



Tri-Community Recycling Committee Household Hazardous Waste Day Spring Collection Event Guidance Sheet Spring 2021

For the first time in 13 years, a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event will be held for residents of the City of Saugatuck, the City of Douglas, and Saugatuck Township. This one-day event will take place on May 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the City of Saugatuck Department of Public Works Building (3338 Bluestar Highway). This community service is made possible through the Tri-Community Recycling Committee and generous support from the City of Saugatuck, the City of Douglas, Saugatuck Township, the Saugatuck Township Fire Department, the Rotary Club of Saugatuck/Douglas/Fennville, and numerous private donors.

This guidance sheet provides examples of the types of materials that will be accepted, fees that will be charged if any, and special guidelines for some items. Any questions, please contact the Tri-Community Recycling committee at glewis@saugatuckcity.com.

Residents **MUST** have an appointment to drop-off HHW items. Sign up to participate at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FADA92BABFD0-household>

Registered participants will be required to drive into the DPW site from the Maple Street entrance (behind the DPW garage). If arriving on Blue Star Highway, turn west on North and south on Maple, or turn west on Old Allegan and then north on Maple. Signs and volunteers will direct vehicles to the proper entrance. **Vehicles will not be able to turn into the DPW site directly from Bluestar Highway.**

PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN: Maple Street only!

Please show the individual at this station your Driver's License so they can ensure that you have an appointment. **PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE – free disposal

Resident can drop-off all hazardous waste and automotive fluids for FREE.

EXAMPLES:

- Agricultural and landscaping chemicals such as herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, etc.
- Automotive fluids such as motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, brake fluid, carburetor and fuel injection cleaners, gasoline starter fluids, etc.
- Cleaners and solvents such as drain openers, oven cleaners, metal cleaners and polishes, grease and rust solvents, etc.
- Building/remodeling materials such as paint thinners, oil-based paint, strippers and removers, adhesives, wood preservatives, etc.

- Rechargeable batteries such as Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Lithium, and Small sealed lead batteries, or small “button” batteries as they contain small amounts of mercury and silver.
- Household (alkaline) batteries.
- Compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent lights, PCB light ballasts, transformers, capacitors, electric lamps, etc.
- Spent fuel such as kerosene, propane (cylinders and tanks), etc.
- Unwanted or expired over-the-counter or prescription medications.
- Smoke detectors.
- Other miscellaneous substances such as photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, mercury or mercury-containing items, and any known or unknown substances that fall into hazardous material classifications such as acids, bases, flammables, oxidizers, halogenated/non-halogenated solvents; aqueous liquids,; liquids containing heavy metals, cyanide, sulfide, and other chemicals that may be corrosive.

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC WASTE – free disposal

Resident can bring most electronic items for *FREE*. Some items may require a fee. (See “fee required” items below.)

Computer peripherals, e.g., CPUs, printers, scanners, laptop, projector, etc. *FREE!*

Other consumer electronics, e.g., fax machines, desktop copiers, audio/stereo equipment, VCR, DVD, cell phone and other telecommunications devices, video camera, etc. *FREE!*

HOUSEHOLD & ELECTRONIC HAZARDOUS WASTE – fee required

We will collect the fees for the following items:

Televisions - \$10/each – any size

Computer monitors = \$10/each – any size

Car batteries - \$20/each

Small a/c unit (containing freon) - \$10/each

Dehumidifiers (containing freon) - \$10/each

TVs - \$10/each

Computer monitors - \$10/each

DO NOT BRING LIST:

- Latex paint. Latex paint is water based, which means it is not hazardous. It is not accepted through this program in order to control costs as it can be donated or landfilled. For usable paint in quantities of 1 gallon or more, consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity. It can be disposed of with household waste as long as it is completely dried out. Recommended drying methods are to simply remove the lid and let the can sit. To speed up drying time, mix cat litter, saw dust or pour paint into a box with either material. Once the paint is dry, throw everything out with household trash.
- Acrylic paint
- Major appliances – no LARGE appliances please
- Microwave ovens
- Large air conditioners
- Kitchen items - such as blenders, toasters, bread makers, etc.
- Radioactive material
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Tires

- Asphalt
- Ceiling tiles
- Roofing shingles
- Building supplies
- Trash
- Debris

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To donate: Donations to help subsidize this event are gladly accepted at:

- Venmo at @hhwday2021
- PayPal <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8y7LCkwQ1j>
- Or via the event signup link (above)

To volunteer day-of (e.g., traffic control, direction providers):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FADA92BABFD0-hhwday>

Note: volunteers WILL NOT touch nor remove any materials in/from vehicles. We're just happy, smiling faces that morning!