

VAN BUREN COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

YOUR RESOURCE FOR HELPING CLEAN UP OUR EARTH.



Fish Over Troubled Water
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Cheeky Chic-y Studio



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE COVER

And The Story Begins... 2021 Make A Splash With Trash

Cheeky Chic-y Studio work is *totally* material driven. We primarily use paper-based packaging to create functional and beautiful pieces, and we were operating on this philosophy when starting the *Make A Splash With Trash* public art project. However, soon our direction changed as our eyes were quickly opened to the seriousness of the issue to which we were assigned. Instead of attempting to just create something aesthetically pleasing, the message and education component of these projects became a top priority. Art is all about problem solving.

For *Fish Over Troubled Water* at the Michigan Maritime Museum, we devised a woven construction employing found beach materials such as a tent, colorful inflatables, drop cloth, lawn chair fabric, beer cans, and flip flops onto a fish shaped wire support. Underneath the 8' fish, the symbolic, round water base was designed with 600+ bottle caps and beer can tops and bottoms, each screwed onto a round wooden base that was first covered with a beach umbrella.

The question of *how and why* all of this trash ended up along the beaches of South Haven is the question we would like to address with these pieces. So for us the story really begins when YOU and I — as consumers — walk into our local grocery store, shopping center, or big box store and make our purchasing choices. If you've ever been overwhelmed by all the incredible assortment of convenient products, some stacked up to near ceiling height, and wondered what happens to all this packaging and stuff then maybe you are on the same page with us.

Everyone makes consuming choices everyday, probably without thinking about *where* the leftover products will end up. We all breathe a collective sigh of relief when we neatly bag up our trash, tightly close the garbage can lid, and watch *someone else* pick it up and drive it away to its new location. Now some of that trash has found its new home, at the beach of South Haven Michigan and undeniably we've ALL contributed to this at one time or another.

In our evaluation, it is our goal that in viewing *Fish Over Troubled Water* the observer might not just see colorful and fun public art displays, but also understand the impact we *all* make upon our environment every time we shop. Maybe next time ask yourself, "Do I really need to buy this case of bottled water?"

Thanks to the South Haven Center For The Arts and The Michigan Maritime Museum for this artistic and environmental stewardship opportunity.

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indicates that a cost is likely associated with this recycling

This is a convenient listing of waste reduction and recycling opportunities along with tips on safer disposal alternatives for potentially hazardous waste.



For additional information about recycling, please contact:
Van Buren Conservation District
1035 E Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-633-9314
resourcerecovery@vanburencd.org
VanBurenCD.org



Due to continuing change, it is recommended that you call the companies listed before using their services to ensure that their printed information is still accurate.

THE COST OF RECYCLING

If recycling is good for the environment, benefits the economy, and creates new products, why does it cost us to recycle? Just like garbage services have associated costs, recycling services cost money. Consider these two paths for a milk jug, adopted from a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) publication on recycling costs.

MILK JUG THROWN AWAY:

I throw my empty milk jug into the garbage, and a garbage hauler picks up my milk jug and hauls it to a landfill to be compacted and buried for at least the next 500 years. When you pay for garbage service, you're paying for the management of liquids and gases, maintenance, closure costs, long-term monitoring, and new landfill construction costs.

MILK JUG RECYCLED:

I rinse my milk jug and put it into the recycling bin. A recycling hauler picks up my milk jug and hauls it to a material recovery facility (MRF) where it is sorted, baled, sold, and transported to companies that will make the milk jug into lawn furniture, buckets, automobiles, etc.

Recycling costs money because the materials must be hauled and managed before being made into new products. The money made from selling these products does not cover the cost of hauling and managing for a variety of reasons. Fluctuating oil prices affect the amount paid for recycled plastic. Additionally, when MRF's receive high amounts of dirty materials (i.e. food-encrusted), it is more difficult to sell them to end use manufacturers, which affects the cost of recycling services.

The natural resources like oil, petroleum, wood, and metals that products are made from require a large amount of energy to extract, and often result in habitat destruction. The more we can reuse already extracted resources, the more energy we will conserve, and the more habitats we will protect. Recycling products also reduces the need for landfills and incinerators, which require large amounts of energy, result in habitat destruction, and release harmful gases into the air.

**BE SURE TO CLEAN
YOUR RECYCLABLES!**

CLEAN RECYCLABLES VS. CONTAMINATED RECYCLABLES

Recyclers rely on receiving clean and quality materials in order to sell them to end use manufacturers who go on to make products from the recycled materials. China, previously a major purchaser of the United States' recycled plastic, has stopped buying plastic from the U.S. due to high levels of dirty materials, also called contamination. Unfortunately, this often means that the plastic just ends up in the landfill. This is not a discouragement on recycling but rather an encouragement to clean and dry the materials you recycle. If there is food, grease, or beauty products soaked into a paper product, simply cut out the piece that is contaminated, throw it in the garbage, and recycle the rest of the product.

