

A comprehensive guide of what and where to recycle

Otsego County Recycling



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Otsego County Recycling 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
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For more information,
visit www.otsegocd.org
or contact the Otsego Conservation District
at (989) 732-4021

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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 Otsego County Recycling Millage and the Otsego Conservation District.

For more information about recycling and household hazardous waste disposal please visit www.otsegocd.org/recycling.html or contact the Otsego Conservation District office at (989) 732-4021

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

- ◆ Plastic bags are among the most common sources of marine debris, where they can be mistaken for food by fish and birds.
- ◆ Plastic bags don't biodegrade. It will take hundreds of years for them to decompose in a landfill.
- ◆ Recycling a ton of plastic bags (about 450,000 bags) saves 11 barrels of oil.



Source: Earth 911

Otsego County's Recycling Drop-off Program

Single-stream recycling: everything goes in the same bin!

Recycle these items and remember to clean them first:

- ◆ Aerosol Cans - must be empty.
- ◆ Aseptic Cartons - liquid food packaging.
- ◆ Metal & Aluminum - cans, foils, trays
- ◆ Cardboard, flattened and dry.
- ◆ Cartons - milk, juice, soy, drink boxes.
- ◆ Freezer Paperboard - ice cream and frozen food containers
- ◆ Glass Containers - all colors
- ◆ Scrap metal - must fit in container
- ◆ Pizza boxes - cut out greasy parts
- ◆ Paper - newspaper, office paper, magazines, phone books, brown paper bags
- ◆ Plastic containers - all types, even unmarked, clamshell containers
- ◆ Bulky plastic & toys - kids toys, garden plastics, baskets, pail, buckets. Break down to fit in the bins.
- ◆ Plastic Film - grocery and bread bags, kitchen shrink wrap, Visqueen.
- ◆ Styrofoam - egg cartons, packaging
- ◆ Marine shrink wrap
- ◆ Bubble Wrap & Air Pillow Packing Materials

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Items are accepted 24/7.

For a map showing bin locations, see inside back cover of this guide.

Items that cannot be recycled

Some items, like lithium batteries are dangerous for transportation, the recycling facility and facility employees.

- ◆ Batteries of all types.
- ◆ CDs and DVDs.
- ◆ Chain, hoses, rope, wire and tarps, can shut down the entire sorting facility after wrapping around and clogging the metering machine.
- ◆ Diapers, dirty or clean.
- ◆ Fluids are not accepted at any time.
- ◆ Styrofoam packing peanuts
- ◆ Glass windows, mirrors, cooking pans and TV/ computer monitor glass.
- ◆ Light bulbs, fluorescent, tubes, CFLs, LEDs or any type of light bulb
- ◆ Hazardous waste and solvents
- ◆ Medications
- ◆ Paint, latex and oil paints and stains
- ◆ Sharps
- ◆ Dishes

Wishful Recycling: *When in doubt, throw it out.*

Wishful recycling or tossing items in the recycling bin that you hope are recyclable or think should be, could be contaminating inbound streams of recyclable materials and causing tons (literally, tons) of recycled items to be sent to landfills instead of being recycled. It truly does more harm than good.



Not sure if it's recyclable?

www.otsegocd.org/recycling.html
or call (989) 732-4021



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

HHWD ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- ◆ Flammables
- ◆ Poisons
- ◆ Corrosives
- ◆ Reactives
- ◆ Fuels
- ◆ Oil
- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Automotive Liquids
- ◆ Solvents
- ◆ Acids
- ◆ Bases
- ◆ Fertilizers
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Any Household Chemical Products
- ◆ Oil-based Paints & Stains
- ◆ Latex Paints (See pages 5 & 26)
- ◆ Paint Thinner
- ◆ Asbestos-Contaminated Materials
- ◆ Propane Cylinders
- ◆ Mercury
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ PCB-Containing Lamp Ballasts
- ◆ Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- ◆ Inks & Printer Cartridges
- ◆ Smoke Detectors
- ◆ Fire Extinguishers
- ◆ Aerosol Cans
- ◆ Cleaners
- ◆ Detergents
- ◆ Degreasers
- ◆ Drain Cleaners
- ◆ Grease
- ◆ Thermometers
- ◆ Wax

**Saturday, June 4, 2022,
9 a.m.-2 a.m.**

Otsego County Road
Commission
669 W. McCoy Rd., Gaylord,
MI 49735

FREE For Otsego County
Residents & Landowners.

This program has been made possible through the recycling millage.

