



Calhoun County Recycling Guide

Your resource to helping keep our earth clean.



**Doing our part
to help you
do your part.**



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:
 Calhoun County Solid Waste Program
 315 W. Green Street
 Marshall, MI 49068
 p 269-969-6395
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com

Due to continuing change, it is recommended that you call the companies listed before using their services to ensure that the printed information is still accurate. Visit our website for the most current listing.

Index

American Flags	4
Appliances	4
Automobile Batteries	4
Automobile Oil	5
Books	5
Cans	16
Cardboard	14
Catalogs	14
Cell Phones	6
Clothing	6
Composting	6
Computers	7
Cooking Oil	8
Curbside Recycling	8
Electronics	8
Eye Glasses	9
Fire Extinguishers	9
Food (not expired)	10
Furniture	10
Glass Bottles & Jars	16
Home Cleaning Products	19
Household Batteries	10
Goods	11
Hazardous Waste	11
Ink/Toner Cartridges	12
Junk Mail	12
Light Bulbs	12
Magazines	14
Mercury Thermostats	13
Packing Peanuts	13
Paint	13
Paper	14
Paper Shredding	15
Pesticides	15
Phonebooks	14
Pharmaceuticals	15
Pharmacies	16
Plastic Bags	16
Plastics	16
Polystyrene	17
Propane Tanks	17
Recycling Services	17
Refrigeration	17
Scrap Metal	17
Sharps Disposal	17
Smoke Detectors	18
Televisions (Electronics)	8
Tires	18
Yard Waste	18





Reduce

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 goods, and fixing them whenever possible
- buying products with minimal packaging
- buying reusable, not disposable items



Reuse

Ways that you can reuse items include:

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



Recycle

Recycling helps conserve resources, reduce land degradation, save energy, reduce the need for landfill use, and create jobs. Ways you can further participate in recycling include:

- decreasing emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change
- conserving natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals
- helping to sustain the environment for future generations
- buying items that come in recyclable packaging
- taking advantage of curbside programs available to you
- voicing your desire to recycle to your city, township, or village staff
- participating in household hazardous waste and tire recycling collections
- participating in deposit and refund programs



Buy Recycled

“Close the Loop” By purchasing products made with recycled content, you help to ensure that there is a market for recycled products.

- read the labels when you go shopping
- make an effort to purchase products that are made from recycled material
- let the manufacturers know that you are pleased that their products contain recycled content
- 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



American Flags

American Flag Recycling

www.americanflagdisposal.com
(nylon and synthetic fabrics only)

American Legion Posts – State wide



Appliances

Calhoun County Solid Waste Program accepts all appliances at our Recyclerama event. During other times of the year, please refer to the list below on how to dispose and scrap metal disposal. Items without Freon or items tagged that Freon has been removed can go to scrap metal collections. Please contact our office at **269-969-6395** or visit **www.calhouncountyrecycling.com** for dates and information

Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners contain freon, which can harm the environment if released. PLEASE CALL FIRST TO ASK IF FREON MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE TAKING YOUR ITEM TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
See Freon Removal on page 17.

ABC Warehouse

5700 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-7654
(replacing bought item)

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8336
www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycle
(replacing bought item)

Franklin Iron and Metal Company

120 South Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-968-6111

Lowe's

6122 B Dr. N., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 296-979-5500
(replacing bought item)

RJ Industrial

989 Raymond Rd. N, Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-660-0650

Soule's Appliance

767 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-3461
(freon removal free – drop off only)

Asbestos

If you have asbestos or demolition concerns, call **800-662-9278**. For resources concerning asbestos safety and removal contractors visit **www.michigan.gov/egle**.

Asphalt and Concrete

Rieth-Riley Construction Co Inc.,

911 Hatfield Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49001
..... 269-343-4525

Automobile Batteries

Many companies accept this item from their customers. Ask your automotive experts if they take back recyclable automotive fluids and items.

AutoZone

1562 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-2826
1650 W. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-962-7728
1309 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-789-9297
1505 Eaton St., Albion, MI 49224
..... 517-629-8564

Batteries Plus

15611 S. Helmer Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-965-6733
(charge possible based on number)

Cereal City Auto Parts, Inc.

