



# THE GARBAGE GUIDE

TO A CLEAN & GREEN COMMUNITY!

## Management Options for Waste & Resources Generated in Clinton County

This directory is designed to help residents of Clinton County manage unwanted household generated items in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. Whether you have regular household trash, good but unwanted furniture, or an old car bumper, the **Garbage Guide** can help. Many of the programs and services listed inside can also be used by local businesses, including farmers and other agricultural producers.

### Clinton County Department of Waste Management

100 E. State Street  
Suite #1500  
St. Johns, MI  
48879



(989) 224-5186



(989) 224-5102



[recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org)



[www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org)  
↳ Dept. of Waste Management

When disposing of an item, first decide whether or not the item has value. If it can be reused in its current form, consider selling the item on consignment or donating it to a thrift store or local charity. If the item is no longer suitable for use, consider what it is made of, and if it can be reused for another purpose or recycled. For instance, plastic grocery sacks can be used to line waste baskets. Metal items, like bicycles, old metal sinks and car parts have value as "scrap metal" which can be recycled.

**Waste Reduction** is the first strategy used to manage waste - generating less waste by making purchasing decisions or engaging in behaviors that utilize resources efficiently like purchasing items in bulk or using a mulching mower instead of bagging grass clippings. **Reusing** (donating or finding an alternative use for an item) and **recycling** (remanufacturing items into new products) are then used to further mitigate waste. **Disposal** is the final option, which includes placing waste in a regulated landfill or waste-to-energy facility (incinerator).

The *Clinton County Department of Waste Management* prepares and implements the County's Solid Waste Plan in order to meet the requirements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 (NREPA PA 451) Part 115 Solid Waste Regulations.

Management includes not only reducing, reusing and recycling items but composting organics such as yard waste and food scraps, safe disposal of medicines and other hazardous waste and landfill disposal of materials that cannot be handled through alternate methods.

Our goals and objectives emphasize education, outreach and technical assistance to county residents, businesses, institutions, schools and nonprofit agencies.



Clinton County and a number of local governmental units within the county facilitate recycling, waste disposal, yard waste composting and a number of other special services. Some basic information is included in this guide, but for more complete information call us at **(989) 224-5186** or visit us online at [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org).

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

The sites below are open to all county residents. At a minimum the following materials are collected:



**Clear & Brown Glass**



**Metal Cans**



**Aluminum**



**#1 Bottles & Jars**



**#2 Plastics**



**Paper**



**Cardboard**



**Boxboard**



**Phone Books**

**Fowler**

Behind Fowler DPW, North Drive

**Maple Rapids**

Union St., next to the Community Center

**MSU Public Drop Off**

On Campus, Farm Lane & Service Dr.  
(517) 355-1723

**St. Johns Lions Club Recycling Ctr.**

605 N. Swegles St., corner of Swegles & Steel Streets

**Granger Recycling Center**

16936 Wood Rd., DeWitt

**Watertown Twp. Hall**

12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge

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Organizations listed in the centerfold accept a wide variety of household items for reuse. Those listed with the items in the following alphabetical catalog accept more specific items or offer services. When donating, make sure your items are clean and in good condition. Always call to get the latest hours of operation and to make sure your items meet acceptable guidelines before dropping them off. Never "donate" trash; this is considered illegal dumping.

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# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**Clean Community Events** are organized in the county twice each year for items that may be difficult to dispose of or recycle. Household and small business hazardous waste, motor oil, antifreeze, unwanted/expired medications, and electronics such as computer systems and TVs are accepted at both **spring and fall events**. Additionally, scrap metal, appliances (including those with Freon), tires and household items are accepted at the **spring event**.

## MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

Switch out a mercury fever thermometer with a mercury-free digital fever thermometer **for free!**

### Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management

100 E. State Street, #1500, St. Johns, MI  
(989) 224-5186

### Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA)

3671 Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI  
(517) 669-8311

### DeWitt Charter Twp Clerks Office

1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI  
(517) 668-0270

## SHARPS SAFE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

This program provides free containers which are specially designed to safely contain sharps. New containers can be picked up for free from one of the participating locations below. Full containers can be disposed with curbside trash. Simply place full containers in a brown paper bag, mark with "SHARPS" and set alongside curbside waste. For an alternate disposal option, residents may also take full containers to **Granger's** facility on Wood Road in Lansing between 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM. Call (517) 372-2800 for more information.

### Sparrow Clinton Memorial

901 S. Oakland, St. Johns  
(989) 224-8155

### Walgreens

13020 S. US-27, Dewitt  
(517) 624-5028

### Central Pharmacy

209 E. Grand River Laingsburg  
(517) 651-1777



## MEDICINE DISPOSAL

Clinton County now offers year-round medication drop-off sites. Medication should be put in the drop boxes at any of the following locations:

### Clinton County Sheriff's Dept

### Sparrow Clinton Pharmacy

### Bath Charter Twp Police Dept

### Meijer Dewitt Pharmacy

### Dewitt Charter Twp Hall

### City of St. Johns Police Dept



# HOUSEHOLD BATTERY, CELL PHONE & INK JET CARTRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Only **Nickel Cadmium, Mercuric Oxide, Lithium (button cell), and Alkaline/Zinc Carbon** batteries are accepted for recycling. **Lead Acid Batteries** can be taken to Bee's Sports & St. Johns Lions Club at no cost: (800) BEES-720. Include only the phone and battery and erase any information stored in the phone. Place ink jet cartridges in original box or plastic bag.

## **Clinton County Courthouse**

100 E. State Street, St. Johns MI  
Suite #1100  
(989) 224-5186

## **DeWitt Charter Twp.**

(517) 668-0270  
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt

## **Elsie Public Library**

145 W. Main St, Elsie  
(989) 862-4633

## **Watertown Charter Twp.**

12803 S. Wacousta Rd.,  
Grand Ledge, MI  
(517) 626-6593

## **Laingsburg Recyclers**

Laingsburg School  
PO Box 174, Laingsburg, MI  
(517) 651-2005  
*(accepts batteries and ink only)*

## **Clinton County Conservation District**

2343 N. US-27, St. Johns, MI  
(989) 224-3720

## **Ovid Public Library**

206 N. Main St., Ovid, (989)  
834-5800  
*Call for hours.*

## **Village of Fowler**

225 N. Main, Fowler, MI  
(989) 593-2080

## **Village of Westphalia**

200 North Willow Street  
Westphalia, MI



## MUNICIPALITY-FACILITATED SERVICES

The following local units facilitate some or all of the following services for their residents: **weekly trash collection, curbside or drop-off recycling services, summer yard waste collection, fall leaf collection, brush collection, community compost site, Christmas tree collection, annual cleanup, and large item collection.** Call the municipality you live in to find out more about services they may facilitate.

### **City of DeWitt**

(517) 669-2441

### **DeWitt Township**

(517) 668-0270

### **Elsie Village**

(989) 862-4273

### **Fowler Village**

(989) 593-2080

### **City of Ovid**

(989) 834-5550

### **Ovid Township**

*Call Ovid Village*

### **Pewamo Village**

(989) 593-2553

### **City of St. Johns**

(989) 224-8944

### **City of Laingsburg**

(517) 651-6101

### **Watertown Twp**

(517) 626-6593

### **Maple Rapids**

(989) 682-9227

### **Westphalia Village**

(989) 587-4434

## BURNING GUIDELINES



Since October 2012, State law prohibits backyard burning of household trash. Please call your local fire department for more information on permits for yard waste or recreational burning, or to file a complaint related to the burning of trash. You may also visit the *Clinton County Department of Waste Management's* website for a summary of local burning ordinances pertaining to yard waste.