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF CONTAMINATION THAT CAN AFFECT THE QUALITY OF A BATCH OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

- Placing garbage in your recycling bin
- Leaving leftover products in containers
- Placing "possibly recyclable" materials in your recycling bin that are not recyclable

Placing "possibly recyclable" materials in your recycling bin is known as "wishful recycling." This occurs when we say or think, "I'm not sure if this item can be recycled, so I'll throw it in anyway, just in case." Though our intentions are good, this often ends up slowing down the recycling process and increasing contamination. If you don't know if something can be recycled, contact your recycling provider or the conservation district.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2022, The Van Buren Conservation District collected 27,034 pounds of paint; that's about the weight of 2 elephants.



REDUCE

If there's less waste, there's less to recycle or reuse. Some ways you can reduce the amount of waste you produce include:

- not using disposable dishes
- carrying groceries in cloth bags instead of paper or plastic
- buying items in bulk
- buying concentrated items
- buying durable products and fixing them whenever possible
- buying reusable, not disposable items
- buying products with minimal packaging

REUSE

Just because you cannot use something any longer does not necessarily mean that it has lost all of its value. Ways that you can reuse items include:

- handing down old clothes and household items
- donating items to local organizations
- buying used items
- having a garage sale
- borrowing or renting infrequently used items
- using reusable gift bags rather than wrapping paper
- using jars and plastic containers for storage purposes

RECYCLE

Recycling helps conserve resources, reduce pollution, reduce land degradation, save energy, reduce the need for landfill use, and create jobs. Recycling expands the United States' manufacturing industry and increases the United States' competitiveness in the global marketplace. Ways you can further participate in recycling include:

- buying items that come in recyclable packaging made of valuable materials like glass and metals
- taking advantage of curbside programs available to you
- voicing your desire to recycle to your township, city, or village staff
- participating in household and tire recycling collections
- participating in deposit and refund programs

BUY RECYCLED

By purchasing products made with recycled content, you "close the loop" by helping to create a market for recycled products. Read labels when you go shopping and make an effort to purchase products that are made from recycled materials. Look for the symbols to the right, along with other symbols on products which indicate that they are made with recycled content and/or are recyclable. Some examples of recycled and otherwise sustainable products include:

- Who Gives a Crap toilet paper
- Prana clothing
- Plaine Products hair and body products
- Earthwise bags
- Everybody's Paint
- Patagonia



ACID & BASES

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

AEROSOL CANS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details



AMERICAN FLAGS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Contact your local American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars Post for information on acceptance.

AMMUNITION, FIREARMS, & WEAPONS

Kalamazoo County Bomb Unit

150 E Crosstown Pkwy Suite A, Kalamazoo
.....269-337-8994
Call dispatch and ask for bomb unit to schedule pickup Accepts: 50 caliber and above only

Michigan State Police

43255 60th Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-5551
Call ahead to schedule drop-off first

Van Buren County Sheriff's Department

205 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-2006
Call ahead to schedule drop-off first

ANTI-FREEZE

Contact your local auto shop for information on acceptance

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

C Stoddard & Sons

3456 12 St, Wayland
.....269-792-6591

Heritage Crystal Clean

3721 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 100, Walker
.....616-447-0013
Commercial and industrial quantities

Muffler Man

274 Broadway St, South Haven
.....269-637-1811

Performance Plus Quick Lube

5812 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-382-2204
850 Sunset Drive, South Haven
.....269-637-3143
Call ahead to schedule drop-off first

APPLIANCES

Appliance Outlet

10759 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo
.....269-375-9500
Drop-off only | Working & not working

Clarks Auto Parts & Salvage

56472 Red Arrow Hwy, Lawrence
.....269-674-4905
Drop-off only | Not working

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186
Small appliances, Drop-off only | Not working

Efficiency United / IN-MI Power

.....877-367-3191
Call to schedule pick-up | Not working
Drop-off only | Working

Habitat for Humanity Restore

7612 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-381-5523
Call to schedule drop-off or pick-up / Working

Harbor Habitat Restore

2302 Plaza Drive, Benton Harbor
.....269-927-0006
Call to schedule drop-off or pick-up / Working

L & L Auto Parts and Salvage

59333 S Lagrave St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-5933
Drop-off only / Not working

Lakeshore Appliance

19883 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven
.....269-637-8933
Drop-off only / Working & not working

