

RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event – August 10, 2017

Grand Traverse County, MI (July 27, 2017) -- Common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to people and the environment. *The RecycleSmart HHW Events provide a safe disposal solution!*



Why is it dangerous to improperly dispose of our household hazardous products?

- When thrown in the regular trash, household hazardous waste can injure sanitation workers and can end up in landfills not intended or permitted for those type of wastes. This could impact groundwater.
- When poured on the ground, household hazardous waste may seep into and contaminate our groundwater or the lakes where we swim.
- When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste interferes with the biological treatment process by killing bacteria in your septic system. Wastewater treatment plants are also not equipped to handle hazardous waste that goes through sewage systems.
- When hazardous waste is thrown on the street, it goes down storm drains that lead to our waterways, impacting our lakes and beaches.

The next Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event is scheduled for Thursday August 10, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm. *This is the last event for the summer season.*

Appointments are required and can be made by using the online scheduling system at www.RecycleSmart.info or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555.

Grand Traverse County residents may dispose of 150 pounds of hazardous materials at no charge. A \$1.30/pound fee will be charged for quantities greater than 150 pounds.

Small businesses, organizations and schools may qualify to dispose of hazardous waste at the Grand Traverse County HHW events. Please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555 to register and make an appointment as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG).

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