



July 2019



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Have you met the Squad? - On June 24th, EGLE launched a \$2 million educational campaign aimed at boosting the state's low recycling rate, decreasing contamination, and cutting the amount of materials improperly placed in curbside recycling bins. MRC Executive Director Kerrin O'Brien described the initiative as a "laser-focused education effort," providing information that is basic to most recycling programs. Use the messaging "Know It Before You Throw It" to build awareness about the recycling program in your community. [Read more...](#)

House passes recycling strategy amendment - During floor consideration, the House of Representatives unanimously passed an amendment led by U.S. Congresswoman Haley Stevens, who represents Michigan's 11th District and is the chair of the House Subcommittee on Research & Technology. The amendment, which was co-sponsored by Rep. Kim Schrier, who represents Washington's eighth district, instructs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prioritize funding to develop a national recycling strategy to ensure the long-term economic and environmental viability of local recycling programs. [Read more...](#)



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!

2019 HHW Event Schedule

Thursday, May 9th - (27,367 lbs collected)

Thursday, June 20 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (36,952 lbs collected)

Thursday, August 8 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Sign up Now!)

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



[Sign up now for the August 8th HHW Event](#)

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](#).

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



Watch this short video on battery recycling.

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