McCoy Rd., Gaylord

## 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.

# 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/](http://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; 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 art projects and sets.
- Store it: Save leftover paint for future touch-ups. To prevent paint from drying out, wrap the can's lid with plastic wrap, making sure the lid fits securely and doesn't leak.

## Helpful Hints:



- Many items can be recycled for free in Otsego County. Refer to this booklet.
- Please do not 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 more information concerning the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, please contact the Otsego Conservation District  
Phone: (989) 732-4021  
Web: [www.otsegocd.org/](http://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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

## 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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### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Item: Antifreeze - Both ethylene and propylene glycol-based products

## APPLIANCES

### A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: [www.alironandmetal.com](http://www.alironandmetal.com)

## APPLIANCES Continued

### American Waste

Address: 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Note: Freezers only. \$45 for Freon removal unless tagged by a certified technician.

### East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: (231) 536-2322

Website: [www.ejautoparts.com](http://www.ejautoparts.com)

Items: All Appliances (Anything Metallic)

Note: There is NO charge for Freon removal.



### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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](http://www.goodwillnmi.org)

Items: Small, working appliances and electronics.

No microwaves, TVs, or large appliances such as ovens, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.

### Great Lakes Energy & Presque Isle Energy

Website: [www.michigan-energy.org/recycling/GreatLakes](http://www.michigan-energy.org/recycling/GreatLakes)

Phone: (877) 296-4319

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.

## APPLIANCES Continued

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

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

### **Lowe's**

Address: 600 Edelweiss Viillage Parkway, Gaylord MI 49736

Phone: (989-) 705-3920

Note: Fee of \$20 per appliance.

### **Otsego County Habitat ReStore**

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Pkwy., Gaylord, MI 49735 (near 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](http://www.ejautoparts.com)

### **Goodwill Industries**

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza near Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: [www.goodwillnmi.org](http://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 details.

## BATTERIES (CAR)

### **Advance Auto Parts**

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

Phone: (989) 732-4566

### **Auto Value Gaylord**

Address: 1789 S. Otsego Avenue,

Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-2365



## **BATTERIES (CAR) Continued**

### **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, up to 5 batteries a day.

### **East Jordan Auto Parts**

Address: 121 Elm Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: (231) 536-2322

Website: [www.ejautoparts.com](http://www.ejautoparts.com)

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

### **Walmart Tire & Lube Express**

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-8090

Note: Only one car battery per visit

## **BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD)**

### **Auto Value Gaylord**

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

Phone: (989) 732-2365

### **Comprenew**

Address: 1681 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord MI 49735

Phone: (616) 451-4400

Batteries: \$1.00 per pound

## **BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD) Continued**

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

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

### **Meyer ACE Hardware**

Address: 1961 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-1394

Items: Rechargeable batteries, cell phone and laptop batteries, camera and power tool batteries

### **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 Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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, tractors, lawnmowers

## **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](http://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

### **American Waste**

Address: 254 Little League Drive,  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Phone: (989) 732-4243

Note: Cardboard may be dropped off at American Waste Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It must be clean and flattened.



### **County of Otsego Recycling Drop-off Program**

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## CELL PHONES

### **County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

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

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI  
Phone: (231) 348-0640  
Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

### **Gaylord Community Funeral Home**

850 North Center Avenue  
P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, Michigan 49734  
Phone: (989) 732-2230  
Website: [www.gaylordfuneralhome.com](http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.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](http://www.goodwillnmi.org)  
Details: Donated cell phones in working or non-working order

## CELL PHONES Continued

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Road., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

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

## CHEMICALS & CLEANING PRODUCTS

### **County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

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County website: [www.OtsegoRecycling.org](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

### **Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/chemicals/#Household Chemical Drop Off](http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/chemicals/#Household-Chemical-Drop-Off)

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

### **Comprenew**

Address: , Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 858-5657

Website: [www.comprenew.org](http://www.comprenew.org)

Items: Batteries, LCD/Plasma flat screen monitors and TVs, printers/scanners/copiers, CRT devices, all items containing refrigerants, all other electronics.

Note: Call for prices.



### **Goodwill Industries**

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735 (near Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: [www.goodwillnmi.org](http://www.goodwillnmi.org)

Items: Goodwill Industries recycles the following items in any condition:

All computer equipment including desktop computers, laptops, flat screen monitors, printers, scanners, hard drives (external or internal), keyboards, mice, speakers, cords and cables & software. No ink or toner cartridges, no old monitors.

