



## Press Release

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### RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Dates Announced

Grand Traverse County, MI (March 24, 2016) -- Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to humans and the environment. These items, called household hazardous waste (HHW), will be accepted for safe disposal through the Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart program. Grand Traverse County residents may bring up to 150 pounds of material at no cost to any of five events scheduled in 2016. The cost for excess HHW is \$1.30 per pound.

HHW drop-off events are by appointment only and will be held from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm on the following Thursdays: April 21, May 12, June 23 and August 25. One Saturday drop-off event will be held on October 1 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**Appointments are required** for all of the household hazardous waste collection events and can be made beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> by using the online scheduling system at [www.RecycleSmart.info](http://www.RecycleSmart.info) or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555. The HHW drop-off location will be provided upon appointment confirmation.

Household hazardous waste products should be handled with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off event. Keep products in original containers and don't mix products together. Keep containers tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright, stable position. Transport HHW as far away as possible from you in your vehicle, such as in the bed of a pickup or car trunk.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, latex paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and more.

Small businesses, organizations and schools may qualify to dispose of HHW at a drop-off event. Visit [RecycleSmart.info](http://RecycleSmart.info) for details about Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) specifications.

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