**Reminder: Permits must be acquired for burning of yard debris whenever the ground is not covered by snow.**

## HAZARDOUS WASTE - HOUSEHOLD



**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** includes cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, paints, varnishes, old or contaminated fuels, adhesives, and more. **Do NOT throw HHW in the trash.** Each year the *Clinton County Department of Waste Management* offers two **Clean Community Events** to safely dispose of HHW materials for free. Check online or call to find out when the next collection event will be held.

At no cost, Clinton County residents & farmers may also safely dispose of agricultural and landscape chemicals, and mercury-containing products with both Ionia and Ingham County, who operate permanent drop-off sites.

**Ionia Co. Resource Recovery - (616) 527-2098**

## AGRICULTURAL & COMMERCIAL

The companies below provide hazardous waste disposal services for a fee to agricultural, commercial, and industrial businesses. Small businesses that qualify as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) can participate in Clinton County's **Clean Community Events** held twice each year. Farmers can drop off pesticides free of charge through Clinton, Ingham and Ionia County Programs.

**Clinton County DWM**  
989-224-5186

**Cleanlites Recycling (Mason)** (888) 676-0044

**EQ Detroit, Inc**  
(517) 284-6546

**Drug & Laboratory (Plainwell)**  
(800) 685-9824 [www.dld-inc.com](http://www.dld-inc.com)

**Ionia Cty. Resource Recovery**  
(616) 527-2098

**Marine Pollution Control**  
(313) 849-2333

**Pitsch Sanitary Landfill**  
(616) 794-3050

**Safety Kleen (Mason)**  
(517) 676-6221 [www.safety-kleen.com](http://www.safety-kleen.com)

**SQS Inc. (ERG Environmental) (Livonia)**  
(734) 437-9650 [www.ergenvironmental.com](http://www.ergenvironmental.com)

## PAPER SHREDDING

Office paper and files can be recycled! Many companies in Michigan provide on-site, confidential document shredding or will pick up in Clinton County.

**American Data Security**  
(248) 542-7970

**Postal Connections (St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-0000

**Friedland Industries (Lansing)**  
(517) 482-3000

**Shred It (Grand Rapids)**  
(616) 419-8080

**Shred Nations (Lansing)**  
(517) 940-4623

# LANDFILLS & WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

The following area landfills and transfer stations are open to the public. When transporting materials, always cover your load - it's the law, and landfills will charge extra for loads that are not covered.

**Republic Serv. of West MI**  
(877) 698-7274

**Daggett Container (Lansing)**  
(517) 487-2224  
*Construction & Demolition  
debris only!*

**Granger Landfill  
(Lansing)**  
(517) 372-2800

**Pitsch Sanitary Landfill  
(Belding)** (616) 794-3050

**Venice Park RDF  
(Lennon)**  
(810) 621-9080

**Waste Management Inc.**  
(517) 655-4106

## TRASH HAULING COMPANIES

A variety of companies provide residential and commercial trash collection services in Clinton County, as well as on-site construction or business waste containers. When contracting for household waste services, ask the following questions:

- Is curbside recycling included with trash collection, or is there an additional fee?
- Is yard waste collection included, or is there an additional fee?
- Do special arrangements need to be made for the collection of large items? Costs?
- Are you required to purchase special bags?
- Does the company provide trash containers of different sizes? If so, recycling can save you money by reducing the amount of trash you have so you can use a smaller trash container.
- Can you cancel or change your service at any time without a penalty charge?

**Republic Services (Jenison)**  
(877) 698-7274

**Republic Services (Marshall)**  
(888) 249-5112

**Granger Companies (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-2800

**Daggett Container (Lansing)**  
(517) 487-2224

**Waste Management, Inc.**  
(517) 507-5225

### PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAMS

Do you generate just a small amount of trash? If so, ask your hauler about "Pay as You Throw" or "Pay Per Bag" programs. Through these programs, customers buy special bags from the hauler which are collected as you set them out, avoiding the expense of monthly cart or pick-up fees. Paying by the bag usually saves money for customers that generate 2 bags of trash per week or less.

### LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL

Your hauler may allow you to pay an extra fee to have large items collected at your curb with your regular trash. Call your trash collection company and ask for details.



# WHAT GOES WHERE?

Donating and properly recycling materials creates jobs, generates revenues and encourages capital investments - all of which help to stimulate economic activity.

Clinton County residents have access to a variety of services and locations to best manage just about any household item. In order to keep your unwanted items and recyclables out of the landfill, check the following pages for local organizations that accept certain items or perform beneficial services. To see all items listed, check the Table of Contents on **Page 3**. Most organizations listed are located in or near Clinton County.

## AGRICULTURAL WASTE

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See *Hazardous Waste* for free programs and private services to dispose of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, fungicides & other chemicals from agricultural and landscaping activities.

Empty agricultural pesticide containers (plastic) may be recycled through the Mich. Dept. of Agriculture's *Pesticide Container Recycling Program*. Local farm supply dealers, elevators & co-ops serve as drop-off locations. Containers must be triple or pressure rinsed. For drop-off locations, dates & guidelines, contact the MDA's Env. Stewardship Division: (517) 284-5602.

## APPLIANCES

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**Large Appliances** includes washers, dryers, stoves, furnaces, water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners. See centerfold for places to donate or sell working appliances. When buying a new appliance, ask dealer to take old appliances in return. Some may offer a trade-in credit.

Many appliances are made of recyclable metal. See *Scrap Metal* for disposal & recycling options. Scrap dealers may pay for metal items. See *Freon Removal* for more information on how to properly dispose of refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

**Small Appliances** include toasters & other small kitchen appliances, vacuum cleaners, fans, phones, sewing machines, etc. See centerfold for places to donate.

The *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* also offers two single-day collection events each year to recycle a variety of items, including appliances. Visit us online or call for collection event information.

## ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLIES

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See centerfold for places to donate. Also try churches, schools, day care centers, after school programs, local parks departments, art councils, senior citizen centers, adult foster care homes and hospital occupational therapy departments.

## ASBESTOS

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Asbestos can be very hazardous if removed improperly - use a professional contractor. Asbestos can be disposed of in a regular landfill. "Friable" (dusty) asbestos must be double bagged in 6 mil. bags and wetted down. Check locally for companies that specialize in asbestos removal.

## AUTOMOBILES - PARTS & ACCESSORIES

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Auto salvage yards will buy or accept working or nonworking automobiles and parts for recycling or resale. Most salvage yards do not want tires and may charge a disposal fee. See *Tires* for disposal options. Landfills will take auto parts, but they charge a disposal fee. See *Scrap Metal* for recycling options. If disposing of an entire car, you will need the title. To dispose of a vehicle without a title, contact the **Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.** at (989) 224-5200. Fuel tanks must be free of any fluids and cut in half. Car accessories such as stereos may also be accepted.

**American Metal Buyers  
(Owosso)**

(989) 725-7131

**Dino's Salvage  
(Williamston)**

(517) 655-3553

*Will pick up large quantities  
of scrap for free.*

**Ashley Salvage  
& Auto Parts**

(989) 862-4632

**Cat's Part-s-Mart  
Auto Salvage (Lansing)**

(517) 322-2350

*Scrap also accepted*

**Friedland Industries  
(Lansing)**

(517) 482-3000

**Heights Auto Parts  
(Lansing)**

(517) 485-2276

**Maple Rapids Auto Parts  
(Maple Rapids)**

(989) 682-4714

**R & R Salvage  
(Laingsburg)**

(517) 675-7288

**Shroyer's Auto Parts  
(Lansing)**

(517) 887-1700

**Travers Auto  
(St. Johns)**

(989) 224-4810

[www.traversauto.com](http://www.traversauto.com)

## AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS

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It is important to note that facilities that accept motor oil for recycling are providing a service to the community. Please respect their generosity and recycle only pure used motor oil. Always call for acceptance guidelines before delivering oil. Companies listed with an "a" or "o" following their name accept antifreeze ("a") and/or oil ("o"). See *Hazardous Waste* to recycle large quantities of auto fluids.

