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RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR MUSKEGON COUNTY RESIDENTS

THE THREE RS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
We all have a stake and a responsibility to do more with less. Adhering to the principles of REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (in that order!), can help curb energy and raw material consumption in the face of growing demand on our natural resources. You can REDUCE packaging waste by purchasing items in bulk and looking for items with minimal packaging, made with recycled content. REDUCE unwanted "junk" mail by customizing your direct mail preferences at www.DMAchoice.org.

Find ways to REUSE or re-purpose things! There are many websites and social media outlets that provide excellent tools for turning your trash into someone else’s treasure. Invest in a refillable water bottle—it will save you money while reducing packaging waste, transportation fuel use, and air pollution! Remember your reusable bags when you visit your local grocery store or farmer’s market and RECYCLE everything you can! You can even earn recycling rewards at www.recyclebank.com.

Many private haulers (and a few municipalities) offer curbside recycling options to the majority of Muskegon County residents. Contact your waste hauler for details and be sure to follow their collection guidelines. When a household includes unacceptable items with recyclables, such as food waste refuse, broken glass, or pizza boxes, it can contaminate the entire load and your diligent efforts to recycle can end up in the trash.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICES

This publication is brought to you by the Muskegon County Sustainability Office and funded by the Arconic Foundation. If you have additional disposal questions not covered in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (231) 724-8846.

The County of Muskegon is committed to fostering a sustainable ecology, economy, and community. Please visit the Muskegon Sustainability Office online at www.sustainablemuskegon.org. There you will find more comprehensive resources and ways we can all contribute to making Muskegon County a premier place to live, work, and play!

“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it has to go somewhere.”

- Annie Leonard
RECYCLING FACILITIES

If you live in an area where curbside recycling is not offered, or you have unique recycling or disposal needs, below is a current list of facilities in Muskegon County that offer a wide range of recycling and disposal options. Please note that some of these facilities do charge a nominal fee.

Cedar Creek Township Transfer Station
6871 Holton-Duck Lake Rd., Twin Lake
Phone: (231) 821-0014
Hours: Sat 8:30am - 3pm
Residents only. Household and yard waste, scrap metal.

Community Recycling Services
(Owned & Operated by Republic Services.)
1970 Port City Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 773-8407
Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 3:45pm
Plastics (#1-7), glass, paper, cardboard, metal.
www.recyclemuskegon.com

Beacon Recycling, Inc.
1241 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 727-0722
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4:30pm
Scrap metal, appliances, vehicles, vehicle batteries, wires, electronics (NO TVs or monitors). All appliances and vehicles must be emptied of all fluids. www.beaconrecycling.com

Dalton Township Transfer Station
291 Michillinda Rd., Dalton
Phone: (231) 766-3043
Hours: Wed & Sat 8am - 4pm (Apr-Oct)
Sat 8am - 4pm (Nov-Mar)
Residents only. Tires, any metals, clear glass only, plastics (#1-7), cardboard, car batteries, office paper, junk mail, newspapers, phones, books, leaves, grass clippings, brush up to 4” in diameter, concrete, fill dirt and appliances.
www.daltontownship.org/transferstation

Fruitland Township Sustainability Center
5281 Michillinda Rd., Fruitland
Phone: (231) 766-3208
Hours: Sat 8am - 4pm (Mar-Nov)
Residents only. Yard waste, household garbage, paper, cardboard, plastic, clear glass, metals, tires and building materials (no cement or shingles).
www.fruitlandtwp.org

Muskegon Habitat for Humanity ReStores
280 Ottawa St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 727-6020
Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 9am - 3pm
4345 Airline Rd., Norton Shores
Phone: (231) 737-4939
Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 9am - 4pm
Appliances, cabinets, doors, electrical parts, fans, flooring materials, hardware, lighting, lumber, trim, mirror, glass, latex paint, wall covering, pipe, PVC, metal/copper, plumbing, tubs, sinks, showers, roofing material, gutters, canales, tools, windows, screens, etc. www.muskegonhabitat.org

Holton Township Recycling Station
(As a service of Recycling for Newaygo County)
6511 Holton-Whitehall Rd., Holton
Phone: (231) 821-2168
Hours: Recycling Anytime! Paper, plastic (#1-7 including plastic bags), cardboard, metals. No electronics or appliances.
www.recyclingsfornewaygocounty.org/locations

Holton Township Transfer Station
7675 Holton-Duck Lake Rd., Holton
Phone: (231) 821-2168
Hours: Sat 8:30am - 4:30pm
Residents only. Waste only, tires (w/fee).