320 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49037
..... 269-965-3335

NAPA Auto Parts

848 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-781-1100
317 Austin St., Albion, MI 49224
..... 517-629-2157

Robbin's Auto Value

8480 M-66, Union City, MI 49094
..... 517-741-5199

Wal-Mart

6020 B Dr. N, Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8715
(if bought from store)



Automobile Oil

Used motor oil contains heavy metals and hydrocarbons like benzene. Used oil does not belong in the trash nor should it be dumped on the ground.

Many companies accept motor oil from their customers. Ask your automotive experts if they take back recyclable automotive fluids and items.

AutoZone

1562 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-2826
1650 W. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-962-7728
1309 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-789-9297

1505 Eaton St., Albion, MI 49224
..... 517-629-8564



THE FACT IS:

A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.

Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Oil can be recycled, re-refined and used again, reducing our reliance on imported oil.

Firestone Complete Auto Care

5736 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-9333

Robbin's Auto Value

8480 M-60, Union City, MI 49094
..... 517-741-5199

Books

Charitable Union

85 Calhoun St., Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-7234

GFL

15160 6 ½ Mile Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-963-0082

Goodwill Donation Centers

www.goodwill.org

Salvation Army

294 Highland Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-964-4151

Paperback books can be taken to a recycling center as well. NO HARD COVER BOOKS. (Unless all pages have been ripped out and hard cover has been discarded.)



Cell Phones

AT&T Stores – Nationwide

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8336
www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling

Cell Phones for Soldiers

www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com

Habitat for Humanity

5700 Beckley Rd, Ste 6, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-441-1033
www.habitatbc.org/restore.html

Kalamazoo County Household

Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

Salvation Army

294 Highland Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-964-4151
(phones and cell phones only)

Selling and Donating Phones

www.grcrecycling.com/
www.pacebutler.com/recycle-cell-phones/

Target Stores – Nationwide

(cell phones and MP3 players)

Verizon Stores – Nationwide



THE FACT IS:

Cell phone coatings are often made of lead, and their lithium-ion batteries can explode if exposed to high temperatures or direct sunlight, which are common conditions in landfills.

Clothing

Charitable Union

85 Calhoun St., Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-7234

Goodwill – Any retail outlet

Salvation Army

294 Highland Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-964-4151

There's Enough

413 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-282-9431

Yard Sale or Garage Sale

Composting & Yard Waste

Michigan law prohibits disposing of yard waste in landfills. Setting up a backyard composting pile is simple. If you are interested and need some tips, please contact **Calhoun County Solid Waste Program** at **269-969-6395**. In addition, some cities, townships, or villages may have seasonal pickups and/or drop off locations for yard waste. Contact your local city, village or township office for specific information on programs available in your area.

What is Compost?

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

Composting Methods

Composting is a reasonably easy process: locate your compost pile in a relatively shady area to conserve moisture by reducing evaporation. Build a compost pile by placing your mix of materials in a compost bin. Open piles can also work. Multiple bins can be used for turning (moving) older material from one bin to the next. Bins can be simple (made from chicken wire, fencing or wood pallets), or they can be store bought.

Keep the pile as moist as a wrung out sponge. Piles that are overly moist can rot and cause odor. Maintain a good air flow in the compost pile by turning and mixing the materials occasionally.

The Mix: The best mix is two parts brown to one part green (but one-to-one or other mixes are okay too). The higher the green (nitrogen) 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 a composter wants to be.

Finishing Compost: With the proper mix, moisture, and circulation, the compost pile can heat up with decomposition activity to roughly 150°F. Finished compost can be achieved in two to eighteen months, depending on how active the composter is in maintaining the condition of the compost pile.

How to Compost?

Ingredients needed: browns, greens and water. Brown material is carbon-rich and includes leaves, wood chips, bark, and sawdust. Green material is nutrient-rich and includes grass clippings, green leaves, garden debris, and fruit/vegetable peelings.

Compost Troubleshooting Tips

- Too Wet? Mix in dry materials.
- Too Dry? Move pile in shade, add water.
- Odors? Mix in browns to balance greens and to absorb excess moisture.

What to Compost – The IN List

- 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
- Hair and fur
- Fireplace ash

What NOT to Compost – The OUT List

- 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
- Fats and grease
- Meat and bones
- Human and pet wastes
- Invasive or non-native plants

Try Grass-cycling

DID YOU KNOW that grass-cycling is the practice of leaving your grass clippings on your lawn. Although many believe that this causes excess thatch, this is not true. Clippings are about 85% water; thatch is the remaining woody portion of the grass plant. Excess “woody” remains are often the result of over-fertilizing and excessive watering.



