



March 2024



MakerFest2024 - Special Earth Day Edition!

New for 2024 - a Special Earth Day Edition of MakerFest in partnership with Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart!

This year we'll have our annual celebration of Making and all things STEAM, PLUS lots of additional great activities and information related to Earth Day. Find all the fun indoors(!) - and perhaps some outdoors. Join us!

Grand Traverse County Civic Center April 20 10 am - 2 pm

Join us at Howe Arena for the latest and greatest celebration of Making and all things STEAM, in combination with our friends from the Recycle Smart Earth Day event! Get ready for a special green edition of the event, including as much upcycling, repurposing, and recycling as possible.

GETTING THERE: In the spirit of Earth Day (and to help make things easy due to parkway construction) we strongly suggest carpooling or using other transportation (like biking or riding BATA). Find the free (hop-on, hop-off) Bayline route here. Earn a free square on your family BINGO card for traveling green!

PRIZES: Pick up a BINGO card as you enter and be sure to enter into our hourly drawings after you complete 5 squares. We are giving away a \$50 gift card to Oryana as well as a STEM Kit at the top of each hour (11, 12, 1 and 2). We would also like to thank our event sponsor, Oryana

Community Co-op, for their donation of gift cards for our hourly prizes, as well as food and beverages for our exhibitors.

Great job residents of Grand Traverse County! Because of your efforts we were able to reuse, recycle or properly dispose of **139,770 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste and 2 Semi Trailers full of Scrap Tires** at our special collection events in 2023.



HHW Event Dates for 2024

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

Thursday, April 11th

Thursday, May 16th

Thursday, June 20th

Thursday, August 8th

Saturday, September 14th

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event?

[Click Here.](#)



Scrap Tire Collection Events 2024

May 16th

September 14th

Appointments **are required and can be made by calling** the Resource Recovery Department @
231-995-6075.

**Scrap Tire Collections are funded by the EGLE
Scrap Tire Grant**



**The Keystone Brush Site
will open for the 2024
season on April 9th.**

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 once again happy to announce that in partnership with [Bay Area Recycling for Communities](#), **beginning in January**, GTC residents will be 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 250 TVs total (1 Semi Trailer full!). You must have proof of residency to participate. For more information, call BARC at 231-632-2272 or visit their website [here](#).



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.

Illegal Dumping in Grand

Traverse County will not be tolerated. If you are going to use any of the Single Stream Recycling Sites provided by GFL/American Waste, you must

follow the rules. It is very simple. Only the items listed on the bins, can be placed in the bins. If the bins are full, you'll either need to use another site, or come back after they have been emptied. No items can be left on the ground. Please follow the rules so we can keep these assets to our community in place.



****Please Recycle Right****

If you find a recycling site is full, please come back another day, or use one of the other [6 sites](#) located within the county.

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](#)



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.



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](#)

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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