

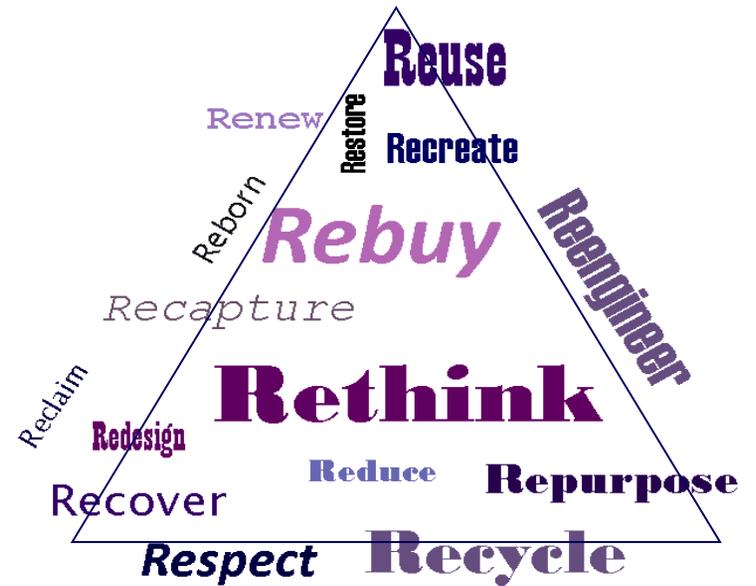
*Did you know? Recycling one milk jug per week for a year can save enough energy to operate a TV for 190 hours? You could watch TV 24/7 for a whole week, but then again, why would you want to waste electricity while you were sleeping?*



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Your guide for waste management and recycling in Van Buren County



## Introduction

This recycling guide is to help you find local resources that will make it easier to reduce waste and assist with reuse and recycling efforts. I hope that this booklet helps you with household hazardous waste disposal and ways to manage the more difficult to recycle items such as appliances and tires. You will also find directions for making and managing a compost pile and information about energy conservation and groundwater protection.

While, every attempt has been made to provide you with accurate information, the reality is businesses, resources, information, locations and programs do change. I recommend that you call the organizations or businesses listed here first to ensure that services listed are still offered. Many times rates and hours change before an updated guide is published!

If information is incorrect, omitted, has changed, or you have suggested topics to add, please contact our office. This directory is updated regularly and any assistance is appreciated.

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*Conservation Districts continually scan the needs of their local communities, work in partnership with others involved in conservation to set local priorities, and develop action plans to solve natural resource problems. The delivery of these efforts by Conservation Districts allows citizens to manage their private lands for a cleaner, healthier Michigan.*

## How to Dry Latex Paint

First reduce the amount to dispose of by not buying more paint than you need to do the job. Use it up. If you are faced with left over paint then try to give it away to neighbors or friends. Mix like colors of similar paint to make a whole useable gallon. Latex paint is not accepted at the HHW collection facility as it is a water based material that becomes inert when completely dry. Waste Haulers can not transport liquid waste, so in order to dispose of latex paint you must first dry it.



Start with clay cat litter, sawdust, ground soy bean hulls, newspaper pellets, ground corncobs, sand, or a commercial paint hardener.... any absorbent material that is inert and will work as a bulking agent is satisfactory for bulking and drying latex paints.

### Directions for bulking and drying latex based paints

- Open the can and add bulking agent if there is a small amount of paint.
- Let dry to a solid. Leave the lid off of the can.
- Discard dried paint and can with the lid off.
- Waste haulers leave paint cans behind if the lids are on the cans.

### Alternative method for larger quantities:

- Line a cardboard box with a plastic bag
- Pour in some bulking agent to cover bottom
- Pour the paint in the plastic lined box
- Add more bulking agent as needed, usually a 2:1 ratio of bulking agent to paint works
- Let dry to hard and discard
- Rinse the can and recycle it if it is not excessively covered with dried paint.

## Recycle Continued

### Yard Waste

The best way to dispose of kitchen scraps and yard waste is to compost them.

