



# RecycleSmart

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***Schedule Your Appointment***  
***This is the last HHW event for 2017***

**Household Hazardous Waste Event**  
**Saturday October 14**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**



## RESIDENTS

Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made:

1. Online using the scheduling system at [www.recyclesmart.info](http://www.recyclesmart.info)
2. By calling the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

## NON-RESIDENTS (businesses, organizations, schools, etc.)

1. Download the [2017 CESQG Registration and Certification](#) form.
2. Download the [2017 CESQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#).
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. (**CESQGs are NOT allowed to make an online appointment**).
4. Not sure if you are a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

**What can you bring to a Household Hazardous Waste event? Click [here](#).**

Click [here](#) for more information about proper paint disposal.

## Mattress Recycling

Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) accepts old mattresses and box springs for recycling.

Mattresses need to be dry, intact, and have no signs of bed bugs. Some light staining is okay but darker brown stains will not be accepted.



## Bay Area Recycling for Charities - New Traverse City Location

BARC is now located in the EPI Building with EmbroidMe  
1567 S. Airport Road, Door H  
Traverse City 49686  
(Go to the back of the building at Door H & Overhead Door 7)  
(231) 632-2272  
info@mybarc.org  
<http://mybarc.org/mattress-recycling/>

Costs: \$20 for each mattress or box spring, no matter the size.  
Drop off Service: Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm. No Weekend Dropoffs.  
Pick up Service: For a \$30 - \$50 fee BARC will pick up old mattresses & box springs for individuals within the 6 county area of Northern Michigan (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee).  
Call (231) 632-2272 to schedule a pick up.

Mattresses should be stored either indoors or off the ground, under a tarp, prior to drop off.

## What's Recycled from A Mattress?

BARC is able to recycle about 95% of a mattress.  
Here's how:

- The steel is baled and stays within Michigan to be made into new steel products.
- The foam, quilt cover, cotton and other fabrics are shipped to California for use in carpet padding, industrial absorbents and insulation.
- The wood is ground up and mixed in with compost or sold as kindling wood.




BARC processes 500 mattresses a week from as far as Ohio and Wisconsin.

Not much is wasted from a mattress at all! For every 12,500 mattresses, BARC produces only a semi load of contaminated quilt. So overall, only about 4% goes to the landfill.

**Take It Back Directory**

Residents of Grand Traverse County...Learn where and how to reuse, recycle, compost or properly dispose of just about anything with the new, easy to use format for the RecycleSmart Take It Back Recycling Directory.




Take It Back Directory

Need Help?

← Back Batteries - Household (Disposable) Type an item

There is no curbside collection of this item.  
"Household batteries" or "disposable batteries" are the small portable batteries used daily by most people in devices such as radios, toys, flashlights and lanterns, games, watches, calculators, hearing aids, cameras, telephones and other communications devices, but do not include the larger batteries used in motor vehicles, commercial and industrial, military and other applications. They are called "dry cell batteries" because they contain no freestanding bodies or pools of liquid electrolyte.



Drop-off - Batteries - Household

Please contact the participating locations to inquire for business hours.

## Not Sure What To Do With Your Stuff?

Use the RecycleSmart Take-It-Back Recycling Directory to learn where to reuse, recycle, return, compost, donate or throw away your unwanted items.

Visit the [RecycleSmart Take It Back Directory](#).

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