E-WASTE ACCEPTED

- ◆ Desktops
- ◆ Laptop Computers
- ◆ Tablets & Computer Monitors
- ◆ Televisions
- ◆ Desktop Printers
- ◆ Fax Machines
- ◆ Computer Keyboards
- ◆ Mice
- ◆ Gaming Consoles
- ◆ DVD Players & VCRS
- ◆ Desktop Scanners
- ◆ Cell Phones



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

ELETRONICS NOT ACCEPTED

- ◆ Microwaves
- ◆ Vacuums
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Toasters
- ◆ Mixers
- ◆ Lamps
- ◆ Irons
- ◆ Blow Dryers
- ◆ Curling Irons



Fast Facts

1. E-waste accounts for 70% of toxic waste production.
 2. Recycling e-waste can save enough energy to power thousands of homes per year.
 3. E-waste is the world's fastest-growing trash source.
- Source: united electronic recycling

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. Fees may apply.

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.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

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/ 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.

For more information concerning the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Day, please contact the

Otsego Conservation District

Phone: (989) 732-4021

Web: 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.otsegocountymi.gov/212/Recycling-Information
Phone: (989) 732-4021 (Otsego Conservation District)

ANTIFREEZE

Advance Auto Parts

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

Phone: (989) 732-4566

Website: <https://stores.advanceautoparts.com/mi/gaylord/>

Note: Antifreeze not mixed with oil or gas.

Limit of 5 gallons per visit.



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

APPLIANCES

A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Items: Freezers, refrigerators, A/C units: Must be tagged as freon free by a certified technician, Metal Gas Grills, Lawnmower's and other yard equipment: Must be free of all liquids.

American Waste/ GFL Environmental

Address: 10164 M-32, Elmira, MI 49730

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Website: <https://americanwaste.org>

Note: Freezers, refrigerators, A/C units, dehumidifiers: Must be tagged as freon free by a certified technician.

APPLIANCES Continued

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 7399 Fair Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: (231) 536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Items: All Appliances (Anything Metallic)

Note: There is NO charge for freon removal. Please remove any glass or plastic shelving and drawers before dropping off.

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasant view Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: www.emmetrecycling.org

Items: Large and small appliances made of metal.

Note: Please throw away removable parts not made of metal - glass carafes, microwave turntables, etc. Small appliances are free to drop off if metal. For large appliances, there's a \$5 per item handling fee. For refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers: If not tagged by a certified technician (by law) add a fee of \$15 up to 36" in diameter, and add \$25 over 36" in diameter

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: www.goodwillnmi.org

Items: Small, working appliances and electronics. Computers & flat screen monitors.

No microwaves, TVs, or large appliances such as ovens, refrigerators, washers, dryers, no toner printers, or laptops.



Great Lakes Energy & Presque Isle Energy

Website: <https://www.gtlakes.com/2022/01/10/energy-saving-program-to-change-in-2022/>

Notes: Details to come, check out the web site

Kalkaska County Recycling Center

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

Phone: (231) 384-1304

Website: <https://www.kalkaskacounty.net/departments/recycling/index.php>

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

Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord MI 49736

Phone: (989) 705-3920

Note: Fee of \$30 per appliance.

APPLIANCES 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: Smaller microwaves, small appliances and large appliances that are white, almond, black, and stainless steel. Must be clean, in working order and less than 15 years old. No green or gold appliances. Call for more details.

AUTOMOBILES & 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, snowmobiles, small propane tanks, scrap cars.

Website: 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

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

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.



BATTERIES (CAR) Continued

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 7399 Fair Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: (231) 536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd, Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: 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) 732-5280

Note: Only one car battery per visit



BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD)

Auto Value Gaylord

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

Phone: (989) 732-2365

Items: AAA, AA, C, D, 9V batteries

Comprenew

Phone: (616) 451-4400

Batteries: \$1.00 per pound

Note: Call for more details and to set up a pick up.

Other fees may apply.



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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

BATTERIES (HOUSEHOLD) Continued

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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

CARDBOARD

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CELL PHONES

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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

Gaylord Community Funeral Home

850 North Center Avenue

P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, Michigan 49734

Phone: (989) 732-2230

Website: 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

Details: Donated cell phones in working or non-working order

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

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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/#HouseholdChemicalDropOff>

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents. \$2 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 3 times a year. Call or check the website for information and to set up an appointment.

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

COMPUTERS & PRINTERS

Comprenew

Phone: (989) 858-5657

Website: 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 and pick up fees may apply.



Goodwill Industries

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

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: 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).

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.

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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

Note: For materials accepted, item preparation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

State of Michigan

Free TV, computer and electronics recycling is available through registered manufacturers. Visit: www.michigan.gov/deqwaste. 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: 10164 M-32, Elmira, MI 49730

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Items: Wood only– all quantities (fee)

Call ahead for times accepted, fees and additional details. \$29/cubic yard

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: 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.

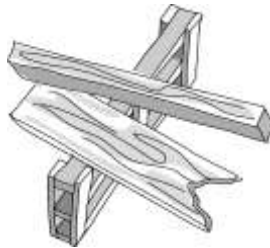
Otsego County Habitat ReStore

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

Phone: (616) 451-4400

Website: 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 and to set up pick up.