Computers

Please visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for Electronic Waste Collection days.

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014

269-979-8336

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

269-373-5211

www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm

(residential only, fees will apply)

Staples

6128 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014

269-979-3929



THE FACT IS:

*Recycling one million desktop
computers prevents the release
of greenhouse gases equivalent
to the annual emissions of
16,000 passenger cars.*



Cooking Oil (used)

Contact locally-owned restaurants, most will let you use their oil recycling bin free of charge for a small quantity.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

269-373-5211

www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm

(residential only, fees will apply)



Curbside Recycling

The cities of Battle Creek and Springfield, and the Village of Tekonsha have contracts for curbside recycling. If you reside in one of these areas, see below for contact information. In addition, some waste haulers offer residential curbside recycling per individual subscription. Check with your local hauler to see if this service is available.

City of Battle Creek Waste Management

1-800-797-9018

City of Springfield Waste Management

1-800-797-9018

Village of Tekonsha Republic Services

517-767-4204

Electronics

Why recycle electronics?

Computers, cell phones, printers, televisions and other peripherals are part of the business and educational landscape of our society. We rely on them daily to communicate, educate and conduct business. What happens to these tools when we replace them with newer, faster models? Donating is becoming a common practice for extending the life of working electronics but eventually they will no longer be valuable as products. What do we do with these obsolete electronics as well as our broken televisions, radios, and stereos?

DELETE THE DATA: If you are concerned about security, before donating or recycling your old

computer or other electronic device, make sure that the data in it is completely deleted. Reformatting the hard drive or deleting files may not be enough. You need to completely destroy the data on your hard drive. There are many websites on the internet that give instructions on how to complete this task. If you need further information you can contact **Calhoun County Solid Waste Program** at **269-969-6395**.

IS IT HAZARDOUS? Many electronics contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium in circuit boards and mercury in batteries. Older computer display screens and televisions contain cathode ray tubes (CRT's). CRT's contain leaded glass to protect the user from the x-rays inside the tubes. Lead is a hazardous material that can cause environmental and health damage if not managed safely.

Please visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for **FREE Electronic Waste Collection days**.
(Department of Defense security swipes included.)

Batteries Plus

15611 S. Helmer Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-965-6733
(portable electronics only)

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
(call first) 269-979-8336
www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycle

Franklin Iron and Metal

120 South Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-968-6111

Habitat for Humanity

5700 Beckley Rd, Ste 6, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-441-1033
www.habitatbc.org/restore.html

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

Staples

6128 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014
(call first) 269-979-3929



Eye Glasses

Check with your local optometrist or visit
new-eyes.org/recycle-1

Battle Creek Host Lions

..... 269-788-2529
www.lionsclub.org

The Kool Family Community Center

200 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-965-0000

Project 20/20 Eyeglasses Recycling Center

Mail Glasses to:
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
2404 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119
..... 901-754-6548

Your local Lions Club

..... 800-CLEANUP
www.lionsclubs.org/EN/find-a-club.php

Fire Extinguishers

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm

For household hazardous waste collection dates
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com.

Tips on proper disposal if empty
[www.earth911.com/recycling/hazardous/
fire-extinguisher/tips-on-the-disposal-of-fire-
extinguishers](http://www.earth911.com/recycling/hazardous/fire-extinguisher/tips-on-the-disposal-of-fire-extinguishers).

Food (not expired)

Food Bank

5451 Wayne Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037
..... 269-964-3663

The Haven of Rest

11 Green St., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-965-1148
(call before dropping off)

Furniture

You can try selling your items at a garage sale or on the internet (craigslist or ebay)

Goodwill Donation Centers

www.goodwill.org

Habitat for Humanity

5700 Beckley Rd, Ste 6, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-441-1033

Salvation Army

294 Highland Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-964-4151



Household Batteries

Every year in the United States, Americans buy, use and throw out billions of batteries. The demand for batteries can be traced largely to the rapid increase in cordless, portable products such as cellular phones, video cameras, laptop computers, and battery-powered tools and toys. Because some types of batteries still contain toxic constituents, such as mercury and cadmium, they can pose a potential threat to human health and the environment if disposed of improperly. Batteries, especially those with toxic materials, should be recycled. Recycling certain

batteries keeps heavy metals out of landfills and the environment. Battery recycling also saves resources because recovered plastic and metals can be used to make new batteries. **Common alkaline batteries are no longer considered hazardous. Please note which places listed below will take any battery vs. rechargeable batteries only.**



THE FACT IS:

The average person throws out about eight household batteries per year. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when disposed of improperly.