McPike Auto Salvage

25172 CR 665, Bloomingdale
.....269-521-7673
Drop-off only / Not working

Senior Services Center, South Haven

8337 M-140, South Haven
.....269-637-3607
Small appliances, Drop-off only / Not working

South Haven Recyclers

3110 67th St, South Haven
.....269-637-4828
Drop-off only / Not working

ASBESTOS

Reference <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/Air-Quality/asbestos/asbestos-demolition> for resources concerning asbestos safety and removal contractors

ASPHALT & CONCRETE

Consumers Concrete

1100 Nazareth Road, Kalamazoo
.....269-342-9869
Accepts: asphalt, brick, and concrete

Jensen's Excavating

13271 M-140 Hwy, South Haven
.....269-637-5642
Accepts: asphalt only

AUTOMOBILES

Clarks Auto Parts & Salvage

56472 Red Arrow Hwy, Lawrence
.....269-674-4905

L & L Auto Parts and Salvage

59333 S Lagrave St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-5933

McPike Auto Salvage

25172 CR 665, Bloomingdale
.....269-521-7673

South Haven Recyclers

3110 67th St, South Haven
.....269-637-4828

BAGS

Paper and Plastic — many local grocery stores and retail shops accept plastic bags for recycling. Ask about bag recycling at your favorite store.

Community Thrift Shop (Plastic)

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186

Meijer (Plastic)

1223 Phoenix St, South Haven
.....269-639-3500

Recycling Programs

Most curbside and drop-off programs will accept brown paper bags for recycling

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE and RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide

Walmart (Plastic)

1013 South Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-415-6001
201 73rd St, South Haven
.....269-639-2260

BATTERIES

Antwerp Sunshine Library

24823 Front Ave, Mattawan
.....269-668-2534

Bangor Branch Library

420 Division St, Bangor
.....269-427-8810

Covert Branch Library

33680 M-140 Hwy, Covert
.....269-764-1298

Flame Tamer Fire Protection

37881 Peters Dr, Paw Paw
.....269-657-0942

Lawrence Branch Library

212 N Paw Paw St, Lawrence
.....269-628-4537

Paw Paw District Library

609 W Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI
.....269-657-3800

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Senior Services Center, South Haven

8337 M-140, South Haven
.....269-637-3607

Van Buren Conservation District Office

1035 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4030 x5

Webster Memorial Branch Library

200 N Phelps St, Decatur
.....269-423-4771

BATTERIES (AUTOMOBILE)

Advanced Auto Parts

306 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4357

Clarks Auto Parts & Salvage

56472 Red Arrow Hwy, Lawrence
.....269-674-4905

L & L Auto Parts & Salvage

59333 S Lagrave St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-5933

McPike Auto Salvage

25172 CR 665, Bloomingdale
.....269-521-7673

Recycle Roundup

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South Haven Recyclers

3110 67th St, South Haven
.....269-637-4828

BOOKS

Before donating, please ensure the books are in good condition because the libraries often use the donated books for book sales.

Antwerp Sunshine Library

24823 Front Ave, Mattawan
.....269-668-2534

Bailey Museum

903 S Bailey Ave, South Haven
.....269-637-3251

Bangor Branch Library

420 Division St, Bangor
.....269-427-8810

Bloomingdale Branch Library

109 E Kalamazoo St, Bloomingdale
.....269-521-7601

Covert Branch Library

33680 M-140 Hwy, Covert
.....269-764-1298

Gobles Branch Library

105 E Main St, Gobles
.....269-628-4537

Hartford Public Library

15 S Franklin St, Hartford
.....269-621-3408

Lawrence Branch Library

212 N Paw Paw St, Lawrence
.....269-628-4537

Paw Paw District Library

609 W Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-3800

South Haven Memorial Library

314 Broadway St, South Haven
.....269-637-2403

Webster Memorial Branch Library

200 N Phelps St, Decatur
.....269-423-4771

CARDBOARD

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS in
this guide.

See RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in
this guide.

Broken Arrow Recycling Containers, Gobles Village Market

407 State St, Gobles
.....269-628-5656
*Cost covered by the Van Buren
Conservation District*

CELL PHONES

AT&T

804 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-1800

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com
for drop-off locations

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186

Green Earth Electronics

4200 Niles Rd., St. Joseph
.....269-637-3607
Cost applies

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no
direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Senior Services Center, South Haven

8337 M-140, South Haven
.....269-637-3607

Sprint

6880 W Main St, Kalamazoo
.....269-372-4108

Verizon

420 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-655-0790

CLEANING CHEMICALS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no
direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

See ALTERNATIVES: HOMEMADE CLEANING
PRODUCTS on our website

CLOTHING

See HOUSEHOLD GOODS in this guide.

COMPOSTING

Composting is the natural
decomposition of organic materials
into a dark, nutrient-rich soil component
called humus.

How to Compost?