ELECTRONICS Continued

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day and Electronics Waste 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

Note: Please call for prices and more information.



Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

(Walmart Plaza in front of Lowe's)

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: 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.

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. - Fees apply

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, and flat screen TVs No Computers. No broken electronics.

Call: depends on available space.

State of Michigan

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

Visit www.michigan.gov/deq/waste. 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 by phone 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".

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.

FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, HAZARDOUS WASTE

County of Otsego Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

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

County website: www.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

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. \$2 per pound for out-of-county participants. Held 3 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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

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

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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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

Note: Yes, materials accepted, item preparation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above.

GLASS Continued

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

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.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Metal Gas Grills, metal appliances



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.

Goodwill Industries

Address: 1361 Pineview Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 705-1747

Website: 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.



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Continued

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, news-paper, shredded paper, magazines, cardboard, junk mail, Styrofoam.

Note: NO building materials, household hazardous waste, garbage, compost materials, light bulbs, or window glass.

Salvation Army Store

909 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord MI 49735

Phone: 9989) 448-2395

Website: 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 water beds, mattresses, bulky TVs (only flat screens), paint carpet, hazardous materials, building materials or car seats.



INK CARTRIDGES

Depending on the brand you may be able to recycle through the mail at no cost to you, by printing off a label from the company or when buying the cartridge there could be a shipping bag included make sure to check before throwing away the packaging.

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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

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

Items: Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs/CFLs



LIGHT BULBS (FLUORESCENT) & STRANDS OF LIGHTS Continued

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: 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 stands 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).

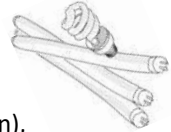
Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., closed daily 12-12:30 p.m.

Home Depot

Address: 1381 W. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 705-8471

Items: CFLs/Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (unbroken), and bagged individually. Long fluorescent bulbs 2', 4', & 8'.



Lowe's

Address: 600 Edelweiss Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 705-3920

Items: CFLs/Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (unbroken), and bagged individually, long fluorescent bulbs 2', 4', & 8'.



MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS & FUTONS

American Waste

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

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Items: \$35 per Twin/single or smaller;

\$65 per double/queen/king mattress or box spring

Please Fold larger mattresses if possible. Call for details



MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS & FUTONS Continued

Emmet County Recycling Drop-off Center

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: www.emmetcounty.org/recyclingguide/

Items: Mattresses, springs and futons. Twin/single or smaller \$12 per piece; double/queen/king \$18 per piece.

Fast Facts

- In America, we use **2.5 million plastic bottles each hour**, and they are all designed for one use.
- Using recycled plastic to make new products saves 66% of the energy over using virgin materials.
- Plastic bottles require up to 700 years to dissolve.
- 90% of the cost of bottled water is the bottle itself.
- 80% of plastic bottles never get recycled.
- 38 million plastic bottles go to landfills each year in America alone.
- The average American consumes 167 bottles of water per year.
- Bottling water and shipping transport is the least energy efficient method of water supply in the history of mankind
- Bottled water is the second most popular beverage in the United States.



Source: Earth 911

MEDICATION/NEEDLE SHARPS

Gaylord City Police Department at City Hall

Address: 305 E. Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-1777

Notes : Prescription medications and drugs can be dropped off at the City Police Lobby from 8am –4:30pm. No Liquids or Sharps .

McLaren Northern Michigan—Gaylord Specialty Clinic

Address: 918 North Center Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (800) 246-6777

Time & Date: 9 am - 1 pm, 2nd Monday 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.

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 threat.



DON'T FLUSH

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

MEDICATION/NEEDLE SHARPS Continued

Otsego County Sheriff's Department, Drug Disposal Program

Address: 124 South Court Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 731-7282

Note: Prescription medications and drugs can be dropped off at the Otsego County Sheriff's Department office any time of the day or night. No Sharps.

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

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

MERCURY Continued

Emmet County Household Chemical Drop-Off Days

Address: 7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, MI

Phone: (231) 348-0640

Website: www.emmetrecycling.org

Details: No charge for Emmet County residents.

Call or check the website

for information on pricing and to set up an appointment.

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

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.

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/SCRAP METAL

A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Note: Receive money for metal. Call for details.



METAL/SCRAP METAL Continued

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

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 off N. Otsego Avenue, inside the enclosed fenced in area. 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.



MOTOR OIL Continued

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

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.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) non-residents a \$1 a gallon

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) 732-5280

Website: www.walmart.com

Items: Motor oil (up to 5 gallons)



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.

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
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

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. \$2.00 per gallon or equivalent.
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
Note: Yes material 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.