Composting is a simple and natural process that converts

organic materials into a usable nutrient rich loam suitable for mulch, soil amendment, and topdressing for your gardens, houseplants and lawns. See page 8 for how to start a compost pile.

## Local Waste and Recycling Services

Advance Recycling  
Kalamazoo - 269-342-6400

BFI  
Kalamazoo - 800-221-7191  
<http://bfwestmichigan.com/>

Best Way Disposal  
Paw Paw - 269-657-4101  
Watervliet - 800-246-5992  
[www.bestway-disposal.com](http://www.bestway-disposal.com)

EverKept  
Van Buren Co. - 888-662-5482  
[www.everkept.com](http://www.everkept.com)

Magic Disposal  
Hartford - 269-621-2665

Reliable Disposal  
Benton Harbor - 800-677-1083  
[www.reliabledisposal.com](http://www.reliabledisposal.com)



Your guide for waste

## Household Hazardous Waste Collections

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<http://ladpw.org/epd/sg/fwg.cfm>

Did you know? Household Hazardous Waste or HHW includes products, such as, cleaning products, paints, automotive supplies, hobby and craft supplies, pesticides, etc., contain the same chemicals used in industry and become hazardous when we no longer want to use them.

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### **Disclaimer**

Many local governments, businesses, industry, and organizations work hard to manage solid waste wisely and recycle in many ways by offering alternative services; this guide is to provide a compiled resource to aid you in making wise decisions and help you to also manage your solid waste wisely. Van Buren County Resource Recovery and MSU Extension does not endorse or make any warranty of the quality of service or products of any company or organization listed in this guide. The publication of this guide does not guarantee that the companies or organizations listed herein are in compliance with federal and state environmental laws.

## Recycle Continued

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### **Motor Oil Recycling**

Crystal Flash Headquarters  
M-40 south of I-94 east side of  
road. Drop-off open during  
business hours.

Ask your local service station or  
quick lube if they will accept  
small quantities for recycling.

### **Large Quantities of Oil (30 gallons +)**

C.Stoddard & Sons Oil, Wayland -  
269-792-6591

Crystal Flash - 1-800-875-4851

### **Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs & Paperboard**

Check with your local recycling  
station

Wal-Mart parking lot - South  
Haven

### **Nickel-Cadmium Battery**

**Recycling:**  
See Van Buren HHW

### **Paint**

Oil based paints can be taken to  
the County HHW Collection. For  
Latex based paint see page 23.

### **Pesticides**

Call the MSU Extension at 269-  
657- 8213 for HHW collection  
dates & locations

### **Plastic Bags**

Plastic shopping bags are one of  
our worst litter problems.  
Recycle those bags and other  
clear plastic film at any Wal-Mart  
or participating Meijer Store.

### **PVC**

Vinyl siding, PVC Window  
profiles, & Industrial Plastics  
Fryman's Recycling, Dowagiac  
[www.frymansrecycling.com](http://www.frymansrecycling.com) or  
269-782-5257

### **Scrap Metal Recycling**

L & L Auto Parts, Paw Paw -  
269-657-5933

Clarks Auto Parts, Lawrence -  
269-674-4905, 800-707-8650  
Rawson Bros. Auto Parts, Grand  
Junction - 269-434-6771

Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers -  
Kalamazoo 269-381-1315  
South Haven Scrap Recycling,  
South Haven - 888-727-2725

### **Tires**

Trade in your old tires when you  
purchase new ones. Most tire  
purchases have environmental  
fees attached for disposal.  
Deerpath Tire Recyclers,  
Dowagiac 269-782-7232

## Recycle Continued

### General Recycling

Fryman's Recycling, Dowagiac  
269-782-0959  
Michigan Recycling, Kalamazoo  
- 269-381-9605

All Van Buren County Residents can take general recycling to the Best Way Transfer Station on Red Arrow Hwy., Paw Paw

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Van Buren County

These items include solvents, oil based paints, mercury and mercury devices, cleaning products, pesticides, fertilizers, automotive and hobby chemicals florescent light bulbs, poisons and more. Call for Van Buren County Resource Recovery at 269-657-4030 x5 for more info Kalamazoo HHW Center Kalamazoo 269-373-5211

### Material Recovery Facilities (MRF)

Michigan Recycling Industries, Kalamazoo - 269-381-9605  
Neuco, Kalamazoo - 269-345-3908

### Medical Waste & Sharps

Prescription medications should not be flushed down the toilet or sink. Waste Water Treatment plants are not engineered to

remove pharmaceuticals from the wastewater so these products are fed into our rivers, lakes and streams and ultimately our drinking water.