Ingredients needed: browns, greens,
and water. Browns (carbon-rich) are
materials such as dry leaves, wood
chips, bark, and sawdust. Greens
(nutrient-rich) are materials such as
grass clippings, green leaves, garden
debris, fruit/vegetable peels, and other
kitchen wastes.

Mixture Needed: Aim to have a 2:1 brown:
green mixture, but a 1:1 mixture will work
as well. The higher the green content,
the more turning of the compost pile is
required to avoid odor. The mixture used
depends on the availability of material
and how active or passive you want to
be as a composter.

What to Compost:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags
- Nut shells
- Shredded newspaper
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Yard trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Houseplants
- Hay and straw
- Leaves
- Sawdust
- Wood chips
- Cotton and wool rags
- Dryer and vacuum cleaner lint
- Hair and fur
- Fireplace ashes

What Not to Compost:

- Black walnut tree leaves or twigs
(harmful to plants)
- Coal or charcoal ash (harmful
to plants)
- Dairy products (creates odor and
attracts rodents)
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants
(harmful to plants)
- Fats, grease, lard, and oils (creates
odor and attracts rodents)
- Invasive or non-native plants
- Meat and fish bones and scraps
(creates odor and attracts rodents)
- Pet wastes (harmful to humans)
- Yard trimmings treated with
chemical pesticides (might kill
beneficial composting organisms)

Composting Outdoors

- Select a dry, shady spot near a
water source.
- Build a compost pile by placing the
materials in a compost bin or an
open pile. Bins should be roughly
1 cubic yard in size. Larger pieces
of greens and browns should be
shredded/torn.
- Bins can be simple, elaborate,
homemade, or store-bought.
Building a bin out of three wooden
pallets is a simple, inexpensive
way to build your own bin. Search
the internet for tips on how to
build your own compost bin for
additional tips.
- Keep the pile as moist as a wrung-
out sponge. If your pile becomes
too moist, it will rot and become
odorous. If your pile gets too dry, it
won't compost very quickly.
- Maintain air flow in the compost
pile by turning it or mixing it with a
pitchfork occasionally.

Composting Indoors

- A worm composting bin (a
vermicomposter) is a great option
for an indoor composter. The
worms aid in the composting
process and keeping them indoors
protects them from extreme
temperatures. Indoor composting
is a great option for people who
don't have the option to compost
outdoors (e.g. apartment-dwellers).
- Worm composting bins can be
homemade or store-bought. The
Environmental Protection Agency
details how to set up your own
vermicomposter, or you can do
your own internet search on how to
build your own vermicompost bin.



Use the Compost

Usable compost can be achieved in 2 to 18 months, depending on moisture, additions, turning, etc. The finished product is a valuable soil amendment that can be used in gardens, landscape beds, or added to potting soil. Vermicomposting will produce "compost tea" as well (a nutrient-rich liquid) which can be given to outdoor plants or watered down and given to indoor plants.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Habitat for Humanity Restore

7612 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-381-5523
Call to schedule drop-off or pick-up

COOKING OIL

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

DRUMS & BARRELS (PLASTIC)

PADNOS

30750 Edwards St, Dowagiac
.....269-782-6177
1410 Paw Paw Ave, Benton Harbor
.....269-927-1030

ELECTRONICS

PSTE & Semi Tire and Electronic Collections
Available as one day collections, see **Van BurenCD.org** for details

Best Buy

6900 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-327-2008
Cost Associated

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186
Accepts: all electronics with a cord or batteries

Green Earth Electronics

4200 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, MI
.....269-637-3607
Cost \$10 Monitors, \$20 TVs, & \$10 Freon Items

PADNOS

30750 Edwards St, Dowagiac
.....269-782-6177
1410 Paw Paw Ave, Benton Harbor
.....269-927-1030

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Senior Services Center, South Haven

8337 M-140, South Haven
.....269-637-3607

EXPLOSIVES

Berrien County Bomb Unit

919 Port St, St. Joseph
.....269-983-3060
Call dispatch and ask for bomb unit to schedule pick-up.

Kalamazoo County Bomb Unit

150 E Crosstown Pkwy, Suite A, Kalamazoo
.....269-337-8994
Accepts: bulk gun powder and suspicious packages, call for other items. Call dispatch and ask for bomb unit to schedule pick-up.

EYE GLASSES

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI
.....269-657-4186

Lion's Club

Collects eye glasses for reuse. Drop boxes are located throughout the county at various places (e.g. stores, banks, funeral homes, libraries, etc.) For a complete list of drop-box sites, please contact your local Lion's Club.

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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Summit Fire Protection

37881 Peters Dr, Paw Paw
.....269-657-0942

FUELS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

FURNITURE

See HOUSEHOLD GOODS in this guide

GARDEN FLATS & POTS

East Jordan Plastics, Inc.