**Autozone (St. Johns) °**

(989) 227-2339

**Denny's Diagnosis (Lansing) °°**

(517) 321-2255

**Gary's Garage (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-2072

**Ionia County  
Resource Recovery**

(616) 527-2098

**Thorsen's Racing (DeWitt) °**

(517) 669-1290

**DeWitt Auto Service Center °**

(517) 669-1165

**H&H Mobil (E. Lansing)**

(517) 220-0326

Empty motor oil and antifreeze containers are NOT recyclable, as they contain hazardous residues. Replace tops and dispose of in trash. To dispose of old fluids or those contaminated with gasoline or other automotive fluids, see *Hazardous Waste*.

## BICYCLES

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See centerfold under *Bicycles or Sporting Goods* for places to donate or resell bikes.

**D&K Bike Service (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-4770 *Seeking mostly mountain bikes & helmets.*

## BEDS, BEDDING & LINENS

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Includes sheets, blankets, tablecloths, box springs and mattresses. See centerfold for places to donate.

**Granger Companies (Lansing)**

(517) 372-2800

## BABY CLOTHES & EQUIPMENT

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Includes furniture, strollers, high-chairs, car seats, cribs, playpens, diapers, & clothing. See centerfold for places to donate. Most human services organizations need these items. Some require that the donated equipment meet safety standards.





## BATTERIES

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**Auto & Marine (Lead Acid) Batteries** - Michigan law requires that all automotive and marine batteries are recycled. Any outlet that sells this type of battery must also accept them back for recycling. Often retailers will give trade-in credit toward a new battery. Some retailers accept them for free:

**Bee's Sports (St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-3201

**H&H Mobil (E. Lansing)**  
(517) 220-0326

**Thorsen's Racing (Dewitt)**  
(517) 669-1290

**St. Johns Lions Club**  
(517) 224-5186

**Household (Alkaline) Batteries** - Household batteries can be disposed of with your household trash. You can also recycle your household batteries, as they contain important resources that can be reclaimed. For information on free recycling drop-off locations for household batteries, see **Page 5**.

**Lithium Batteries** - Stores that repair watches often accept button batteries from watches, calculators & hearing aids for recycling. Since these batteries contain silver and mercury, they should not be put in the trash - please recycle using one of the free drop-off sites on **Page 2**.

**Rechargeable Batteries** - Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and other less-common batteries are recyclable as well. These are used in power tools, computers, cordless & cell phones, digital cameras, etc. Some national retailers accept any rechargeable battery for recycling. Please call your local retailer prior to recycling.

## BOOKS, AUDIO TAPES, VHS, CDs, DVDs

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See centerfold under *Books* for places to donate. Check local churches, libraries, schools, hospitals, day cares, and senior citizen's centers. The following locations will accept gently used books. Call ahead for delivery guidelines.

**Curious Book Shop  
(E. Lansing)**  
(517) 332-0112

**Friedland (Lansing)**  
(517) 482-3000

**The Reading People  
(Lansing)**  
(517) 485-4949

**St. Johns Book Exchange  
(St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-7702

**MSU Surplus & Recycling (E. Lansing)**  
(517) 355-1723

**Greendisk** recycles CDs, VHS, and DVDs:  
1(800) 305-3475 or (425) 392-8700 - [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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See centerfold for places to donate or sell. Only donate clothing that is clean and gently used. Never leave clothing or other items on the doorstep of an agency that is not open. Children's clothing is sometimes needed at day care centers & schools (especially mittens, hats and boots).