Antibiotics can reduce septic tank performance or stop it altogether. Pharmaceuticals can be brought to the HHW annual collection only or rendered unusable by dissolving them in vinegar and bulking out to dry in cat litter or sawdust. Once re-dried they can be disposed of in the regular trash.

**Sharps** should be rendered useless and placed in a very heavy duty plastic container with a lid or sharps disposal containers and placed in the trash. Do not recycle these containers. Sharps may also be brought to the HHW collection.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Re-Buy

### Michigan's Hierarchy of Recycling

It is not trash until you throw it away. Find ways to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and complete the loop by re-buying recycle content products. The State of Michigan recommends that you first find ways to **reduce** the amount of waste you generate in your home by buying less. Look for ways that you can get a product with less packaging, or borrow or rent large items that are used less frequently. Try to get less toxic items or items of longer durability if you do have to buy.

**Reusing** items before throwing them away extends or lends new life to a product otherwise destined for the trash. Giving items away, having a yard sale or donating items to a second hand store or charity is another way to reuse good usable items and support your community.

Removing items from the waste stream to be remanufactured into new usable goods is **recycling**. **Composting** organic wastes is also recycling. Today many more items than ever before can be recycled. The variety of recyclable materials accepted for recycling is increasing as technology finds ways and markets for these goods. Make sure you get a list of what is accepted for recycling from your local recycling station or curbside collection company. Co-mingled collection bins are another change that makes recycling easier for everyone by removing the need to sort recyclable materials at home.

**Rebuying** recycled content material is mandatory for many businesses; government offices and schools require recycle content paper and other supplies. Ask for and buy products that are made from or contain recycled materials. Consumer demand for such products makes the cycle complete and motivates manufacturers to create the products that you demand.

Finally, discard a product if it has no more useful life and can not be recycled or composted.

## Important Agencies and Organizations

Here is a listing of government and environmental agencies and offices that can assist you with your questions about how to dispose of various items and guide you about how to conserve, and protect our environment.

### GOVERNMENT OFFICES

#### Local

Van Buren Resource Recovery  
269-657-4030 x5  
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Van Buren /Cass Dist Health Dept  
269-621-3143  
www.vbcassdhd.org

Van Buren Conservation Dist  
269-657-4030 x5  
alison.brucks@mi.nacdn.net

Allegan Resource Recovery  
269-673-5415  
BWilliams@ALLEGANCOUNTY.ORG

Berrien Resource Recovery  
269-983-7111 x 8234  
jadams@berriencounty.org

Cass Recycling Information  
269-445-4438  
msue14@msu.edu

Kalamazoo Environmental Health  
269-384-8112  
csfost@kalcounty.com

St. Joseph County  
(269) 467-5500

#### State

Michigan Dept Environmental  
Quality  
269-567-3500  
Environmental Assistance  
800-662-9278  
www.michigan.gov/deq

Michigan Dept Natural Resources  
269-685-6851  
www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Dept of Agriculture  
269-428-2546  
www.michigan.gov/mda

#### Federal

US Environmental Protection  
Agency  
800-621-8431  
www.epa.gov

US Dept of Agriculture  
Farm Services  
269-657-7055  
Natural Resources Conservation  
269-657-4220  
www.usda.gov

US Fish and Wildlife Service  
www.fws.gov

US Bureau of Land Management  
www.blm.gov

## Recycle Continued

### Clothing

Donate and buy used clothing from thrift and consignment shops, garage sales and rummage sales; or hold a garage or yard sale. Old clothing make great rags or get crafty and re-make them into something new.

### Composting

See page 8 for how to start a compost pile. Most cities and villages have seasonal pick-up of leaves and yard waste, call your city or village for more information.