1600 Stieve Drive, South Haven, MI
.....269-637-3700
First call Corporate 800-353-1190 to have materials approved. Then, call South Haven office to schedule drop-off.

GLASS

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS in this guide

RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

Kalamazoo Household Hazardous Waste

1301 Lamont Ave, Kalamazoo
.....269-373-5211
Open to Almena and Antwerp Township residents only

Recycle Roundup

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HEARING AIDS

Lion's Club, Paw Paw

277 CR 665, Paw Paw
.....269-657-3444

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

360°

4618 W Main St, Kalamazoo
.....269-276-0288
Thrift & Consignment

American Cancer Society Discovery Shop

4508 W Main St, Kalamazoo
.....269-345-0661
Thrift

Aubrey's Closet

101 Locust St, Allegan
.....269-673-5385
Thrift & Consignment

Christy's Fine Furniture & Accessories

3017 Oakland Dr, Kalamazoo
.....269-344-5188
*Thrift & Consignment
Consignment items must be pre-approved. Email consignwithchristy@gmail.com*

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186
Thrift

From There to Here

43239 Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw
.....269-657-8396
Thrift & Consignment

Harbor Habitat Restore

3202 Plaza Drive, Benton Harbor
.....269-927-0006
Thrift

His Place Hope Chest Thrift Store

24 W Main St, Hartford
.....269-308-3048
Thrift

Hornbarger Auction

325 W Main St, Hartford
.....269-621-1002
Thrift

Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity Restore

7612 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-381-5523
Thrift

Lakeshore Rescue Mission

1675 Phoenix Ave, South Haven
.....269-637-5300
Thrift

Marie's Place

M-43/M-40 Junction, Gobles
.....269-906-5359
Thrift

Planet Aid Bins

www.planetaid.org/your-local-planet-aid/michigan
Donations only

Plato's Closet

6414 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-327-6622
Consignment

Rescued Treasures

524 N Burdick St, Kalamazoo
.....269-383-1044
Thrift

Rescued Treasures Al-Van Humane Society

07591 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven
.....269-639-8180
Thrift

Saint Luke's Thrift Store

432 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-343-3194
Thrift

Saint Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo
.....269-388-4544
Thrift

Salvation Army

5117 Portage St, Kalamazoo
1269 E M-89 Plainwell
.....800-SATRUCK
Thrift

Second Impressions

3750 S Westnedge Ave, Portage
.....269-345-7757
Thrift

The Daisy Thrift Store

1210 Phoenix St, Suite 3, South Haven
.....269-639-2228
Thrift

Turn it Around

133 W Allegan St, Otsego
.....269-694-6022
Thrift

INK & TONER CARTRIDGES

Cartridge World

4512 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo
.....269-342-6331

JUNK MAIL

Catalog Choice

www.catalogchoice.com

Credit Card & Insurance Solicitations

www.optoutprescreen.com/opt_form.cgi

General Junk

Direct Marketing Association
<https://dmachoice.thedma.org>

LANDFILL PROHIBITED ITEMS

Residents are prohibited from disposing of the following items in landfills in Michigan. Find appropriate recycling/disposal options in this guide.

- Asbestos
- Beverage containers — Retrieve deposit by returning to the store at which the container was purchased or recycle. See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS and RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide
- Compost and yard clippings — See COMPOSTING and YARD WASTE in this guide
- Empty drums — See DRUMS AND BARRELS in this guide
- Hazardous waste
- Lead acid batteries — See BATTERIES in this guide
- Medical waste
- Scrap tires — See TIRES in this guide
- Used oil — See OIL in this guide

LIGHTING (LAMP BALLASTS & LIGHTBULBS)

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

MATTRESSES

Mattresses can be disposed of with regular garbage. Call your hauler to determine if you need to schedule a pick-up time or if your regular garbage day is best. You can take the mattress directly to the Orchard Hill Landfill in Watervliet.

See TRANSFER STATIONS for other options

MEDICATIONS

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Van Buren Substance Abuse Task Force is now providing permanent drop boxes as a way to dispose of prescription and over the counter medications, vitamins, and other supplements. Not accepted: liquids, patches, sharps, lancets.