Lithium batteries need to have their positive end covered in clear tape or placed individually in clear plastic bags.

Many retailers of electronics accept rechargeable batteries. Many jewelers and pharmacies collect button batteries used in watches, hearing aids, etc. Inquire at individual stores for details.

Please visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for Household Hazardous Waste Collection days.

Batteries Plus

15611 S. Helmer Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-965-6733
(charge possible based on number)

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8336
(rechargeable batteries only)

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

Lowe's

6122 B Dr. N., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 296-979-5500
(rechargeable batteries only)

Household Goods

Goodwill Donation Centers

www.goodwill.org

Salvation Army

294 Highland Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-964-4151

There's Enough

413 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-282-9431



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, which contain potentially hazardous ingredients, require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of

these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

Some examples of HHW include:

- oil-based paint
- fuels (must be in approved container)
- solvents
- acids
- bases
- pesticides
- household cleaners
- metallic mercury
- sharps (must be in a rigid container)
- household batteries
- fluorescent light bulbs
- smoke detectors
- motor oil
- antifreeze
- propane cylinders (1 lb. style)
- fire extinguishers
- aerosol cans
- PCB-containing lamp ballasts

Key words to look for include:

Some key words to look for are "warning", "caution", "flammable", "toxic", and "poison". Household hazardous waste (HHW) is typically stored in garages and basements but also other areas of the home.

What can you do to reduce HHW?

- Use "home recipes" (see page 19) rather than toxic products whenever possible.
- Buy multipurpose rather than individual cleaning products for each type of cleaning job.
- Only purchase what you need and use all of what you purchase.
- Use non-toxic products whenever possible
- Choose water based paint, glue, shoe polish and similar products instead of solvent based.
- Donate unwanted paints and other products to theatre groups, schools, or other organizations that may be able to use them.
- Properly dispose of unused portions of household hazardous waste at a local collection site.

Disposing of your HHW

Calhoun County Solid Waste Program Department operates four household hazardous waste collections per year. There is no charge for these collections; however, donations are accepted to help the continuation of this very important

public service. Please contact the **Solid Waste Program** at **269-969-6395**, or visit their website at www.calhouncountymi.gov and/or www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for further information.

These collections are for residential use only.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

or for more information visit
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com.

NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED AT
ANY HHW COLLECTION

Ink & Toner Cartridges

Best Buy

12765 Harper Village Dr., Ste. 160,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8336

Staples

6128 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek MI 49015
..... 269-979-3929

Target Stores – Nationwide

Junk Mail

Register online at www.optoutprescreen.com or call **888-5-OPTOUT (888-567-8688)** to have your name removed from mailing lists and credit offers. Listen & follow the phone prompts.

You can contact the companies directly and request that your name be taken off their mailing list. You can also remove your name and address from most unwanted national mail lists by registering in one location. You can register online, free, at www.DirectMail.com or, call
..... **888-690-2252**

Sweepstakes Notifications: If you do not wish to receive mail from Publisher's Clearinghouse.

Register online at pch.custhelp.com/app/ask_mailing
..... **800-645-9242**

Contact other sweepstakes companies directly.

Light Bulbs

Both fluorescent lights (CFLs) and fluorescent tubes can be recycled at HHW collections.

CFLs contain elemental (metallic) mercury, but it is a very small amount—an average of 5 milligrams—sealed within the glass tubing. This is equal to the amount that would cover the tip of a ballpoint pen. By comparison, older thermometers contain about 500 milligrams of mercury. It would take 100 CFLs to equal that amount. More information can be found here: <http://www.epa.gov/mercury>.

We are often asked how CFLs can be so good for the environment when they contain mercury. The answer is that coal-burning power plants are a large source of mercury emissions to the air in the United States, accounting for over 50 percent of all domestic human-caused mercury emissions (Source: 2005 National Emissions Inventory). Mercury is naturally occurring in coal. When coal is burned, mercury is released into the environment. The more energy we consume, the more mercury is emitted from these coal-burning power plants. So using CFLs means using less electricity, less coal which results in lower mercury emissions.