## CAMERAS & CAMERA EQUIPMENT

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See centerfold under *Electronics* for places to donate or sell. Check locally for places that repair, sell or trade camera equipment.

## CARPETS & RUGS

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See centerfold for places to donate.

## CONCRETE & ASPHALT

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Concrete, bricks and asphalt are recyclable. The following companies accept broken concrete and/or asphalt (without reinforcement rods and other debris) for recycling. Charges may apply. Ask for details about fees and acceptable materials.

**Schlegel, Inc (Lansing)**  
(517) 487-5961

**Pitsch Concrete Crushing  
(Grand Rapids)**  
(616) 363-4895

**Michigan Paving  
(Lansing)**  
(517) 346-5107

**Miller Brothers Excavating  
(St. Johns)** (989) 224-2066

## COLLECTIBLES & ANTIQUES

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See centerfold for places to donate.

## COMPUTER EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

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Computers contain lead, mercury & other hazardous chemicals. They also contain important resources which are highly recyclable. Currently, it is still legal for residents to dispose of computers in Michigan landfills. Computers and CRTs (cathode ray tubes as found in monitors) from businesses are regulated wastes and should not be disposed of with regular trash. See *Hazardous Waste* for disposal companies.

The *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* offers two **Clean Community Events** each year, where electronics are accepted from residents for recycling. Check online or call for information on the next collection event at (989) 224-5186.

All Goodwill thrift stores accept non-working computers, phones, gaming consoles, printers and related equipment in any condition for recycling at no cost,; call for acceptance guidelines. Other electronic equipment must be in good working condition. Many companies listed under *Hazardous Waste* also recycle or dispose of large quantities of computers and electronics.

See centerfold under *Electronics* for places to donate or sell good, working computer equipment (the *Other Needs/Notes* box in centerfold indicates which organizations want computers). Call for fees.

**Cleanlites Recycling, Inc. (Mason)**  
(517) 676-0044

**Delta Township (Lansing)**  
(517) 323-8555

## CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIALS

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Includes waste from construction, remodeling and demolition projects: lumber, siding, shingles, pipes, plumbing/lighting fixtures, etc. See *Trash Hauling Companies* for onsite waste containers. See *Scrap Metal* for recyclers of construction metals. See *Landfills* for disposal sites.

Some of the following organizations renovate low-income housing or train students in construction trades. Call them only if you have construction materials, cabinetry or household fixtures that are in good working condition. Wheelchair ramps and materials to build them are a constant need.

**Daggett Recycling (Lansing)** (517) 487-2345  
**Granger Landfill (Lansing)** (517)372-2800

**Habitat for Humanity Restore (St. Johns)**  
(989)-227-0000

**Habitat for Humanity Restore (Lansing)**  
(517) 374-6235

## ELECTRONICS

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Includes TVs, stereos, radios, etc. See centerfold for places to donate. The *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* offers two **Clean Community Events** each year to recycle electronics. Check online or call for information on the next collection event at (989) 224-5186. Habitat for Humanity DOES NOT accept broken computers or TVs except for new, flat screen TVs. Always call ahead.

**Delta Township (Lansing)**  
(517) 323-8555

**Habitat for Humanity (St. Johns)**  
(989) 227-0000 (new TVs only)

**Goodwill (DeWitt)**  
(517) 669-2914

**Best Buy (Lansing)**  
(517) 886-6197

**Friedland Industries (no TVs)** (517) 482-3000

**Padnos Iron & Metal (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-6600

## ESTATES

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### **Junk in the Trunk (Grand Ledge)**

(517) 775-8079

## YEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS

The Lions Club runs an extensive eyeglass & hearing aid redistribution program. Call for locations of drop boxes and details:

### **Bath Township Hall**

(517) 641-6728

### **DeWitt Township Hall**

(517) 668-0270

### **Laingsburg Lions Club**

(517) 525-4598

### **Grand Ledge Lions Club**

(517) 290-6308

### **Clinton Co. Senior Center (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-4257

## FOOD

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Nonperishable food includes unopened canned goods, bakery products, non-expired, etc.