Decatur Village Hall

114 N Phelps St, Decatur

Bronson Outpatient Pharmacy

451 Health Parkway, Paw Paw

Bronson South Haven ER

955 S Bailey Ave, South Haven

Family Fare Supermarket

847 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw

Hartford Police Department

19 W Main St, Hartford

Hometown Bangor Pharmacy

3 W Monroe St, Bangor

Hometown Gobles Pharmacy

206 S State St, Gobles

Medicine Tree Pharmacy

56109 Village Center Circle, Mattawan

Moore Family Pharmacy

08337 M-140 Hwy, Unit 2, South Haven

Paw Paw Village Pharmacy

322 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

South Haven City Police Department

90 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

260 S St, Lawrence 269-621-3143

Van Buren Community Mental Health

801 Hazen St, Paw Paw

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office

205 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw

MERCURY

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

METAL

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS in this guide

See RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide

See SCRAP METAL/SALVAGE in this guide

OIL

Oil must be free of all contaminants (e.g. dirt, water, etc.) to be accepted. Contact your local auto shop for information on acceptance. *Indicates a business that also accepts Oil Filters

Advanced Auto Parts

306 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4357

Arrow Automotive

59489 Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw
.....269-308-3149
Call ahead to schedule drop-off

C Stoddard & Sons*

3456 12 St, Wayland
.....269-792-6591
Accepts large quantities

Critical Car Care

37308 W Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw
.....269-655-0911

Dan's Automotive

56725 M-43 Hwy, Bangor
.....269-427-1747
Call ahead to schedule drop-off

Decatur Towing & Auto Center

47211 M-51 Hwy, Decatur
.....269-423-9020

Muffler Man*

274 Broadway St, South Haven
.....269-637-1811

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: One Day Events

Accepted Materials: Household
Hazardous Waste, Paint, Confidential
Shredding, Electronics, Foam
(Styrofoam™/polystyrene), and
Passenger and Semi Tires
Open to Van Buren County
Resident and Landowners

O'Reilly Auto Parts*

735 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-2886
383 Blue Star Hwy, South Haven
.....269-206-3393

Performance Plus Quick Lube*

850 Sunset Drive, South Haven
.....269-637-3143

Seelye of Paw Paw*

161 Ampey Road, Paw Paw
.....269-657-3124

SNK Transmission & Auto Repair

22203 M-40 Hwy, Gobles
.....269-628-0186
Call ahead to schedule drop-off

South Haven Recyclers

3110 67th St, South Haven
.....269-637-4828
Call ahead to schedule drop-off

Tractor Supply

1000 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-2107
5-gallon limit per drop-off

Walmart Tire & Lube*

201 73rd St, South Haven
.....269-639-2360

West Point Auto Sales* \$

24827 Red Arrow Hwy, Mattawan
.....269-668-9022

PAINT

ePaint Recyclers

551 Michigan Ave, Battle Creek
.....269-760-8143

Recycle Roundup

Only oil-based paint available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

PAPER

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS in this guide

Broken Arrow Recycling Containers, Gobles Village Market

407 State St, Gobles
.....269-628-5656

PERSONAL BEAUTY & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Eleanor's Pantry

221 Drew St, Paw Paw
.....269-415-0444
Accepts: un-opened toiletries, baby/
adult diapers, etc. | Best to drop-off
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details
Accepts: opened/un-opened perfume,
make-up, nail polish, nail polish
remover, hair styling products, shampoo,
conditioner, lotions, etc.

PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, FUNGICIDES, INSECTICIDES, & RODENTICIDES

Clean Sweep Collections

Available as one day collections,
see [www.berriencounty.org/465/
Clean-Sweep-Pesticide-Collections](http://www.berriencounty.org/465/Clean-Sweep-Pesticide-Collections)
for details

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

PLASTIC

See RECYCLING CURBSIDE PROGRAMS in this guide

See RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide

PROPANE TANKS & CYLINDERS

AmeriGas Propane \$

137 Prospect St, Hartford
.....800-424-1965

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

PVC

Fryman's Recycling

300 E Railroad St, Dowagiac
.....269-782-0959

RECYCLING

Curbside Programs

For a list of companies that provide curbside recycling services in the County, see RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDERS in this guide. The areas listed below are serviced at least in part by the provider(s) listed. Call the service provider to determine which services are available at your home.

Antwerp Township

Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

Bangor Township

Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

City of Bangor

Republic Services
.....800-677-1083
Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

City of Gobles

Republic Services
.....800-677-1083

City of Hartford

Best Way Disposal
.....269-463-3232
Republic Services
.....800-677-1083
Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

City of South Haven

Republic Services
.....800-677-1083

Covert Township

Republic Services
.....800-677-1083

Decatur Township

Michiana Recycling & Disposal
.....269-684-0900

Keeler Township

Michiana Recycling & Disposal
.....269-684-0900

Porter Township

Michiana Recycling & Disposal
.....269-684-0900

Village of Breedsville

Republic Services
.....800-677-1083

Village of Decatur

Republic Services
.....800-963-4775

Village of Lawton

Best Way Disposal
.....269-463-3232
Republic Services
.....800-677-1083
Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

Village of Lawrence

Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

Village of Mattawan

Best Way Disposal
.....269-463-3232
Republic Services
.....800-677-1083
Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

Village of Paw Paw

Best Way Disposal
.....269-463-3232
Republic Services
.....800-677-1083
Waste Management
.....800-963-4776

RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDERS

It is important to rinse all containers and remove lids from all containers.