PADNOS Shoreline Recycling Services
259 Ottawa St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 722-6081
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm, Sat 8am - 11:30am
Metals, paper, cardboard, electronics including TVs and monitors, vehicles, vehicle batteries, appliances with or without fluids.
www.shorelinerecycling.com

White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority (Transfer Station)
2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Rd., Whitehall
Phone: (231) 893-2405
Hours: Wed & Sat 8am - 4pm
Residents only. Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal, tires, yard waste, building materials, appliances. No oil or liquid waste.

West Michigan Recycling Center
40 Harvey St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 773-7582
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4:45pm
Scrap metal, appliances (empty of refrigerant), vehicle batteries, full vehicles, electronics. No TVs or monitors.
www.westmichiganrecyclingcenter.com

White Lake Excavating, Inc.
2571 Holton-Whitehall Rd., Whitehall
Phone: (231) 894-6918
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4:30pm

PLEASE NOTE
Muskegon County has made every effort to keep this information up to date; however, this list may not be all-inclusive and may be subject to change at the discretion of each facility operator. Contact facilities prior to visiting.
APPLIANCE RECYCLING
If you are replacing an old dishwasher, stove or refrigerator, check with the sales clerk or the manufacturer about whether they offer appliance recycling. If the appliance is in working order, you can also call 2-1-1 from any landline phone to find out if any charities are in need of working appliances. Cell phone users dial (231) 733-1155.

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259 Ottawa St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 722-6081
Web: www.shorelinerecycling.com
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm
Sat 8am - 11:30am
Paper, metals, appliances, vehicles, vehicle batteries, insulated wire.

Beacon Recycling
1241 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 727-0722 Call ahead for questions.
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4:30pm
Metals, appliances, vehicles, vehicle batteries, etc. All appliances and vehicles must be emptied of all fluids.

Best Buy Recycle Program
5425 Harvey St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 798-6407 Call ahead
Will recycle tube TVs and monitors for a fee. Check their website for a complete list of products recycled for free.

INK CARTRIDGES
Most ink cartridges can be refilled or recycled. Drop off ink cartridges at any of the locations listed below and in some cases you can even earn store credit!

STAPLES
Westshore Plaza
1773 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 739-7739

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Phone: (231) 798-6407 Call ahead

EXPLOSIVES & AMMUNITION
The Muskegon County Household Hazardous Waste program does not generally accept bullets, shotgun shells, fireworks, flares, grenades, or other explosives. Contact your local law enforcement agency for disposal options.
TIRE DISPOSAL
Proper tire disposal is very important, not only for the environment, but for human and animal health as well. Disease-carrying pests can inhabit tire piles. These retailers accept tires for a nominal fee:

Discount Tire Company, Inc.
647 W. Norton Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 739-3555
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm
Sat 8am - 5pm

Randy’s Auto Salvage
1641 S. Wolf Lake Rd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 788-5075
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm
Sat 8:30am - 12:30pm

Smith Tire Station
499 W. Broadway Ave., Muskegon Heights
Phone: (231) 733-9406
Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Sat 8am - 12pm

FLAG DISPOSAL
Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Services Center
165 E. Apple Ave., Suite 201, Muskegon
Phone: (231) 724-7143
The U.S. Flag Code specifies proper display etiquette as well as disposal guidelines. You can drop off any flag at any local VFW post. They work with the Boy Scouts of America to see that your flag is properly disposed. For more information about flag etiquette and disposal, or to find a VFW post near you, visit www.vfw.org and select Community→Flag Etiquette. You can also drop-off your old stars and stripes to the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Services Center.

YARD WASTE
Michigan law currently prohibits yard waste from disposal in municipal solid waste landfills. Yard waste is defined as: leaves, grass clippings, vegetable/garden debris and shrubbery, brush or tree trimmings less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter.

Contact your city or township office to ask whether they provide a yard waste drop-off location. Consider composting your yard waste as a free way to return nutrients to your soil or garden and make your own potting soil.

MERCURY THERMOSTATS AND THERMOMETERS
Many old thermostats contain about 3 grams of mercury per device. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the improper disposal of mercury thermostats results in about 8% of the mercury released annually in the U.S. equal to about 9.6 tons. Make sure you dispose of your old mercury-containing thermostat properly, NOT with regular household trash. Once in the environment, it can transform into methyl mercury, which can be extremely harmful to human health.

