



RecycleSmart

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Great job residents of Grand Traverse County! Because of your efforts we were able to reuse, recycle or properly dispose of **173,592 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste** and almost **60,000 pounds of Scrap Tires** at our special collection events in 2021.



HHW Event Dates for 2022

([Sign up](#) will be available online approximately one month before each event.) Appointments are required

Thursday, April 14th **25,479lbs Collected**

Thursday, May 12th **Completed**

Thursday, June 23th [**Open for Sign-Up**](#)

Thursday, August 11th

Saturday, September 17th

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event?

[Click Here.](#)

Wildfire danger is high in northern Michigan; take care when working, playing outdoors

May 06, 2022

With wildfire danger expected to be high or very high across much of northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula from now into next week, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources asks people to take precautions when working and playing outside.

“Grass and leaves that were on the ground over the winter are very dry and can ignite easily from a spark or an ember,” said Paul Rogers, fire prevention specialist with the DNR’s Forest Resources Division.

Sunday may be of particular concern, with winds becoming stronger and gusty and higher temperatures.

If you intend to burn yard debris, make sure that weather conditions are favorable. Go to Michigan.gov/BurnPermit to see if burn permits are being issued in your area.

Here are some other safety tips to keep in mind:

- Never leave any fire unattended.
- Keep a hose or other water source nearby when burning yard waste or enjoying a campfire or bonfire.
- Prevent sparks. Keep trailer chains from dragging and don’t park hot equipment on dry grass.
- Do not shoot fireworks into the woods or into dry grass or shrubs.
- It’s illegal to burn plastic, hazardous materials, foam or other household trash. This can release dangerous chemicals into the air.
- You can use a burn barrel with a screen on top to burn paper, leaves and natural materials.

Get more safety tips at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires.

DNR wildland firefighters battled a total of 273 fires on about 2,370 acres statewide during 2021.



Adopt A Recycling Site!

RecycleSmart is looking for **Recycling Champions** to help keep the **24/7 Single Stream Recycling Sites** clean. **Individuals, groups, businesses or other entities, are encouraged to contact the RecycleSmart office at 231-632-5162 to learn more about how you can help keep these valuable resources, in their place, in our community.**

The Keystone Brush Site is open for the 2022 season!

The Brush Site is now accepting Credit Cards as a form of payment.

Please note that the site is closed

on all major holidays and for severe weather conditions.

Brush Site information and hours of operation can be found by clicking [here](#).



FREE TV Recycling!

The Grand Traverse County (GTC) [RecycleSmart](#) program is happy to announce that in partnership with [Bay Area Recycling for Charities](#) (BARC), GTC residents are now able to bring your old TVs and Computer monitors to BARC's facility at 466 US 31 South, to be recycled, free of charge. This program is for Grand Traverse County Residents only and is limited to 1 TV per household, up to 500 TVs total (2 Semi Trailers full!). You must have proof of residency to participate. For more information, call BARC at 231-632-2272 or visit their website [here](#).



Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart



Have questions about
where to recycle an
item?

Click on the Take it
Back Logo and you will
be magically
transported to the Take
it Back Directory!

If you are unable to find a solution
on the directory, please contact
the Resource Recovery
Department and we'll be sure to
help you out!



Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City](#) or the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr.](#)



in Traverse City during their normal hours of operation. The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC. Please contact the Resource Recovery Department if you have any questions.

Recycle right or lose it

Illegal dumping at the Recycling Sites in Grand Traverse County will no longer be tolerated. Violators will be prosecuted.

Please spread the word. Items must never be left on the ground. If the sites continue to be misused, not only will the abusers be held accountable but we run the risk of losing these great assets to our community.

To learn more about what can and can't be recycled, please visit the link below.

GUIDELINES AND EXCLUDED MATERIALS



Looking for the latest episodes of the very popular 9&10 News

TV series "Talking Trash"?
Look no further.

Click this the picture above and you will be whisked away to the glorious land of responsible recycling!

Drop Off Battery Recycling

BE SURE TO TAPE ALL YOUR BATTERY TERMINALS (CLEAR MASKING TAPE PLEASE)

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations. Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

Building / Location Address

Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road
Williamsburg, MI 49690

Blair Township Hall
2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637

City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

Civic Center
1213 W Civic Center Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686

Fife Lake True Value
119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633

Grand Traverse County Public Service Building
2650 LaFranier Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Metro Emergency Services Building
897 Parson Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Traverse City Fire Department
500 W Front Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

Whitewater Township Hall
5777 Vinton Road
Williamsburg, MI 49690



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