The Pocketbook

Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFLs is an effective, accessible change every American can make right now to reduce energy use at home, resulting in lower electric bills. Lighting accounts for close to 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. High quality CFLs (ENERGY STAR approved) use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent light bulbs. CFLs also last up to 10 times longer than incandescent light bulbs.

Energy Star—Bulbs That Last Longer

To get the most life out of your bulbs, make sure they are ENERGY STAR approved and that they are placed in areas of your home where lights are lit for many hours—typically the kitchen, living

room, recreation room and outdoors. If using with a dimmer switch, select a bulb that is specifically designed for this purpose. Using a regular CFL with a dimmer may shorten bulb life. Frequent switching on and off will also shorten the bulb's life so they are typically not good candidates for areas such as closets.

Light Quality

Due to much better phosphor mixing (the white coating inside the glass tubes) CFLs now have excellent color rendering. They also come in a range of kelvin temperatures (K) from warm yellow (2700K) to bright daylight (5000K) and several in between.

A 3000 K bulb is a good choice for a kitchen, bathroom or workroom, but many people prefer warmer tones for their living and dining rooms. You can now find CF bulbs in warm colors similar to incandescent bulbs—look for a color temperature of 2700K on the package.

We are still hearing concerns about bluish, pinkish or greenish light hues and shorter than expected life span. Make sure you buy CF bulbs with the Energy Star label for best quality.

Please visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for Household Hazardous Waste Collection days and disposal information.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

Lowe's

6122 B Dr. N., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 296-979-5500

Menard's

12765 Harper Village Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-8567

Mercury Thermostats

Many old thermostats contain mercury switches, which according to the Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) contain approximately 3 grams of mercury per thermostat. The improper disposal of mercury thermostats results in about 8% of the mercury released in the U.S., equal to 9.6 tons.

In its elemental form, mercury exposure can cause symptoms such as tremors, insomnia, weakness, muscle atrophy, and migraine headaches. However if released into the environment, this elemental mercury can be transformed into a much more dangerous form called methyl mercury. Methyl mercury exposure is extremely harmful to fetuses, infants and children and has been linked to birth defects as well as impaired brain and nervous system development (source U.S. EPA).

HHW collections, call **269-969-6395** or visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for dates.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49068
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)

Packing Peanuts

Pak Mail

30 East Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-660-1985
Also accepts non-popped packing air pillows and bubble wrap, and brown packing paper. Does not accept Styrofoam sheets or formed Styrofoam inserts.

UPS Store

5420 A Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-3388

Paint

Latex Paint is the safest paint to use, since it is water-based. It cleans up easily with water so there's no need for toxic thinners. Choose latex paint whenever possible. Purchase only the quantity needed and use the product as it was intended to be used. Use up all the paint whenever possible. Oil based paint can be taken

to a HHW Collection, please see that section of this guide on page 11 for more information.

Latex Paint Disposal Tips

Allow the paint to dry completely. Find an area that is protected from children, pets and rain, but a place with good air flow. Remove the lid and allow liquids to evaporate. Dried out latex paint can be thrown away with the regular trash. Leave the lid off and make sure it is completely solid before throwing the can away with your regular trash.

For Faster Drying of Latex paint

- Stir the paint occasionally to break the surface scum, for better evaporation.
- Mix in equal amounts of an absorbent material, such as cat litter, sawdust, soil, sand, or charcoal and allow the mixture to dry.
- Pour thin layers (about an inch) into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow to dry on layer at a time until all the paint is dried.
- Paint that has separated and cannot be mixed, pour off clear liquids on top into a plastic lined cardboard box, mix with equal amounts of absorbent material and allow to dry.
- Paint excess amounts of paint on cardboard or newspaper to use it up.
- Apply another coat of paint to the surface for which you bought the paint.

IMPORTANT

- DO NOT dump paint on the ground or down storm drains, where it can travel directly to surface or ground water.
- DO NOT pour paint down the drain. Septic systems and wastewater treatment plants can safely handle small amounts of latex paint only, so limit this to paint brush cleaning and general clean-up.
- DO NOT throw liquid paint in the trash.