## COMPUTERS & PRINTERS Continued

### Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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/degwaste](http://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 517-449-6153. 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

### American Waste

Address: 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Items: Wood only— all quantities (fee)

Call ahead for times accepted, fees and additional details. \$25/cubic yard

### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

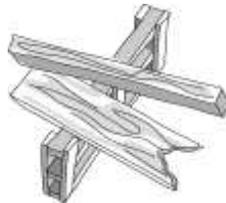
Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Note: Please remove seats, faucets, etc. from plumbing fixtures. NO lead paint or asbestos.

Wood: No treated wood, plywood, particle board. No flashing. No cedar shakes, roll roofing, roofing tiles or drip edge. No drywall.

Items accepted seasonally from April 1 to November 1.



## 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 less toxic alternatives that can be used. 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](http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm)

## CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS Continued

### Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Pkwy., Gaylord, MI 49735 ( near Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 731-4506

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

Items: Cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, new 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.

## ELECTRONICS

### Comprenew

Address: 1681 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (616) 451-4400

Website: [www.comprenew.org](http://www.comprenew.org)

Items: Batteries, LCD/Plasma flat screen monitors and TVs, printers/scanners/copiers, CRT devices, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, mini fridges, home audio and gaming, ink & toner, uninterruptable power supplies VHS & disk media microwaves, all other electronics.

Note: Call for prices.

### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Note: Please call for prices and more information.

### Goodwill Industries

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(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: [www.goodwillnmi.org](http://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 Continues**

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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.

### **Otsego County Habitat ReStore**

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Pkwy., Gaylord, MI 49735 (near Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 731-4506

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

Items: Stereo equipment, small appliances.

No Computers. No broken electronics. No TVs.

Call: depends on space available

### **State of Michigan**

Free TV, computer and electronics recycling is available through registered manufacturers.

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## **FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, HAZARDOUS WASTE**

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

### **Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: <http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/chemicals/#Household-Chemical-Drop-Off>

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.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

### **County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

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

County website: [www.OtsegoRecycling.org](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

### **Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/chemicals/#Household Chemical Drop Off](http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/chemicals/#Household%20Chemical%20Drop%20Off)

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](http://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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off Site Addresses: Please see website

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Items: Blue, brown, clear, red 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) 384-1304

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.

## 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, 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, 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:

#### 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 (P) is the Phosphorus content
- A "0" indicates Phosphorus 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.

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/](http://www.emmetcounty.org/recycling--111/)

Recycling guide: [www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/](http://www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/)

Items: Clothing, bedding, shoes and work boots. No insulated coats

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](http://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) 384-1304

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.

### **Otsego County Habitat ReStore**

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Pkwy. Gaylord, MI 49735 (near 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, NO mattresses or box springs. Call for more details.

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Continued

### Salvation Army Store

909 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord MI 49735

Phone: 9989) 448-2395

Website: [Salmich.org/SE](http://Salmich.org/SE)

Items: Clothing, footwear, accessories, toys, sporting goods, games, books, CDs, videos, linens, housewares, knickknacks, kitchenware, art/pictures/mirrors, antiques, collectibles, small working tools, small working appliances and electronics, all computer equipment and quality furniture. NO mattresses, bulky TVs (only flat screens). No water beds, paint carpet, hazardous materials, building materials or car seats. The Salvation Army Store has the right to refuse dirty, torn or soiled items.

## INK CARTRIDGES

### Dunn's Business Solutions

Address: 134 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-3901

Items: Used inkjet and laser printer cartridges.

## 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](http://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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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 strands 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.

**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**

**American Waste**

Address: P.O. Box 1030, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (989) 732-4243

\$20 per mattress or box

**Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/](http://www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/)

Items: Mattresses, springs and futons. Twin/single \$14 per piece; double/queen/king \$18 per piece.



## MEDICATION/NEEDLE SHARPS

### 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.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/drugs](http://www.emmetrecycling.org/what-can-i-do-with/paint/drugs)

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)

## 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



## DON'T FLUSH

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

**Otsego County Sheriff's Department, Drug Disposal Program**

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

Phone: (989) 732-7282

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

**McLaren Northern Michigan—Gaylord Specialty Clinic**

Address: 918 North Center Ave, Gaylord MI 49735

Phone: (800) 248-6766

Time & Date: 9 am—1 pm, 2nd Friday of even months of the year.