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



PLANT PLASTICS - POTS, TRAYS & SIMILAR PLANT CONTAINERS

Flower Mania

Address: 1110 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI, 49735 (near Sears)

Phone Number: (989) 983-4562

Items: Plant plastics regardless of where purchased.

Note: Accepted seasonally in spring

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

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.

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

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.

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

Note: Yes 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

Website: 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.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS & PACKAGING SHRINK WRAP 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.

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



Walmart Supercenter

Address: 950 Edelweiss Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-8090

PROPANE TANKS

A & L Iron and Metal Company

Address: 2000 Milbocker Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5900

Website: www.alironandmetal.com

Items: Propane tanks: Must have all valves removed and a hole punctured in the side of the tank.

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

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

East Jordan Auto Parts

Address: 7399 Fair Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727

Phone: (231) 536-2322

Website: www.ejautoparts.com



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 according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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.

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>

STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE

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.otsegocd.org/recycling.html

Note: Yes materials accepted, item preparation guidelines, please see pages 2 and 3 of this guide, contact the Otsego Conservation District or visit the website above. NO packing peanuts!

STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE 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.

Pak Mail

Address: 1409 W Main St, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-1558

Website: <http://www.pakmailgaylord.com>

Note: Takes clean packing peanuts, call before dropping them off

TIRES

American Waste

Address: 10164 M-32, Elmira, MI 49730

Phone: (989) 732-4243

Note: Tires may be dropped off at American Waste Monday — Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for pricing information

Bell Tire

Address: 1490 West Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-217-8347

Note: Call for price of disposal

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

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

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

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

Johnson Tire Service/Kelly Tires

Address: 502 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-6014

Note: \$4.00 + fee per passenger tire disposal

Price dependent on tire size.



TIRES 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.

Fee based on tire size.

Meekahof Tire

Address: 1260 M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-6258

Note: \$4.00 + fee per passenger tire

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

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

Fast Facts

- ◆ Used motor oil and other auto fluids is hazardous waste and require proper disposal by law.
- ◆ Every gallon of used motor oil that is improperly discarded can contaminate 1 million gallons of drinking water, according to the EPA.
- ◆ Motor oil also never wears out, but rather gets dirty, so it is often recycled and resold.

Source: Earth 911

YARD WASTE & COMPOST

City of Gaylord

Address: Gaylord DPW Yard, 102 E. 7th Street, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: (989) 732-5475

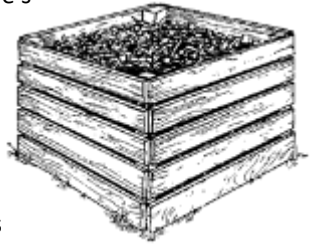
Items: Leaves, weeds, grass clippings and biodegradable bags
Christmas Trees as well



Note: City of Gaylord, Bagley Township, and Livingston Township, 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 for City of Gaylord residents only.

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

Resources To Get Started: http://eartheasy.com/grow_compost.html
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/composting_recycling
<http://csetompkins.org/gardening/composting/compost-resources>

Never, Ever Put These Things in Recycling

- ◆ Sewing Needles
- ◆ Food or food soiled paper
- ◆ Egg shells
- ◆ Propane tanks or cylinders
- ◆ Aerosol Cans that are not empty
- ◆ Any type of battery
- ◆ Dirty diapers or any type of personal hygiene items.
- ◆ Syringes, broken glass, any light bulbs,
- ◆ Clothing and shoes
- ◆ Bowling Balls
- ◆ Garden hoses
- ◆ Electronics
- ◆ Wire
- ◆ Wrapping paper, especially flocked or foil
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Engine Oil
- ◆ Transmission Oil
- ◆ Barometers or thermometers
- ◆ Any hazardous waste

Source: EPA

Recycling is truly beneficial for the environment

EPA data shows that recycling conserves energy and natural resources. For example:

- ◆ Recycling one ton of office paper can save the energy equivalent of consuming 322 gallons of gasoline.
- ◆ Recycling just one ton of aluminum cans conserves more than 152 million Btu, the equivalent of 1,024 gallons of gasoline or 21 barrels of oil consumed.
- ◆ Plastic bottles are the most recycled plastic product in the United States as of 2015, according to our most recent report. Recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for more than 25 hours.

The most effective way to reduce waste, and the most environmentally preferred strategy, is to not create it in the first place. Encourage your elected officials to ban single use plastic containers and plastic grocery bags to help keep Michigan beautiful for the sake of your children and grandchildren.

My Recycling Notes:

My closest recycling drop-off location is:

I have recycling questions about the following:

(Call 989-732-4021)

IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

95 Livingston Blvd.
Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-732-1794
Fax: 989-732-3285

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy 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 Cooperative Extension

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Otsego Conservation District

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Fax: 989-731-7480
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Website: www.otsegocd.org

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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