Please contact your thermostat manufacturer to determine whether they have a mail-back program, or bring them to the Muskegon County Household Hazardous Waste facility.

ANTIFREEZE
Antifreeze contains ethylene glycol and should never be dumped on the ground or down the drain. It is toxic to humans, animals and aquatic life. In addition to the Muskegon County Household Hazardous Waste Program, you can take unwanted or used antifreeze to:

Speedy Lube Inc.
409 Center St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 744-5203
May be a limit or a fee for disposal

Firestone Complete Auto Care
700 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 733-2591
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Foam Recycling (aka: Styrofoam or expanded polystyrene)
NuPak Solutions Inc.
2850 Lincoln St., Norton Shores
Phone: (231) 755-1662
Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 3pm
NuPak Solutions Inc. will recycle CLEAN Styrofoam used in packaging at no charge from residents and businesses. Foam that has come into contact with food or drink is NOT accepted. No egg cartons. Please call ahead for details and directions.

Packaging peanuts & bubble-wrap are accepted for reuse at Muskegon UPS Stores:
1934 E Apple Ave., Muskegon - (231) 767-2444
1887 Holton Rd., Suite D, Muskegon - (231) 744-4800
2743 Henry St., Muskegon - (231) 755-5551

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- Robert Swan
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & RECYCLING**

**BATTERIES**

**Batteries Plus Bulb**
5839 Harvey St., Norton Shores
Phone: (231) 747-9168
Web: www.batteriesplus.com/t/recycling
Will accept everything from car and boat to laptop batteries. There is a fee for alkaline batteries.

**USA-1 Battery Auto Electric Service**
1225 S. Getty St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 722-0327
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm, Sat 9am - 1pm
Will PAY YOU for car batteries, or larger. Will also take household batteries.

**FLUORESCENT LAMPS & CFLs**

Fluorescent lamps, including Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs, or "CFLs," contain trace amounts of mercury. While they use 75% less energy, and last about 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, you should take care that they do not break and dispose of them safely. CFL bulbs can be recycled at any Home Depot or Lowe's. Simply bring in your spent, unbroken CFLs to the store and ask an associate to point out the recycle container. **Note:** The Muskegon County Household Hazardous Waste Program also accepts CFLs and tubes.

**Batteries Plus Bulb**
5839 Harvey St., Norton Shores
Phone: (231) 747-9168
Web: www.batteriesplus.com/t/recycling
Will accept all types of CFL and fluorescent tubes for recycling for a fee.

**Home Depot, Roosevelt Park**
2699 Henry St., Roosevelt Park
Phone: (231) 755-0440
CFLs only

**Lowe's**
2035 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 739-1100

**Mail-Back Programs**
www.thinkgreenfromhome.com

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**MEDICATION & SHARPS DISPOSAL**

The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program (MAMDP) is a collaboration of community organizations providing an outlet to safely dispose of unused, unwanted and expired medications. FDA and EPA no longer recommend flushing or landfilling medications due to environmental concerns about the effects on safe drinking water and the ecology of our watersheds. MAMDP partners offer collection events as well as an expanding network of daily disposal options. Visit mamdp.com for more information.

**DAILY DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

All law enforcement offices throughout Muskegon County have a drop box located just inside their front doors. Medications can be dropped off any time during their regular business hours, and without question. Please visit: mamdp.com for additional information about this program.

**DAILY DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**Glenside Pharmacy**
1663 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 672-7820

**Hackley Professional Pharmacy**
1675 Leahy St., Suite 111, Muskegon
Phone: (231) 672-7822
Will also accept sharps in appropriate container.

**Healthcare Equipment & Pharmacy**
6401 Prairie St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 727-7968
(in Lakes Campus near The Lakes Mall)

**Westshore Professional Pharmacy**
1150 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 672-2204

**Benson Drug SavMor Pharmacy**
961 Spring St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 722-2861
Will also accept sharps in appropriate container.

**BD Sharps Disposal Home**
Phone: (800) 327-4277
Toll Free: (888) 232-2737

**Stericycle Sharps Mail-Back Program**
Phone: (866) 783-7422

**Medwaste Tracker**
Phone: (866) 699-6466
Web: www.thinkgreenfromhome.com
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL
Hazardous materials can be found in common household items such as cleaners, paint thinners, gasoline, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers, and even Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs). Once these items can no longer be used, they become Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), and it’s important to make sure they are disposed of properly to safeguard families, pets, and the environment. The Muskegon County Department of Public Works offers a free HHW program to Muskegon County residents. **Please note that commercial and industrial waste is prohibited.** Should you possess any of the following materials, the HHW program will dispose of them in a safe and responsible manner.

