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## Green Gifts in Traverse City

Follow 9&10 News anchor Melissa Smith to area stores for some great green gift ideas. And learn about recycling along the way!

[BAABAAZUZU](#)

[Green Island](#)

[Great Lakes Bath and Body](#)

## Happy Holidays!

Recycle By City has a great list of ways to get creative with your holiday gift wrap this year. All of these ideas promote reusing items that you may already have. It's time to get creative with old paper bags, books, sheet music and even chip bags!



Click Here for [DIY Gift Wrap Ideas](#)



**Recycling Raccoons win WasteDive award - This year, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy launched a large-scale campaign, "Know It Before You Throw It," to**

**educate citizens throughout the state about proper recycling practices. The campaign aims to change citizens' behaviors by focusing on issues common across all jurisdictions - such as placing clean, dry materials in a curbside bin - while encouraging residents to review the exact materials accepted in their area. The**

campaign was the recipient of WasteDive's "Recycling Campaign of the year" award. [Read more...](#)

## **\$35,000 Clean Sweep Grant**

The Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Department was again awarded \$35,000 from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to help offset the costs of Pesticide Collections in our region. This money goes a long way to keep unused pesticides out of our soil and waterways.



**119,173 lbs. of Household  
Hazardous Waste and  
71,456 lbs. of Scrap Tires were  
collected from Grand Traverse  
County Residents in 2019!**



## **2020 HHW Event Schedule**

Thursday, May 14 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 18 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 26 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**\*\*\*Appointments will not be accepted until approximately one month before each 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 [2020 VSQG Registration and Certification form.](#)
2. Download the [2020 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 2020**

**May 14  
August 6  
September 20**

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

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



**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<br/>Williamsburg, MI 49690</a>             |
| Blair Township Hall                                    | <a href="#">2121 County Road 633<br/>Grawn, MI 49637</a>              |
| City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building | <a href="#">400 Boardman Avenue<br/>Traverse City, MI 49684</a>       |
| Civic Center   | <a href="#">1213 W Civic Center Drive<br/>Traverse City, MI 49686</a> |
| Fife Lake True Value                                   | <a href="#">119 East Lake Street Fife<br/>Lake, Mi. 49633</a>         |
| Grand Traverse County Public Service Building          | <a href="#">2650 LaFranier Road<br/>Traverse City, MI 49686</a>       |
| Metro Emergency Services Building                      | <a href="#">897 Parson Road<br/>Traverse City, MI 49686</a>           |

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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