Please visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com for Household Hazardous Waste Collection days.

ePaint Recycling, LLC

551 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI
..... 269-760-8143
epaintrecycling.com
(latex only)

Kalamazoo County Household

Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)
(oil based only)

Paint Recycling Services

..... 269-224-2814

Paper/Cardboard/ Newspaper/Catalogs/ Magazines/Phonebooks

Calhoun Co. Drop Off Locations

www.calhouncountyrecycling.com

Albion Recycling Center

216 N. Eaton St., Albion, MI 49224
Monday 9a–12p, Wednesday 10a–6p,
and 1st Saturday 9a–12p
..... 269-969-6395

Marshall Recycling Center

13300 15 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068
Tuesday and Thursday 10a–6p and
3rd Saturday 9a–12p
..... 269-969-6395

Clarence Township

27052 R Drive N., Albion, MI 49224
3rd weekend of the month
..... 269-969-6395

C&C Landfill Recycling Center

14800 P Drive N., Marshall, MI 49068
Monday – Friday 7a–4:30p, Saturday 7a–12p
..... 269-969-6395
(requires card available at municipal offices
for free recycling)

GFL (24/7 drop-off)

15160 6 1/2 Mile Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-963-0082

UPS Store

5420 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-3388
(paper shredding cost per pound)

Waste Management

4547 Wayne Rd., Springfield, MI 49037

..... 800-797-9018
(City of Battle Creek and Springfield residents only)

Paper Shredding

Staples

6128 Beckley Dr. N., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-3929
(\$1 per pound)

UPS Store

5420 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-979-3388
(\$.69 per pound)

Pesticides

The Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center does participate in the state's Clean Sweep program and is able to accept pesticides, herbicides and fungicides from any end user of pesticides such as greenhouses, farms and golf courses in the state of Michigan. Please note - Clean Sweep does not cover spreader stickers or fertilizers that are not part of a pesticide formulation.

Pesticides are collected free of charge through the Clean Sweep Program which is located at:

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm

For household hazardous waste collection dates
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com.

Pharmaceuticals

Please visit the following websites for further information on drug take back days or call **269-969-6395** with any questions.

www.calhouncountyrecycling.com
for Household Hazardous Waste Collection days.

Calhoun County

Substance Abuse Council

190 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-968-4699
www.drugfreebc.org

Drug Enforcement Agency

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

Red Med Box Locations

Battle Creek Police Dept

20 N Divison, Battle Creek, MI
..... 269-966-3323
24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

Calhoun County Sheriff

Department – Justice Complex

161 E Michigan, Battle Creek, MI
..... 269-969-6424
Monday–Friday 8a–5p

Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

617 Cliff St., Battle Creek, MI
..... 269-968-9303
Monday–Friday 8a–5p

Calhoun County Sheriff Office-Homer Police Department

130 E Main, Homer
..... 517-568-4312
Monday–Friday 8a–5p

Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center

714 Old US 27 N, Marshall, MI
..... 269-781-0880 or 269-558-0520
Monday–Friday 8a–5p

Calhoun County Sheriff Office–Springfield

601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI
..... 269-965-7795
Monday–Thursday 8a–5p Fridays 8a–12p

Bronson Outpatient Pharmacy

363 Fremont, Suite 111, Battle Creek, MI
..... 269-245-8646
Monday–Friday 9a–5:30p

NHBP Tribal Police Department

Pine Creek Indian Reservation

2221 1 1/2 Mile Rd, Fulton, MI
..... 269-704-8420
Monday–Friday 9a–5p

Pharmacies – Take Back Program

Hemmingsen Drug Store

132 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-781-3411

Meijer

2191 W. Columbia, Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-966-0310

6405 B Dr. N, Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-979-6610

- Available during pharmacy hours only
- Prescriptions, controlled substances, and over-the-counter medication
- No inhalers, no needles, no iodine

Walgreens

50 W. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-969-9500

- Prescriptions, ointments, patches, lotions, liquids, over-the-counter, pet medications, vitamins
- No inhalers, needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans

Plastic Bags

Reuse plastic bags whenever possible. Some options for reuse are:

- Donate them to a preschool or day care that can use them.
- Use them on your dog walk to pick up waste or for cleaning out kitty litter.
- Reuse them for trash can liners.
- Garage sale.