### Composting Facilities

Best Way Disposal, Kalamazoo -  
269-388-3300 or 269-388-3342  
Renewed Earth Inc  
1-800-762-2722

### Construction Waste

Jensen's Excavating, South Haven  
- 269-637-5642  
Consumers Concrete, Kalamazoo  
- 269-342-0136  
Statler Building Supply Yard,  
Kalamazoo -269-345-7105  
CMR (Construction Materials  
Recycling), Kalamazoo - 269-381-  
8831  
Any Habitat for Humanity Restore

**Electronic Waste Recycling:**  
See HHW, Van Buren County

### Eye Glasses

Contact any Lion's Club member.

### Explosives & Ammunition

Contact the Sheriffs Dept.  
269-657-2206 or the  
State Police - 269-657-5551

### Freon Removal:

AA Appliance, Mattawan - 668-  
3055  
Bob's Refrigeration, South Haven  
- 637-3862

**Fluorescent light bulbs and  
compact fluorescent light bulbs  
(cfls)** See HHW, Van Buren  
County

### Fuel Tanks

A completely empty tank can be taken to any scrap metal dealer for recycling. For assistance in removing underground storage tanks contact the DEQ storage tank division 800-284-0645.

### Garden pots and flats

Flats, trays, cubes and related items can be returned to many garden and nursery centers. Large volumes of gardening, greenhouse and agriculture plastics can be recycled at E. Jordan Plastics in South Haven.  
www.eastjordanplastics.com

## Recycle Continued

### Antifreeze

Never dump antifreeze on the ground or into storm drains it is poisonous to people, pets and wildlife.

See Van Buren County HHW Recycling Fluid Technologies will handle commercial or industrial quantities.

269-629-9680

Ask your local service station or quick lube if they will accept small quantities for recycling.

### Appliances (Freon Removed)

Used appliance dealers sometimes take repairable machines that can be resold. Look in the yellow pages under appliance sales—used. If they are not repairable or very old see **Scrap Metal Recycling**.

Call these places first to see if they might take your unwanted working appliance.

Appliance Outlet, Kalamazoo  
1-800-272-7151

Lakeshore Appliance, South  
Haven 269-637-8933

M & T Electronics, Paw Paw  
269-657-6404

Any Habitat for Humanity  
Restore



### Automotive/Boat Batteries:

L & L Auto Parts, Paw Paw -  
269-657-5933

Clarks Auto Parts, Lawrence -  
269-674-4905, 800-707-8650  
Rawson Bros. Auto Parts, Grand  
Junction - 269-434-6771

*Trade in your old car or boat  
battery when you purchase a  
new one.*

### Books

Many libraries and thrift shops will take donations of books that are in good condition.

The Bookmark Book Exchange,  
Kalamazoo - 269-483-7709

Hidden Room Book Shoppe,  
South Haven - 269-637-7222  
hardcover only

Remove all covers and recycle  
with phone books

## Important Agencies and Organizations Continued

### ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Two Rivers Coalition  
269-657-4030 x5  
<http://www.tworiverscoalition.org>

Kalamazoo River Watershed Project  
269-327-4008  
[www.kalamazooriver.org](http://www.kalamazooriver.org)

Dowagiac River Watershed Project  
Cass County Conservation District  
269-445-8641  
<http://casscd.org/>

Friends of the St. Joseph River  
269-729-5174  
<http://www.fotsjr.org/>  
St. Joe River Watershed Project  
<http://www.stjoeriver.net/>

Preserve the Dunes  
<http://daac.com/sosdunes/>

SW Michigan Land  
Conservancy  
269-342-1600  
<http://www.swmlc.org/>

Kalamazoo Nature  
Center  
269-381-1574  
[www.naturecenter.org](http://www.naturecenter.org)

Sarrett Nature Center  
269-927-4832  
<http://www.sarett.com>

Fernwood Botanical Garden and  
Nature Preserve  
269-683-8653  
<http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org/>

Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery  
269-668-2876  
<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

Michigan Lakes and Streams Asso  
269-273-8200  
[www.mlswa.org](http://www.mlswa.org)

Sierra Club Kalamazoo Chapter  
269-372-6240  
<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