### **Capital Area Comm. Services (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-6702

### **Greater Lansing Food Bank (Lansing)**

(517) 853-7800

### **Lansing City Rescue Mission**

(517) 485-0145

### **The Basic Needs Center (St. Johns)**

(517) 230-4618 *(also accepts perishable food)*

**Cooking Oil** - Leftover oil and grease from cooking turkey, chicken, fish, bacon and ground beef can be recycled at the following locations:

### **Delhi Township WWTP**

(517) 699-3873

### **Delta Twp. Recycling Ctr.**

(517) 323-8555

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS/SMOKE DETECTORS

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When purchasing fire extinguishers, buy the best quality extinguisher you can find. Extinguishers with metal tops can be recharged, will last forever and are cheaper in the long run than disposable, plastic varieties.

Fire extinguishers with metal tops can be recharged and should be tested every 5 or 6 years. Most service providers will accept old metal-topped extinguishers for recycling. Very old (glass) fire extinguishers must be disposed of as a hazardous waste; see *Hazardous Waste*. Do NOT throw in the trash or touch their contents. Disposable, plastic fire extinguishers should be discharged into a trash can to depressurize and then disposed of with regular trash. (The following accepts fire extinguishers *only*.)

### **De Lau Fire & SVC (Lansing)**

(517) 321-1111

**Smoke detectors** contain small amounts of radioactive materials. However, they may be disposed of with regular trash. Do not disassemble units. If you have a large quantity of smoke detectors to dispose of, contact the landfill to let them know you're bringing them in.

For disposal of BRK Electronics, First Alert, and Family Guard smoke alarms, information is on the back of the devices: 1-800-323-9005.

## FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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See centerfold for places to donate. Donate only good, clean, usable items. Agencies that accept furniture and household goods generally also accept beds, lighting & window treatments. Most do not accept carpeting.

Some older furniture can be repaired, refinished or reupholstered. Check locally for furniture repair and reupholstering services.

## FUEL & FUEL TANKS

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Underground or above-ground fuel storage tanks require special handling prior to disposal or recycling. Most scrap metal dealers will accept them for recycling, but they require the tank to be cleaned and cut open. Clinton County recommends that residents hire a professional contractor to remove and dispose of fuel tanks due to risk of injury, explosion or contamination.

The following companies provide tank removal services, including disposal of leftover fuel. Check locally for more companies that provide these services.

**Bill Begole & Company (Lansing)**  
(517) 482-2500

**Valicor Environmental Services (Inkster)**  
(313) 724-8600

Pressurized fuel tanks, such as propane tanks for motor homes and gas grills, are refillable. No state or federal disposal guidelines exist for these items. Call propane dealer and ask if they'll take unwanted tanks. Do NOT throw in the trash or recycling bin. The *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* offers two **Clean Community Events** each year to safely dispose of hazardous waste, such as pressurized fuel tanks. Check online or call for information on the next collection event at (989) 224-5186.

## GUNS & AMMUNITION

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Unwanted guns and ammunition may be disposed of through local police agencies. Call for transport guidelines.

**Bath** (517) 641-6271

**Ovid** (989) 834-5335

**Clinton County Sheriff**  
(989) 224-5200

**DeWitt Township**  
(517) 669-6578

**DeWitt** (517) 669-9131

**St. Johns** (989) 224-6721

## GROCERY BAGS

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**Brown paper grocery bags** may be recycled through most recycling programs with newspapers or corrugated cardboard.

**Plastic grocery bags** are recycled by most grocery store chains. Check locally for details. Remove receipts and any other items before recycling. Reuse plastic grocery bags to line wastebaskets or for other uses. You can avoid generating them in the first place by shopping with reusable canvas or cloth bags, which can be purchased at many retail stores. The Lansing City Rescue Mission will periodically accept clean bags, but call first to determine if they are needed.