Note: Sharp drop-offs are for needles only and need to be in approved, hard, impermeable plastic container. For info, call ahead.

**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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

**Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: [www.alironandmetal.com](http://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](http://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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Site addresses: Please see website

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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.

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

Items: Any type of metal

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

### **St. Mary Cathedral School**

Address: 321 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5801

Items: Tin and Aluminum. 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

Items: Used motor oil, brake and transmission fluids; no antifreeze.

### **County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

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

County website: [www.OtsegoRecycling.org](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

## **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 (including lead) produced during engine use. 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 also causes those higher up on the food chain to be killed.
- One pint of oil can create an acre-sized slick on surface water.

## MOTOR OIL Continued

### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide](http://www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide)

Item: Motor oil, hydraulic fluid, fuel oil, transmission fluid, lube oils, diesel fuel, oil filters. 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 only

### Walmart Tire & Lube Express

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-8090

Website: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

Items: Motor oil (up to 5 gallons)

## PAINT

### 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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

Phone: (989) 732-4021

### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Web: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Items: Latex paint, stains and additives in any words "latex," "acrylic," "water-based," 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.



### Otsego County Habitat ReStore

Address: 526 Edelweiss Village Pkwy., Gaylord, MI 49735 (near 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](http://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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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

### **Kalkaska County Recycling Center**

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

Items: Paper, newspaper, shredded paper, magazines, cardboard, junkmail .

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

Fundraiser for those in need of eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.



## PLANT PLASTICS - POTS, TRAYS & SIMILAR PLANT CONTAINERS

### Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmerrecycling.org](http://www.emmerrecycling.org)

Item: Cell packs, flats, pots and hanging pots, plant tags

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 in spring

## 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](http://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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website.

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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

### Kalkaska County Recycling Center

Address: 904 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation and separation guide lines, 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 Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Drop-off site addresses: Please see website

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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) 384-1304

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](http://www.meijer.com)

### Walmart Supercenter

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-8090



## PROPANE TANKS

### **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](http://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](http://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

Website: <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 compared 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

**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 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: [www.alironandmetal.com](http://www.alironandmetal.com)

### **American Waste**

Address: 254 Little League Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-4243

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

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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

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

### **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 tin and aluminum 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

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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

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



## TIRES

### **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](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

Phone: (989) 732-4021

(Otsego Conservation District)

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

Items: Car, truck, bicycle, tractor (under 4 ft) tires on or off rim.

No off-road tires. Check website for size-based pricing.

### **Independence Tire**

Address: 1641 S Otsego Ave, Gaylord MI 49735

Phone (989) 732-9021

Note: Price for disposal depends on size of tire.

### **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

Phone: (231) 384-1304

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. Hours: M-F 8-5:30, Sat 8-1pm

## TRANSMISSION OIL

### **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

Note: Brake and transmission fluid. No antifreeze.

### **County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day**

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

County website: [www.OtsegoRecycling.org](http://www.OtsegoRecycling.org)

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

### **Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center**

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: [www.emmetrecycling.org](http://www.emmetrecycling.org)

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)



## YARD WASTE & COMPOST

### City of Gaylord

Address: Gaylord DPW Yard, 102 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

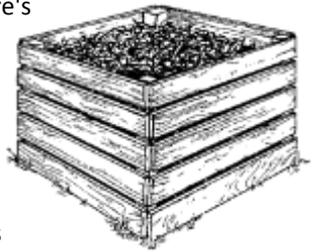
Phone: (989) 732-5475

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.

## HOME COMPOSTING

**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 & lifecycles.

-From [www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org)

**Resources To Get Started:** [http://eartheasy.com/grow\\_compost.html](http://eartheasy.com/grow_compost.html)  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/composting\\_recycling](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/composting_recycling)  
<http://ccetompkins.org/gardening/composting/compost-resources>

**My Recycling Notes:**

**My closest recycling drop-off location is:**

**I have questions about recycling the following:**

## 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](mailto:msue.otsego@county.msu.edu)

### **Otsego Conservation District**

800 Livingston Blvd.  
Ste. 4A  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Fax: 989-731-7480  
Phone: 989-732-4021  
Website: [www.otsegocd.org](http://www.otsegocd.org)

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service**

817 S. Otsego Avenue  
Ste. 121  
Gaylord MI 49735  
Phone: 989-732-6526  
FAX: 989-731-0744