Audubon Society of Kalamazoo  
269-375-7210  
[www.kalamazooaudubon.org](http://www.kalamazooaudubon.org)

Lake Michigan Federation  
616-850-0745  
[www.lakemichigan.org](http://www.lakemichigan.org)

Michigan Environmental  
Council  
517-487-9539  
[info@mecprotects.org](mailto:info@mecprotects.org)

Michigan United  
Conservation Clubs  
517-371-1041

<http://www.mucc.org/>

The Nature Conservancy—Michigan  
517- 316-0300  
[michigan@tnc.org](mailto:michigan@tnc.org)  
<http://www.nature.org>



Did you know? Over 250 million tires are replaced on our nation's automobiles every year; the EPA estimates that 35.3% of the tires sold in 2009 were recycled. Recycled tires can be reused in a variety of ways; alternative fuels, shoes, mats, playgrounds, patio pavers, flower pots, and flooring.

## Composting Organic Materials

### Building a Compost Pile

#### Select a Site Step 1

Locate a site that is discreet yet convenient to get to.

Select a surface that can be cleared so microorganisms and worms can get to pile. Select a site near a water source. Site should have good drainage. Check local zoning ordinances for requirements.

#### Select a Structure Step 2

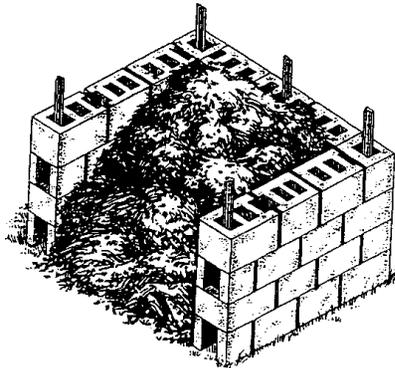
Decide the amount of work you're willing to put into maintaining your compost pile.

Choose from a pile on the ground, a built structure or a commercial unit.

Made from various materials: wooden pallets, concrete blocks, garbage cans, chicken wire or purchased bins.

Structure may be single or multiple compartments.

Structure should have a cover to protect from the weather as well as holes for air circulation.



#### Add Materials Step 3

Start The Compost pile by clearing vegetation & wetting down the area where your site will be located.

Place a layer of twigs & other brown material on the bottom to provide some aeration at the base.

## Recycle

### 1. What can I recycle?

- #1 & #2 Plastics in most places. Plastic bags and other unusual containers may not be accepted. Check with your township.
- Glass bottles and jars, lids and labels removed. No ceramics or window glass.
- Paper, news paper, office paper and paperboard boxes, magazines and phonebooks. Some special collections want newspaper only. Check first. No food contaminated or wax coated boxes.
- Corrugated cardboard, flattened.
- Metals, i.e. cans, aluminum, foils. Labels removed and flattened is best.
- Steel scrap is accepted at many stations, this includes empty dry paint cans, metals of all kinds, iron, aluminum, steel, etc.
- Composted yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings and brush. These are often collected by your village or city. They can not be sent to a landfill. They must be composted.
- Special collections are held for tires and household hazardous



waste and electronics. Contact the Van Buren County Resource Recovery office for more information.

**2. Where can I recycle other stuff?** To responsibly dispose of large items not accepted at the curb or at recycling stations you can contact these vendors. The recycling industry is always changing based on the market value of materials. It is a good idea to contact a vendor first before taking materials to the site.

**The following pages list how to recycle or what to do with various materials.**

## Reuse

- Rethink about durable goods.
- Reuse items before throwing them away.
- Choose to use replaceable and refillable products and containers, cloth diapers, and rechargeable batteries.
- Share magazines and newspapers with friends and neighbors, waiting rooms and schools.
- Have a yard or garage sale.
- Reuse by giving to others.