Best Way Disposal

.....269-463-3232
Accepts: steel cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles (all colors), all paper (including newspaper, office paper, cardboard, magazines and inserts, junk mail, phonebooks, books, paper food containers) plastic bottles and jugs, plastics #1 – #7

Michiana Recycling & Disposal

.....269-684-0900
Accepts: paper (including newspaper, office paper, cardboard, magazines and inserts, junk mail, phonebooks, books, paper food containers) colorless glass bottles and jars, metals, plastic bottles, jugs and rigid containers

Republic Services

.....800-677-1083
Accepts: paper (including newspaper, office paper, cardboard, magazines and inserts, junk mail, phonebooks, paper food containers), metals (including aluminum beverage cans, food cans, scrap metal), glass, and plastic

Waste Management

.....800-963-4776
Accepts: paper (including newspaper, office paper, cardboard, magazines and inserts, junk mail, phonebooks, paper food containers), metals (including steel cans, tin cans, aluminum cans, foil, bakeware, glass (including clear, brown, and green), plastic (including bottles, jars, and jugs)

SCRAP METAL/SALVAGE

Excludes propane tanks, includes empty fuel tanks.

Clarks Auto Parts & Salvage

56472 Red Arrow Hwy, Lawrence
.....269-674-4905

Community Thrift Shop

1000 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-4186

L & L Auto Parts and Salvage

59333 S Lagrave St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-5933

McPike Auto Salvage

25172 CR 665, Bloomingdale
.....269-521-7673

South Haven Recyclers

3110 67th St, South Haven
.....269-637-4828

SHARPS

Must be in a Sharps Container or a thick, plastic jug (e.g. detergent bottle) labeled "Sharps"

Free Sharps Collection Services offered at Van Buren/Cass District Health Department's Lawrence and Dowagiac locations. See <https://vbcassdhd.org/sharps-collection/> for details

Drug & Laboratory Disposal

331 Broad St, Plainwell
.....800-685-9824

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Safe Medical Systems Mail Back Sharps Disposal Program

.....(877) 723-3633

Sharps Recovery Systems

.....800-772-5657

As a last resort, use a BD Safe-Clip (available at Walmart for less than \$10) to nip the needles and discard the full Safe-Clip in the trash. Discard the plastic syringe in the trash.

SHRED PAPER

Check your local credit union for information about periodic shred days on which you can drop off paper that needs to be shredded

Arbor Credit Union

701 S Paw Paw St, Lawrence
.....269-375-6702

Honor Credit Union

104 N Main St, Lawton
.....269-345-7804
422 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw
.....269-655-0000
749 Phillips St, South Haven
.....269-637-2800

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

UPS Store

239 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-8080
225 Broadway St, South Haven
.....269-637-8388

SMOKE DETECTORS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

SOLVENTS

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

STYROFOAM™ & PACKING MATERIALS/PEANUTS

Clean and dry food containers & packaging polystyrene

Recycle Roundup

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

UPS Store

239 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw
.....269-657-8080
225 Broadway St, South Haven
.....269-637-8388

TIRES

PS&E & Semi Tire and Electronic Collections
Available as one day collections, see VanBurenCD.org for details

Dan's Automotive \$

56725 M-43 Hwy, Bangor
.....269-427-1747

Recycle Roundup \$

Available as one day collections at no direct cost, see VanBurenCD.org for details

SNK Transmission & Auto Repair \$

22203 M-40 Hwy, Gobles
.....269-628-0186

Walmart Tire & Lube \$

201 73rd St, South Haven
.....269-639-2360

VINYL SIDING

Fryman's Recycling

300 E Railroad St, Dowagiac
.....269-782-0959

WHEELCHAIRS, CANES, WALKERS, & CRUTCHES

Hartford Loan Closet

19 W Main St, Hartford
.....269-621-4266

VFW Posts

560 N Phelps St, Decatur
.....269-423-7454
115 N Niles St, Paw Paw
.....269-657-9954
1070 Bailey Ave, South Haven
.....269-637-2304

YARD WASTE

Kalamazoo Landscape Supplies \$

5111 S 9th St, Kalamazoo
.....269-375-8000

Accepts: grass clippings, tree trimmings, and dirt-free leaves | Does not accept: sod or dirt

See COMPOSTING in this guide

See RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS in this guide

See TRANSFER STATIONS in this guide.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAMS/TRANSFER STATIONS

The items that each transfer station will accept will vary, so be sure to call the contact number or the conservation district with any questions. Commonly accepted and recycled items: cardboard, catalogs, glass (blue, green, clear, brown), magazines, metal cans, metal jar lids, newspapers, paper, phonebooks, plastic (#1-#7). The transfer stations typically accept garbage and other items as well.

