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CLEAN UP AND GREEN UP RECYCLING EVENT RETURNS ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 MGC hits a home run with new location for free community-wide recycle event

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019: The Traverse City Pit Spitters step up to the plate to offer their grounds at 333 Stadium Drive in Traverse City to the Michigan Green Consortium for hosting the fall 2019 Clean Up Green Up on Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 9am until 3pm. The annual community-wide recycle, repurpose and reuse event provides locals an opportunity to divert, from their waste stream items which have salvageable components or further use, and bring them to a central collection point for proper recommissioning and subsequent repurposing. The Clean Up and Green Up event is free for residents of Grand Traverse county and neighboring counties, alike.

The Clean Up Green Up event focuses on collecting items which are difficult or costly to recycle or are not accepted through curbside recycling programs. Nineteen area companies and organizations are on deck to join the Michigan Green Consortium to divert hundreds of thousands of pounds of items which might be otherwise destined to local area landfills.

In Station 1 Home Depot accepts residential fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, LED light bulbs and power tool batteries. Grand Traverse County in Station 2 accepts alkaline batteries and NiCad batteries. Make-up applicators and mascara wands are collected in Station 3 by the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge who sanitize them and use them in cleaning animals rescued from oil

spills. In Station 4 Evola Music recycles musical instruments of all types. Northwoods Office Express is next up in Station 5 to take in packing materials, bubble wrap, Styrofoam peanuts, and ink and toner cartridges, while Blue Vase Books from Interlochen, new to the event this fall, are in Station 6 and repurpose all types of books, audio books, puzzles, board games, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records. Clean reusable building materials are repurposed by Odom Reusable Building Materials in Station 7 and all types of sign materials, whether commercial, neon, backlit, realtors' or road signs are accepted by Image 360 in Station 8.

Roy's General Store repurposes go karts, minibikes patio heaters and any outdoor lawn or yard gas-powered equipment in Station 9. ReStore, located in Station 10, takes a whole range of items - dryers & washers (working) outdoor furniture, clean plastic grocery & shopping bags and clean and resalable upholstered furniture, to name just a few.

Clothing, accessories, linens, craft supplies, housewares and household appliances are just some of the many items which Goodwill accepts in Station 11. Three area utility companies, Consumers Energy in Station 12, TCL&P in Station 13 and Cherryland Electric in Station 14 collect air conditioners, dehumidifiers, fridges and freezers, to decommission them responsibly and recycle any salvageable components. Patrons are encouraged to bring a copy of their bill because qualifying items carry rebates of \$15 to \$50 respectively. Steel, ferrous & nonferrous articles, bikes, BBQs, and large appliances at the end of their useful life and anything constructed from metal are taken in by Padnos in Station 15.

eRecycleTC and Bay Area Recycling for Charities collaborate once again in Stations 16 and 17 to recycle and repurpose a host of electronic computer items and peripherals, cell phones and cameras. Television sets, computer monitors, mattresses and box springs are accepted for a nominal third-party cost of \$10.00 per unit in Station 17. The first 50 mattresses or box springs recycled at Station 17 will be collected at no charge thanks to the support from local area partner and sponsor, Curries Furniture.

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Grand Traverse County is positioned in Station 18 to perform a collection of auto and light truck tires, while Team Elmer's brings up the rear in Station 19 with a roll-off container, into which residents may deposit asphalt, ceramic pieces, clay pots, concrete & concrete blocks.

There are some items which are NOT accepted at the fall 2019 event and details of those specific items are offered on the Consortium's event website, www.cleanupgreenup.com. That list comprises, primarily, curbside recycling items, items with no recyclable content and items properly classified as waste - Household Hazardous Waste, for example, has no recyclable content and calls simply for proper and responsible disposal.

Michigan Green Consortium reminds residents to consult the Clean Up Green Up Facebook page or event-related website for specific details on the items that will be collected at the September 29th event. A sitemap, available for download, helps residents load their vehicles so that unloading is efficient – a feature vital to a smooth event. For full information on the Clean Up and Green Up event, visit www.cleanupgreenup.com, or the event page on Facebook.

Clean Up Green Up is created, coordinated and hosted by the non-profit organization, Michigan Green Consortium. Michigan Green Consortium is an all-volunteer public charity, declared tax-exempt under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Established in 2008, Michigan Green Consortium's mission is to foster the general knowledge of sustainable practices and to promote the application of sound environmental stewardship through education and community events designed to lessen the burden on government.

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