



## Press Release

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### RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off -- April 21, 2016

Grand Traverse County, MI (April 11, 2016) -- Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to humans and the environment. These items, called household hazardous waste (HHW), will be accepted for safe disposal through the Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart program.

**The first of five HHW drop-off events is scheduled for Thursday April 21, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**

Subsequent HHW drop-off events will be held Thursdays, May 12, June 23 and August 25. One Saturday drop-off event will be held on October 1 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**Appointments are required** for all of the household hazardous waste collection events and can be made by using the online scheduling system at [www.RecycleSmart.info](http://www.RecycleSmart.info) or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555. The HHW drop-off location will be provided upon appointment confirmation. Grand Traverse County residents may bring up to 150 pounds of material at no cost. The cost for excess HHW is \$1.30 per pound.

Household hazardous waste products should be handled with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off event. Keep products in original containers and don't mix products together. Keep containers tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright, stable position. Transport HHW as far away as possible from you in your vehicle, such as in the bed of a pick up or car trunk.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, latex paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and more.

Small businesses, organizations and schools may qualify to dispose of HHW at a drop-off event. Visit [RecycleSmart.info](http://RecycleSmart.info) for details about Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) specifications.

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