



Clinton County Department of Waste Management Clean Community Collection Event *Materials Guidance Sheet*

The following provides specific examples of the types of materials collected at Clinton County's Clean Community Events, as well as the fees assessed on some items. This Guidance Sheet is not intended to be exhaustive of all of the materials accepted, but to provide some examples of common items associated with each category of material collected. For more information contact the Department of Waste Management at 989-224-5186 or 5177 or send your inquiry to waste@clinton-county.org.

RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents and Farmers can drop-off all hazardous wastes and automotive fluids for FREE. Fees are assessed on business waste according to vendor charges to the County, which vary for each material, but are less than those charged by the private sector. Motor oil and antifreeze are free of charge.

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.

DO NOT BRING LIST:

- **Car and lawn mower batteries.** These are called lead acid batteries and they can not be landfilled, but can be returned to any service station or retail establishment that sells them as the law requires any seller of automotive batteries to accept them back from consumers. A small fee of \$3 to \$5 is usually charged. However Bee's Sports in St. Johns will accept lead acid batteries for free. They are located at 3128 S. BR 127, call for details 989-224-3201. Bee's is open on Saturdays during the collection event.
- **Latex paint.** Latex paint is water based, which means it isn't hazardous and can't be accepted through this program. It can be disposed of with household waste as long as it is completely dry. Recommended drying methods are to simply remove the lid and let the can sit. To speed up drying time, mix in cat litter, saw dust or pour paint into a box with either material. Once the paint is dry, throw everything out with household trash. If the paint is completely dry it can be disposed of with junk items at the Clean Community Events. If there is a fair amount of still useable latex paint to dispose of, consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity in Lansing 517-374-6235.

RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ELECTRONIC WASTE

Fees are assessed on small business waste at \$.25 per pound of material; Residents can bring two items in for FREE, each additional item is \$5.00. A complete computer system is considered two items (monitor, CPU, printer/scanner, keyboard, etc.)

EXAMPLES:

- Televisions.
- Computer monitors.
- Computer peripherals, e.g. CPUs, printers, scanners, laptop, projector, etc.
- Other consumer electronics, e.g. fax machines, desktop copiers, audio/stereo equipment, VCR, DVD, cell phone and other telecommunication devices, video camera, etc.

DO NOT RECYCLE WITH ELECTRONICS:

- Air conditioners (*to appliance Freon-removal*).
- Microwave ovens (*junk if plastic, scrap metal if metal*).
- Major appliances (*scrap metal or appliance Freon-removal area*).
- Kitchen items such as blenders, toasters, bread makers, etc. (*junk*).
- Anything containing gas or Freon (*propane tanks or gas cylinders go to hazardous waste anything with Freon such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers to Freon-removal*).

JUNK ITEMS

Fees are assessed at \$10.00 for every three cubic feet of material, which is roughly half of a pickup truck bed or \$20 for a full truck load.

EXAMPLES:

- Any appliance that does not contain Freon or large amounts of metal, such as dishwashers or humidifiers should be put into junk roll-offs.
- Furniture, carpeting, dishwashers, newer plastic microwaves, etc.

- Household generated waste including bagged waste.
- Rubble, concrete, brick, windows, etc.
- Construction and demolition debris such as lumber, windows, drywall, etc.

SCRAP METAL ITEMS AND FREON-CONTAINING APPLIANCES

Fees are assessed at \$10.00 per Freon-containing appliance. All dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must be checked by a technician and will incur a \$10 fee. Drop-off of all other appliances and scrap metal items is FREE.

EXAMPLES:

- Major appliances for scrap metal include stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, water softeners (if metal on outside), water tanks, older metal microwaves, etc.
- Generally household metal bulky items may include small metal sheds, swimming pools, garage doors, screen doors, outdoor furniture, fenders, hoods of cars, engines, transmissions, rear axles, etc.
- Any appliance containing Freon must be dropped off in the appliance area and NOT the scrap metal area.
- Any propane or gas cylinders or tanks should go to the hazardous waste area.
- Wire or chain link fencing can not be recycled with scrap metal as it damages the vendor's equipment. It should go to the junk station.