Antwerp Township

-269-657-4101
- Open to: Antwerp Township residents
 - Location: Southwest of Mattawan on the south side of 64th Ave between CR 657 and 30th St
 - Hours of Operation: Tuesday's and Saturday's – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Tuesday's only April – October)
 - Accepted Materials: Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Shingles
 - Cost associated – contact township hall for details

Bangor Township

-269-427-8965
- Open to: All Bangor Township residents
 - Location: 41559 63rd St.
 - Hours of Operation: Summer hours (May – September): Every Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Winter hours (October – April): 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 - Accepted Materials: Waste, Single Stream Recycling, Metal Recycling, and Tire Recycling
 - Cost: A dump permit is required and may be purchased on site from the station custodian for \$15, check or money order

Bloomington Township

-269-657-4101
- Open to: All Van Buren County residents
 - Location: 109 W. Kalamazoo St, Bloomington
 - Hours of Operation: Summer hours (April 1 – October 31): Tuesdays 1:00 to 5:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Winter hours (November 1 – March 31): Saturdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Accepted Materials: Waste, Single Stream Recycling, Metal Recycling, Newspaper Recycling, and Tire Recycling
 - Cost: Free to Bloomington Township Residents, All others call Contact number

Covert Township

-269-764-8986
- Open to: Covert Township residents
 - Location: 76890 34th Ave, Covert (On 34th Ave 1.25 miles west of M-140 Hwy)
 - Hours of Operation: Saturday's 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (year-round) Closed Holidays
 - Accepted Materials: Garbage and Recycling
 - Cost associated – contact township hall or purchase at transfer station

Columbia Township

-269-434-6227
- Open to: Covert Township residents
 - Location: 52 1/2 St. Breedsville, 1/2 mile north of CR 380 east side of the road
 - Hours of Operation: 1st Sundays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (year-round) Closed Holidays
 - Cost: One free punch card with two punches per resident, per year. Additional punch tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the transfer station

Geneva/South Haven Joint

800-677-1083

- Open to: Geneva Township and South Haven Township residents
- Location: On CR 384 East of M-43 Hwy, South Haven
- Hours of Operation: Saturday's 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Summer hours: Tuesday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Accepted Materials: Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste
- Obtain free pass at township halls, otherwise cost associated

Keeler Township

269-621-6481

- Open to: Keeler Township residents and Keeler township property owners
- Location: ½ mile south of Keeler on CR 687
- Hours of Operation: Saturday's 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (April – October)
- Accepted Materials: Garbage
- Cost associated

Orchard Hill Landfill

269-463-5588

- Open to: Van Buren County residents
- Location: 3290 Hennessey Road, Watervliet
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday's 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Accepted Materials: Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Large Appliances (non-freon), Tires
- Cost associated for tires

Paw Paw Township

269-657-4101

- Open to: Van Buren County residents
- Location: 38016 Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw (West of Paw Paw on the north side of Red Arrow Hwy – just past Busy Bee Flea Mall)
- Hours of Operation: Tuesday's 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday's 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (April – September), Saturday's 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Accepted Materials: Garbage,

Recycling, Brush Waste, Clam Shell Packaging (e.g. strawberries, tomatoes, etc.), Shingles

- Cost: Free Recycle Pass available to all Paw Paw Township residents, cost associated to all other Van Buren County residents

Pine Grove Township

269-628-4380

- Open to: Van Buren County residents
- Location: 15797 32nd St, Gobles
- Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Accepted Materials: Waste (cost associated), Single Stream Recycling: metals cans, glass, plastic, cardboard, and bundled papers/magazines/books
- Cost: Recycling Free to Pine Grove, \$50 annually for non-property owners

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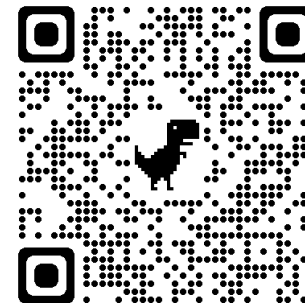


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YOUR RESOURCE FOR HELPING CLEAN UP OUR EARTH.

For additional information about
recycling, please contact:

Van Buren Conservation District

1035 E Michigan Ave.

Paw Paw, MI 49079

269-633-9314

ResourceRecovery@vanburencd.org

VanBurenCD.org



*Due to continuing change,
it is recommended that you
call the companies listed before
using their services to ensure
that their printed information
is still accurate.*



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