- Mercury or mercury-containing devices (i.e. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and other fluorescent lamps, mercury thermometers, or thermostats, etc.)
- Petroleum products
- Antifreeze and other automotive fluids
- Pesticides
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Aerosol cans (containing hazardous materials)
- Alkaline batteries (we do not accept lead acid/ car batteries)
- Acids (i.e. muriatic acid)
- Bases (i.e. drain cleaner)
- Fire extinguishers
- Other products with approval

Recycling used oil is preferred over disposal as HHW. Used oil can be recycled, free of charge, at any AutoZone location and most other quick oil change service locations. **Note:** Paint is not considered a hazardous waste. The best way to dispose of paint is to use it or recycle it.

COLLECTION LOCATION
Household Hazardous Waste Program - Rear lot of Pound Buddies Rescue
1300 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 724-6001 - option 4
Hours: Second and fourth Friday of each month, May - Oct, 1 - 3pm
Late fall and winter collection is by appointment only. Appointments are made only for those who are not able to wait for a normal collection day.

If you have any questions regarding materials that you’d like to dispose of, please contact the Household Hazardous Waste automated line listed above. To learn more about health and safety information on household products, help identify potential sources of HHW in your home and to find ways to seek out alternatives, visit www.householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov. Also consider mail-back programs from www.thinkgreenfromhome.com or Zero Waste Boxes from Home Depot.

PAINT RECYCLING & DISPOSAL
If you find you have leftover latex/water-based paint that has never been frozen, contact one of these organizations for recycling:

**Muskegon Habitat for Humanity ReStore**
FREE latex(only) paint recycling
280 Ottawa St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 727-6020
4345 Airline Rd., Norton Shores
Phone: (231) 737-4939
112 E. Colby St., Whitehall
Phone: (231) 894-0880
Paint must be in usable condition, never frozen, or dried.

**Port City Paints**
1250 9th St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 726-5911
Charges $2 per container, all sizes.
Latex paint only. Paint must be in usable condition, not frozen or soured.

**AS A LAST RESORT**
Latex based paints are not considered hazardous waste, therefore, paints that have been frozen or aged too long may be disposed of with your household trash, as long as it is dried or solidified. Try adding kitty litter or other drying media and leaving the can open to dry in a well-ventilated area, away from children and animals.

USED OIL RECYCLING

**AutoZone**
1236 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 773-4479
Hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am - 10pm
Sun 9am - 9pm
705 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 737-2502
Hours: Mon-Sat 8am - 9pm
Sun 9am - 9pm
1740 Holton Rd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 744-4265
Hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am - 10pm
Sun 9am - 9pm
AutoZone asks for clean motor oil only (not mixed with water, gas, leaves, etc.) and no more than five gallons per person, per day.

**Advance Auto Parts Locations**
1333 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 767-9459
2703 Henry St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 755-1811

**Firestone Complete Auto Care**
700 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 733-2591

**Speedy Lube Inc.**
409 Center St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 744-5203

**Miller’s Oil Lube Express**
624 E. Colby St., Whitehall
Phone: (231) 894-9340

**Walmart Tire and Lube Express**
1879 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 739-6202
3267 Henry St., Muskegon
Phone: (231) 739-4710
MUSKEGON COUNTY LANDFILL
9366 E. Apple Ave., Ravenna
Phone: (231) 724-6001
Web: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/solidwaste

The County operates a licensed Type II landfill to properly dispose of non-hazardous solid waste. If you have unwanted solid waste that cannot be reused or recycled, you can visit the landfill, which is located approximately 2.5 miles east of Maple Island Road on Apple Avenue.

Please call or visit the website for updates on future recycling efforts at the Muskegon County Landfill.

HOURS
Commercial
Mon-Fri 7am - 4:30pm
Sat 8am - 2pm
Non-Commercial
Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm
Sat 8am - 2pm

HOLIDAY CLOSURES
New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

RATES
Non-Contracted Haulers (Within Landfill):
$34 per ton
Contaminated Soil:
$48 per ton
Cars (Transfer Station Drop-Off):
2.4 cents per lbs.
($8 minimum, up to 340 lbs.)
All Other Vehicle Types (Transfer Station Drop-Off):
2.4 cents per lb.
($22 minimum, up to 960 lbs.)

No large appliances, liquid paint, yard waste, whole tires, propane tanks, or hazardous waste accepted.