

January 2019

### **Budget bill with funding for recycling signed**

- The budget deal will create a \$69 million "Renew Michigan" program. Under the deal, \$45 million each year will flow to toxic cleanups, and \$24 million would go to recycling and landfill oversight with the goal of boosting Michigan's recycling rate. [Read More](#)

### **Addressing the global plastic waste crisis**

- Industry experts gathered at a roundtable hosted by The Atlantic to discuss the possible solutions for combating the ever-growing plastic waste problem. Topics included using less plastic or recycled plastic in products, trying to remove the ample amount of plastic in the waterways, and China's National Sword policy. [Read More](#)

### **Christmas Tree Recycling!**

**Have questions about where to recycle an item?**

**Click on the Take it Back Logo and you will be magically transported to the Take it Back Directory!**



If you are unable to find a solution on the directory, please contact the Resource Recovery Department and we'll be sure to help you out!



### **Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program**

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City](#) or the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr. in Traverse City](#) during their normal hours of operation.

The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC.

Please contact the Resource Recovery Department

**158,654 lbs. of Household  
Hazardous Waste were collected  
from Grand Traverse County  
Residents in 2018!**



### 2019 HHW Event Schedule

Thursday, May 9 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 20 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 8 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 28th - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**\*\*\*Appointments will not be accepted until  
approximately one month before each event.\*\*\***

#### **RESIDENTS**

- Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made by:
- Using the online scheduling system at [HHW Sign Up Page](#)
- Or, if internet access is not an option, please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

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

1. Download the [2018 VSQG Registration and Certification form](#).
2. Download the [2018 VSQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#).
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. (VSQGs are NOT allowed to make an online appointment).
4. Not sure if you are a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

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

**[Drop Off Battery Recycling](#)**

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations. Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

Building / Location	Address
Acme Township Hall	<a href="#">6042 Acme Road Williamsburg, MI 49690</a>
Blair Township Hall	<a href="#">2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637</a>
City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building	<a href="#">400 Boardman Avenue Traverse City, MI 49684</a>
Civic Center	<a href="#">1213 W Civic Center Drive Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Fife Lake True Value	<a href="#">119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633</a>
Grand Traverse County Public Service Building	<a href="#">2650 LaFranier Road Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Metro Emergency Services Building	<a href="#">897 Parson Road Traverse City, MI 49686</a>
Traverse City Fire Department	<a href="#">500 W Front Street Traverse City, MI 49684</a>
Whitewater Township Hall	<a href="#">5777 Vinton Road Williamsburg, MI 49690</a>



Watch this short video on battery recycling.

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