*Below is a limited list of re-sale and thrift shops you can take gently used items no longer needed. You can purchase items from them too!*

**Bargain Spot**  
34075 M-40, Paw Paw

**The Daisy Thrift Store**  
Phoenix Sq Shopping Center  
103 Phoenix, South Haven

**Discovery Shop**  
4502 W. Main, Kalamazoo

**Double Exposure**  
3721 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo

**Family & Home Resale Shop**  
153 Commercial Avenue, Paw Paw

**Frugal Frog**  
1301 M-43 Hwy @ Blue Star Hwy  
South Haven

**Harbor Habitat Restore**  
2302 Plaza Drive, Benton Harbor

**Goodwill Industries**  
*Goodwill Drop Boxes at:*  
1680 N M-40, Allegan  
309 E. Michigan, Paw Paw  
Wal-Mart Parking Lot, South Haven  
1342 M-89, Otsego

**Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity Restore**  
1810 Lake Street, Kalamazoo

**Lakeshore Mission Thrift Store**  
1675 Phoenix Ave., South Haven

**Marie's Place**  
M-40 HWY. S., Gobles

**New-To-You**  
62650 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford

**Rescued Treasures**  
131 Harkins, Kalamazoo

**Village Peddler/Annie's Closet**  
504 W. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw,

**Seeded Earth**  
102 W Saint Joseph St, Lawrence

**St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store**  
513 Eleanor, Kalamazoo

**Salvation Army**  
1269 E. M-89, Plainwell

**Second Impressions**  
3750 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo

**Three Hundred & Sixty Degrees**  
4426 West Main, Kalamazoo

## Composting Organic Materials Continued

Add a mixture of 1 part green & 2 parts brown material.  
Add several shovels full of soil.  
Add water & mix to make it as wet as a wrung out sponge.  
Turn pile & maintain moisture level to speed up decomposition time.

### Maintaining Pile Step 4

Add new layers of composting material to the pile along with soil.  
Water regularly to keep moist.  
Turn the pile often to ensure an adequate oxygen supply.  
Commercial additives are not necessary.  
Bury new composting material to avoid attracting pests.  
Weed seeds and disease pathogens are destroyed when pile is maintained at 130 degrees F for 3 consecutive days.  
Use compost in an area where plants are not susceptible to the same disease.

### Using Finished Compost Step 5

Finished compost is earthy smelling, crumbly & dark brown in appearance.  
Use to improve soil structure in your garden.  
Use when establishing a new lawn or on an existing lawn. Use in potting soil mixes and for sowing seeds indoors. Use nutrient rich compost tea to perk up your plants.



*Did you know? Proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste removes harmful chemicals from the waste stream and reduces the danger of exposure to waste collectors and other sanitation workers.*

*Did you know? A can made from recycled Aluminum saves up to 95% of the energy it would have taken to make that can from raw ore. Recycling 6 cans per week for a year saves enough energy to operate a TV for 608 hours.*

## Key To Recyclable Materials

1. #1 plastic – PETE
2. #2 plastic – HDPE
3. #3 plastic – PVC
4. #4 plastic – LDPE
5. #5 plastic – PP
6. #6 plastic – PS (Styrofoam)
7. #7 plastic – Other
8. glass – clear, brown, blue, green – all lids, rims and spouts removed
9. steel cans
10. steel cans with labels removed
11. steel cans with labels removed and flattened
12. aluminum cans, sheet foil and formed pans
13. metal jar lids
14. newspaper and newspaper inserts
15. plain white paper
16. corrugated cardboard
17. aseptic packaging (i.e. juice boxes)
18. magazines,
19. phone books
20. paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes and other like containers with no obvious wax coating or foil layer, remove any plastic windows and metal tear strips or spouts)
21. junk mail and colored paper (including window envelopes)
22. batteries (household)
23. batteries (vehicle)
24. motor oil
25. antifreeze
26. plastic grocery bags - BUNDLED (these are also #2 HDPE but are often not accepted)
27. packing peanuts (these are also #6 PS but are often not accepted)
28. thin, clear, rigid plastic (i.e. mushroom and cookie containers, these are also #6 PS but may not be accepted)
29. oil filters
30. hardcover books
31. yard wastes for composting (i.e. grass clippings, leaves, brush and tree limbs.)
32. appliances
33. tires
34. other metals



PETE



HDPE



Vinyl



LDPE



PP



PS



Other

## Reduce

- Reducing your waste starts at the grocery store. When purchasing avoid disposable options.
- Look for durable goods, that don't wear out, can be reused, passed on to another user, or recycled.
- When buying food avoid snack sizes and purchase bulk sizes. It saves money and you get more.
- Substitute hazardous products for products with less toxic options. For example: replacing drain cleaners with vinegar and soda, or house insect spray with a handy fly swatter.
- Remove your name from junk mail lists. Send a post card with your name and address to: Mail Preference Service, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512-0643.
- Stop those pre-approved credit card offers. Phone this toll free number: 1-888-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688)
- Put electronics on a power strip. If there is a little indicator light still on... It is still drawing power.