TIRES

\$1.00 per car tire (16" rim or smaller); \$5.00 per truck tire (16" to 24" rim); \$15.00 per tractor tire (rim greater than 24" wide); To determine tire size, measure the height of the rim, or open space inside the tire.

ORGANIC WASTES

This is a FREE service for residents. Fees are assessed for businesses at \$5.00 for every three cubic feet of material.

EXAMPLES:

- Acceptable wood and yard debris shall include grass clippings, weeds, leaves, small twigs, prunings, shrub clippings, garden waste materials and fruit, old potting soil, Halloween pumpkins, dirt incidental to minor plantings or edging of lawns, brush, branches, tree trimmings, shrub clippings tied and bundled; and shrubs and bushes with dirt removed from root systems.

REUSABLE CLOTHING, TEXTILES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

This is FREE for residents and businesses. All items are collected by the Volunteers of America and are accepted at their discretion.

- Clothing and textile items do not need to be in wearable or usable condition to donate. Accepted items include old clothing, fabrics, rags, towels, sheets, blankets, linens, draperies/curtains, athletic shoes, purses, handbags and belts.
- Also accepted are: lamps, computers (complete systems in good condition, 2002 and newer), sports equipment, stereo equipment in good working order, televisions and consoles (cable ready and in good condition), tools, dishes, pots & pans, nick nacs, pictures, small household appliances (working only), small

furniture items (coffee tables, lamps, etc.), walkers, wheelchairs, bicycles, toys, books, furniture (no stains, tears or rips), bed frames & headboards, dressers, wooden desks, electric treadmills.

- ***DO NOT BRING LIST***

- o Nothing wet or soiled, nothing with a foul odor
- o Sandals, pump/heels, dress shoes, boots, shoes that light up, metal desks, tires - unless new, mattresses or box springs, waterbeds, bowling balls, car seats, older cribs, gas appliances, gas powered lawn equipment, large appliances of any kind, magazines, encyclopedias, books more than three years old, console stereos or radios, doors.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Aerosol Cans – if full to HAZARDOUS WASTE, if empty to JUNK.

Barrels – Must be free of any residue to be accepted. Prefer to have the top cut out, and crushed if possible. Remove any labels. Go to SCRAP STEEL if made from metal, to JUNK if plastic.

Bed Springs – to JUNK.

Burn Barrels – to JUNK.

Expired Medications – go to HAZARDOUS WASTE

Florescent light fixtures – with ballasts go to HAZARDOUS WASTE, without Ballasts, to SCRAP METAL.

Compact florescent lights - go to HAZARDOUS WASTE

Fuel Oil Tank - Must be free of any residue and cut in half, to JUNK. If the fuel tank is not cut in half, it will not be accepted. Resident's should not cut tanks due to the explosion hazard. Call Bill Bar (517) 372-5548.

Gas Tanks or Cans – Must be free of residue with hole cut into tank, to JUNK. If tank is clean of any residue and cut in half, to SCRAP STEEL. Any small gas cans with gas go to HAZARDOUS WASTE, if empty to JUNK. Small gas cans do not need to have holes cut into them.

Lawn Mowers – Must be free of oil & and gas and drained at least 48 hours, to SCRAP METAL. PLEASE drain fluids, if not drained it can not be accepted.

Liquids – to HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Motors and transmissions – Must have fluids drained and pan removed, to SCRAP METAL. PLEASE drain fluids, it can't be recycled or disposed of with fluids.

Metal paint cans – If free of dried residue to SCRAP METAL, if not to JUNK.

Mufflers & exhaust systems – to SCRAP METAL.

Pressurized Tanks – to HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Steel cable – If cut into 2' pieces or smaller to SCRAP METAL, otherwise to JUNK.

Tire Rims – to SCRAP METAL.

Wire Fencing – to JUNK.

Water Softener Tanks – If fiberglass outside (green or yellow) to JUNK, if metal on outside to SCRAP METAL.