



May 2019

Did you know that nearly 85% of woodland fires in the U.S. are caused by human error? Watch the video below for some good information on backyard burning.

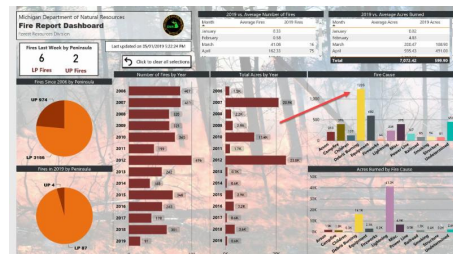


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## [Fire Report Dashboard](#)

Click on the photo to see the most up to date fire reports from the MDNR.



**Burning Your Household Trash Does Not Make It Go Away**

(Grand Traverse County, Michigan, May 2019) - It's spring cleaning time and for many that means gathering up all the unwanted items in the house, garage and garden. The temptation to throw it into a pile, barrel, or even an outdoor boiler may be strong. But wait! Don't light that match! [Click here to read more...](#)

Boat Shrink Wrap can be a major problem for our region. If you missed the article last month, please read the link below.

### Keeping shrink wrap out of landfills

- Committed to helping shrink wrap users recycle their wrap, Dr. Shrink announces their 10th Annual Recycling Run Program in partnership with Bay Area Recycling for Charities. [Read more...](#)

### 2019 HHW Event Schedule



Thursday, May 9th - Completed

Thursday, June 20 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (sign up open on May 20th)

Thursday, August 8 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (sign up open on July 8th)

Saturday, September 28th - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (sign up open on Aug. 28)

**June 20th event sign up starts on May 20th**

#### RESIDENTS

- Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made by:
- Using the online scheduling system at [HHW Sign Up Page](#)
- Or, if internet access is not an option, please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

#### NON-RESIDENTS (businesses, organizations, schools, etc.)

1. Download the [2019 VSQG Registration and Certification form](#).
2. Download the [2019 VSQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#).
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. (VSQGs are NOT allowed to make

- an online appointment).
4. Not sure if you are a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event? Click [here](#).



## Scrap Tire Collections 2019

May 9th  
August 8th  
September 29th

Appointments **are required and can be made by calling** the Resource Recovery Department @  
231-995-6075.

**Scrap Tire Collections are funded by the MDEQ  
Scrap Tire Grant**



## Call Now to get on the List!

**Keystone Brush Site is Open  
for the 2019 Season**

The Brush and Yard Waste drop off site located



at [2471 N. Keystone Rd.](#) is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday starting from April 6th to November 30th. The weekday hours are 10am-4:30pm. Saturday hours will be 9am-3:30pm. [Click Here for New Hours, Location and Information](#)

**Have questions about where to recycle an item?**

**Click on the Take it Back Logo and you will be magically transported to the Take it Back Directory!**



If you are unable to find a solution on the directory, please contact the Resource Recovery Department and we'll be sure to help you out!



## **Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program**

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City](#) or the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr. in Traverse City](#) during their normal hours of operation.

The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC. Please contact the Resource Recovery Department if you have any questions.

## **Drop Off Battery Recycling**

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations. Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

Building / Location	Address
Acme Township Hall	<a href="#">6042 Acme Road Williamsburg, MI 49690</a>
Blair Township Hall	<a href="#">2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637</a>
City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building	<a href="#">400 Boardman Avenue Traverse City, MI 49684</a>
Civic Center	<a href="#">1213 W Civic Center Drive Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Fife Lake True Value	<a href="#">119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633</a>
Grand Traverse County Public Service Building	<a href="#">2650 LaFranier Road Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Metro Emergency Services Building	<a href="#">897 Parson Road Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Traverse City Fire Department	<a href="#">500 W Front Street Traverse City, MI 49684</a>
Whitewater Township Hall	<a href="#">5777 Vinton Road Williamsburg, MI 49690</a>



Watch this short video on battery recycling.

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