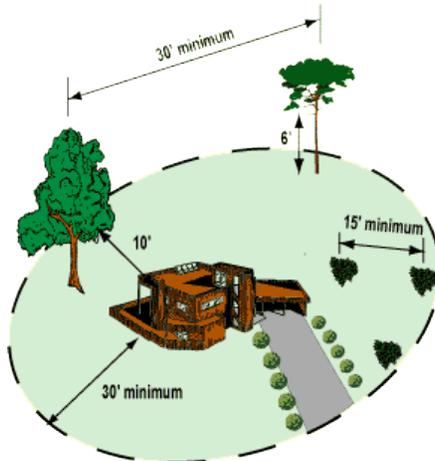
Product	Average Bulk Price	Average Packaged Price	Bulk Savings
Bay leaves	\$1.19 /oz.	\$29.86 /oz.	96%
Cream of tartar	.94 /oz.	2.40 /oz.	61%
Granulated garlic powder	.94 /oz.	1.75 /oz.	46%
Oregano	.90 /oz.	3.03 /oz.	70%
4 peppercorn blend	1.48 /oz.	2.55 /oz.	42%
Thyme	.75 /oz.	5.61 /oz.	87%
Black beans	1.66 /lb.	2.12 /oz.	22%
Pinto beans	1.52 /lb.	1.54 /lb.	2%
Long grain brown rice	1.59 /lb.	1.74 /lb.	9%
Unbleached wheat flour	1.19 /lb.	1.37 /lb.	19%
Cornflakes	4.59 /lb.	5.04 /lb.	9%
Pistachios, shell on	7.03 /lb.	7.21 /lb.	3%
Whole roasted almonds	6.61 /lb.	8.06 /lb.	18%
Granola – honey & nuts	3.89 /lb.	5.27 /lb.	26%
Popcorn – raw kernels	1.38 /lb.	1.72 /lb.	20%
Dark chocolate raisins	6.40 /lb.	9.92 /lb.	35%
<b>Average Bulk Savings</b>			<b>34.87%</b>



## Are you Firewise?

### 10 ways to protect your home and family from wildfire

1. Create a defensible space clear of combustible materials such as woody brush and dry leaves and grass at least 30 feet from your home.
2. Use fire resistant attachments, such as decks, porches & fencing or install a non-combustible barrier between wood decks and fences and the house or outbuilding.
3. Install fire resistant plants. Mulch to keep moist.
4. Keep trees and shrubs pruned. Prune trees 6-10 ft. from the ground.
5. Mow dry grass and weeds; keep lawns nearest the house green.
6. Make sure that your home's construction and building materials are fire resistant, such as siding and roofing (avoiding nooks and crannies where fire brands can land and ignite).
7. Manage yard and garden waste properly. Keep compost piles evenly moist.
8. Avoid using wood mulch right up to your house. Use fire resistant or non combustible materials such as rubber or stone.
9. Keep your gutters and eaves clear of leaves and other debris.
10. Prevent combustible materials and debris from accumulating beneath decks and porches. Screen below elevated areas with hardware cloth or similar materials.



