



# RecycleSmart

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## May Household Hazardous Waste Event

*Thursday May 10, 2018 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm*

### RESIDENTS

Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made NOW by using the online scheduling system at [www.recyclesmart.info](http://www.recyclesmart.info) or by calling the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555.

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

Visit our [website](http://www.recyclesmart.info) to download the forms necessary to participate in the HHW event.

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event? [Click here](#)



So much fun  
was had at the  
2nd Annual  
RecycleSmart  
Earth Day Event  
at Twin Lakes  
Park!





**A big thank you to all our Earth Day Partners for joining us on April 22 at Twin Lakes Park. Because of you, our second annual Earth Day event was a huge success!**

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Northwest Michigan](#)  
[Jack Pine TC \(Band\)](#)  
[Plant It Wild](#)  
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## Proper Sharps Disposal

Sharps are safest when placed in an FDA approved container. If one is not available, you can make one from an empty household container.

The container should have these characteristics:

- Made from sturdy, rigid plastic (example: used laundry detergent bottle)
- Does not tip over
- Has a cap that does not puncture easily
- Does not have any leaks

When the container is 3/4 the way full, place the cap on it and tape it shut. Write on the outside "SHARPS". Bring your container to any of our Household Hazardous Waste events.

***Sharps containers should NEVER go in your curbside recycling bin or any of the drop off recycling locations.*** Used sharps and the containers that contain them are **NOT** recyclable.

If you are unable to bring them to a HHW event they can be placed in your curbside garbage.

For more information on disposing of sharps, please visit the following websites: [safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org), [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality](#), or [US FDA](#).

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## International Compost Awareness Week is May 6-12

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. It is celebrated nationwide and in other countries each year during the first full week of May. Started in Canada in 1995,

ICAW has continued to grow as more people, businesses, municipalities, schools and organizations are recognizing the importance of composting and the long-term benefits from organics recycling.

The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality and protect the environment. The program includes a poster contest, programs at schools and activities and events promoted through governments, public municipalities and local businesses nationwide.

For more information visit the Compost Foundation [here](#).



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## **GOT STUFF?** *Not Sure What To Do With It?*

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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