Kohls – Statewide

Meijer Stores – Statewide

Target – Nationwide

Walmart – Statewide

See store display for more detailed information at stores listed above.



Plastics/Cans/ Glass Bottles & Jars

Michigan Bottle Bill

Michigan is one of 11 states with a beverage container deposit law. Only “beverage containers” require a deposit and can be redeemed. The law states that a beverage means a “soft drink, soda water, carbonated natural mineral water, or other non-alcoholic carbonated drinks; beer; ale, or other malt drink of whatever alcoholic content; or a mixed wine drink or a mixed spirit drink.” Bringing beverage containers from out of state on which no deposit was paid in Michigan for the purpose of collecting a deposit on the containers is illegal. More information about the Michigan Bottle Bill can be found by searching “Bottle Bill” at the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) website, www.michigan.gov.

Recyclers need clean and empty containers in order to sell the materials to the end use manufactures who go on to make products from the recycled materials. Please empty, rinse and dry all of your plastics, cans, and glass bottles/jars.

Calhoun Co. Drop Off Locations

www.calhouncountyrecycling.com/recycling

Albion Recycling Center

216 N. Eaton St., Albion, MI 49224
Monday 9a–12p, Wednesday 10a–6p,
and 1st Saturday 9a–12p

..... 269-969-6395
(no colored glass)

Marshall Recycling Center

13300 15 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068

Tuesday and Thursday 10a–6p and
3rd Saturday 9a–12p
..... 269-969-6395
(no colored glass)

Clarence Township
27052 R Drive N., Albion, MI 49224
3rd weekend of the month
..... 269-969-6395

C&C Landfill Recycling Center
14800 P Drive N., Marshall, MI 49068
Monday – Friday 7a–4:30p, Saturday 7a–12p
..... 269-781-9742
*(requires card available at municipal offices
for free recycling)*

GFL (24/7 drop-off)
15160 6 1/2 Mile Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-963-0082
(tin cans only, no plastic or glass)

Waste Management
4547 Wayne Rd., Springfield, MI 49037
..... 800-797-9018
*(City of Battle Creek and Springfield
residents only)*

Polystyrene

For special collection events visit
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com.

Albion Recycling Center
216 N. Eaton St., Albion, MI 49224
Monday 9a–12p, Wednesday 10a–6p,
and 1st Saturday 9a–12p
..... 269-969-6395

Marshall Recycling Center
13300 15 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068
Tuesday and Thursday 10a–6p and
3rd Saturday 9a–12p
..... 269-969-6395

Propane Tanks

HHW collection events (1 lb. cylinders).
For more information, call **269-969-6395** or visit
www.calhouncountyrecycling.com.

Blue Rhino Exchange Program
Found at most grocery stores and gas stations.

[www.bluerhino.com/BRWEB/Tank-Exchange/
Find-a-Rhino-Location.aspx](http://www.bluerhino.com/BRWEB/Tank-Exchange/Find-a-Rhino-Location.aspx)

**Kalamazoo County Household
Hazardous Waste Center**
1301 Lamont Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
..... 269-373-5211
www.kalcounty.com/hhw/index.htm
(residential only, fees will apply)
1Lb Cylinders Only! No Grill Tanks

Recycling Service (Curbside)

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

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

Refrigeration (Freon Removal)

Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air
conditioners contain freon, a chemical that can
harm the environment if released. Freon must be
removed before recycling can take place.

Soule's Appliance
797 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017
..... 269-964-3461
(freon removal free – drop off only)

Ted's Appliance
514 W. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49015
..... 269-963-0607
*(fee \$30 per unit, unit pickup available
– call for pricing)*

Calhoun County Solid Waste Program has one
appliance collection a year (Recyclerama), please
visit www.calhouncountyrecycling.com
or call **269-969-6395** for more information.

Scrap Metal

Franklin Iron and Metal
120 South Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014
..... 269-968-6111

Sharps Disposal – Drop-off

and Mail Back Programs

HHW collection events. Call **269-969-6395** or visit **www.calhouncountyrecycling.com** for more information.

Drug & Lab Disposal

331 Broad St., Plainwell, MI 49080
..... 800-685-9824

Republic Services Sharps Needle Disposal Mail Back Service

www.republicsharps.com

Waste Management – Medical Waste Services

..... 866-803-7561
<https://www.wm.com/store/catalog/residential/recycle-by-mail-for-home/syringes-and-lancets>

Sharps must be in approved sharps containers; these can be purchased at any retail pharmacy.