## Transfer Stations and Drop off Sites

### Almena Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

Cost: \$ 10 punch pass for trash.  
Recycling Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20

### Antwerp Township

Location: Southwest of Mattawan on the south side of 64th Ave., between CR 657 and 30th St. Contact: Operated by Best Way Disposal, Questions call: 657-4101 Transfer Station Open: Tues. 10-5 pm, Sat. 9- 4 pm. Cost: \$1 for recycling \$2.50/30 gal bag Recycling Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19

### Bloomington Township

Location: 430 W. Kalamazoo St. Bloomington Contact: Township Hall 269-521-3800 Open: Sat. 9- 5 pm and Tues., Summer to Fall, 1- 5 pm Cost: \$1 for recycling, \$10-15 punch card for trash. Recycling Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 33, 34

### Columbia Township

Location: 1/2 mile north of CR 380, 5250 St. Breedsville. Contact: Township Hall 269-434-6227 Open: Sat. 9-5 pm Cost: \$15 punch card for trash Recycling Accepted: 33, 34

### Arlington Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### Covert Township

Location: 1 1/4 mi, west of M -140 on 44th Ave Contact: Township Hall 269-764-8986 Open: Fri. 1- 6 pm, Sat. 9-3 pm. Cost: \$5-10 punch card for trash Recycling Accepted: 1-7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 20, 32, 33, 34

### City of Bangor

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### Bangor Township

Location: 41559 63rd St. North of CR 376 on 63rd St. (McDonald). Contact: Township Hall 269-427-8965 Open: Sat. 10-2 pm

"Recycling-based paper mills and plastic product manufacturers, for instance, employ 60 times more workers than do landfills." Opening Remarks On Welfare for Waste, By Brenda Platt



## Transfer Stations and Drop off Sites

### Decatur Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### Decatur Village

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections only, contact Waste Management for service information 866-929-4106.

### Geneva Township

Location: on CR 384 one mile east of M-43 Contact: Reliable/Republic 1-800-677-1083 Open: Sat. 8-2 pm Cost: \$1.00/30 gal bag for trash. Recycling: Free Recycling Accepted: 1-7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14,16

### City of Gobles

Location: On 32nd St (Pine Grove Rd.) North of the fire station. Contact: Pine Grove Township Hall 269-628-4380 Open: Wed. 1 - 7 pm, Sat. 9 - 5 pm Cost: \$10 punch pass for trash. Recycling Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14,16, 18, 20, 32, 34

### Hamilton Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### City of Hartford

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### Hartford Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### Keeler Township

Location: 1/2 mile south of Keeler on CR 687. Contact: Township Hall 269-621-6481 Open: 9 - 1 pm April to October Cost: \$5-20 pay at the gate for trash disposal. Recycling Accepted: None

### Lawrence Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

*Did you know? PETE or #1 plastic is remanufactured into clothing, fiberfill, carpeting, fabric, automotive parts, food containers, plastic films, and new bottles and jugs.*

## Transfer Stations and Drop off Sites

### Paw Paw Township

Location: Red Arrow Hwy. Paw Paw Contact: Best Way Disposal 657-4101 Open: Tues. 11 - 4 pm, Sat. 9 - 4 pm, Fri. 1 - 4 pm summer only. Cost: \$2.50/30 gal bag trash or recycling. Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14,16, 18, 20, 31, 33, 34

### Paw Paw Village

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections, contact your local waste hauler by phone or online to sign up for recycling service.

### Pine Grove Township

Location: On 32nd St (Pine Grove Rd.) North of the fire station. Contact: Township Hall 269-628-4380 Open: Wed. 1 - 7 pm, Sat. 9 - 5 pm Cost: \$10 punch pass for trash. Recycling Accepted: 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14,16, 18, 20, 32, 34

### Porter Township

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### City of South Haven

Location: Curbside trash and recycling collections only, contact Reliable Disposal, Inc. at [www.reliabledisposal.com/contact.html](http://www.reliabledisposal.com/contact.html) or 1-800-677-1083.

### South Haven Township

Location: on CR 384 one mile east of M-43 Contact: Reliable/Republic 1-800-677-1083 Open: Sat. 8-2 pm Cost: \$1.00/30 gal bag for trash. Recycling: Free Recycling Accepted: 1-7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14,16

### Waverly Township

Location: Curbside trash collections only, contact your local waste hauler for more information.

### The Villages of:

**Bloomington  
Breedsville  
Lawrence  
Lawton  
Mattawan**

**See your Township listing.**

*Ask your waste hauler about smaller trash containers and larger recycling containers available. Don't pay for super size if you don't use it.*