Smoke Detectors

Instructions for proper installation, handling, and disposal of smoke detectors are found on the package. Smoke detectors have a limited life span, usually around 10 years.

Smoke detector companies will accept returned detectors for proper disposal. Check for an address on the back of the detector case, on the box it came in, or in the instruction booklet.

Two companies that make a vast majority of smoke detectors and sell them under different brand names are:

American Sensors 800-387-4219
First Alert Corporation 800-823-9005

If no contact information is found on your detector, check with these companies to see if they will accept used detectors for recycling or disposal.

HHW Collection Events

Call **269-969-6395** or visit **www.calhouncountyrecycling.com** for more information.

Tires

Extend the life of your tires: keep them inflated to the proper level, avoid squealing tires, drive the speed limit, and keep tires properly balanced and rotated. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

When it is time to replace tires, consider purchasing retreaded tires, which will increase the market for the reuse of tires and limit the amount of disposed tires.

Piles of unused tires may hold water and become mosquito breeding grounds which can increase the spread of harmful diseases. They can also be a fire hazard. Once ignited, they burn uncontrollably at very hot temperatures and produce black smoke and hazardous, oily residue.

The following companies collect tires from the public, but this is not the final step in disposal. Used tires can be retread, burned as fuel, or ground up into crumb rubber and used in place of asphalt.

Deerpath Recyclers

56625 Wood House Dr., Dowagiac, MI 49047
..... 269-782-7232
(charge)

Huffman Rubber

7510 - 25 1/2 Mile Rd., Homer, MI 49245
..... 517-568-3353
(charge)

Contact local tire dealers for their disposal fees.

The Calhoun County Solid Waste Program

holds three scrap tire collections a year. Check **www.calhouncountyrecycling.com** for event dates. The City of Battle Creek also offers scrap tire collections dates for their residents.

Yard Waste

YARD WASTE ONLY

Akers Wood Products

1124 River Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037
..... 269-962-3802

Municipal Compost Centers City of Albion Tree Dump

1000 Brownwood Dr., Albion, MI 49224
..... 517-629-7200
(open to city residents only)

City of Battle Creek – Brice Pit

715 River Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037
..... 269-966-3507
(open to city residents only)

City of Marshall Compost Center

619 Homer Rd., Marshall, MI 49068
..... 269-781-3985
(open to city residents only)

Waste Management

4547 Wayne Rd., Springfield, MI 49037
..... 800-797-9018
(Battle Creek/City of Springfield curbside –
yard waste only/City residents only)

Notes

Below is a list of simple, money-saving solutions for cleaning your home. Package your cleaners in a reusable container to reduce your waste. List of cleaners follows:

General Household Cleaner

1/4 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup borax, 1/2 cup vinegar, 1 gallon of water. Mix together and use in spray bottle, or dunk a cloth in a bucket of cleaner for large jobs.

Glass Cleaner

Mix 2 teaspoons of vinegar with 1 quart of warm water. Put the ingredients into a spray bottle and shake it up a bit. Spray on windows and rub dry with newspaper to avoid streaking.

Drain Cleaner

Mix 1/4 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup vinegar and 2 quarts boiling water. Pour baking soda down drain and then pour vinegar down drain. Cover drain and let sit for 15 minutes. Follow with boiling water.

Sink Tub & Tile Cleaner

1 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup liquid castile soap, 5–10 drops of antibacterial essential oil, such as lavender, tea tree or rosemary (optional). Pour baking soda into a medium size bowl. Add soap a little at a time, sitting continuously, until our mixture has begun to resemble frosting. Mix in drops of essential oil. Store in air tight jar for up to a year.

Source Information: Facts, tips and general recycling information were compiled through various sources including, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center websites, the Van Buren County Recycling Guide, and the Berrien County Recycling Guide.




Your resource to helping keep our earth clean.

For additional information about recycling, please contact:
Calhoun County Solid Waste Program
315 W. Green Street
Marshall, MI 49068
p 269-969-6395
www.calhouncountyclerycling.com

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.

Funding for Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Programs is received by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners from the Solid Waste Management Fund, which is generated through an agreement between Calhoun County and the C&C Landfill/Republic Services.



Like us on 

Printed on recycled paper