**Walmart (St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-8099

**Meijer (DeWitt, Bath)**  
(989) 669-4738  
(517) 885-9000

**Kroger (St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-6841

## JEWELRY

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See centerfold for places to donate. Broken jewelry (beads, chains, etc.) is of interest to organizations that accept *Arts & Crafts Supplies* (see centerfold).

## KITCHEN ITEMS, DISHES & COOKWARE

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Includes cutlery, dishware, glassware, baking dishes, pots & pans, gadgets, and small kitchen appliances. See centerfold for places to donate.

## LAWN & GARDEN TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Includes rakes, trimming equipment, hoses, lawn mowers, tillers, etc. Schools may accept tools and supplies for classroom gardens. See centerfold for other places to donate. Some garden centers can reuse plastic pots & flats. Plant pots and seedling containers can be recycled, if a program is available locally. Call the *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* to find out if a program is available at (989) 224-5186.

When buying new equipment such as tillers and lawn mowers, ask about trade-in credit for your old equipment. See *Scrap Metal* for places to recycle old lawn mowers, tillers and other metal equipment.

## LEATHER GOODS & LUGGAGE

See centerfold for places to donate. Check locally for places that clean and repair leather items.

## LIGHT BULBS/FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

At this time, household light bulbs & small quantities of fluorescent tubes can be disposed of with household trash or taken to a **Clean Community Event**.

**Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL)** are highly energy efficient but do contain a small amount of mercury. The following will recycle them for free:

**Home Depot (Lansing)** (517) 323-0229  
**Standard Electric (Lansing)** (517) 487-3232

**Lowe's (Lansing)** (517) 622-5755  
**Cleanlites Recycling (Mason)** (888) 676-0044

**Batteries Plus (Lansing-Frandor)**  
(517) 203-0100

Large quantities of fluorescent tubes from a business can be recycled for a fee. For a list of service providers see *Hazardous Waste*.

## MEDICAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & DRUGS

**Drugs** - Do not flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet. Water treatment facilities cannot filter the chemicals and they end up in surface and ground waters. Dispose of medications responsibly through collections sponsored by the *Clinton County Department of Waste Management*: (989) 224-5186. All Meijer & Sparrow Pharmacies now accept all pills and tablets year round, free of charge.

**Syringes** - See **Page 4** for information on the *Sharps Safe Disposal Program* offered for FREE by the *Clinton County Department of Waste Management*.

**Medical Equipment & Unused Medical Supplies** - Beds, commodes, unused IV supplies, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and wigs may be donated or sold on consignment.

## MUSICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Includes instruments, recordings, equipment, sheet music and books. See centerfold for places to donate. Check locally for businesses that buy or accept used musical instruments, equipment and supplies. Please call for more details. Potential businesses include schools, day care centers, churches, libraries, senior citizen's centers, camps and local theatre groups.

**Elderly Instruments (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-7880 *Accepts string instruments.*

## OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Check locally for companies that buy and refurbish "systems" and office furniture. See centerfold under *Furniture* for places to donate individual desks, chairs, etc. See centerfold under *Office Equipment/Supplies* for places to donate or sell. Check local schools. See *Scrap Metal* to recycle metal file cabinets and desks.

## PAINT PRODUCTS

**Latex (Water-Based) Paint** - Can be disposed of with regular trash if completely dry and hardened. For faster drying, leave top off of can in ventilated area and mix in plain cat litter or sawdust. To dry large quantities, pour thin layers of paint into a lined cardboard box until each layer dries.

**Oil-Based (Alkyd) Paint, Varnishes, Stains, Thinners** - Do NOT dispose of in household trash. See *HHW* for disposal info.

**Lead-Based Paint** - Most homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. This paint (including dust from sanding, peeling paint chips or poorly fitted doors and windows) is hazardous and can cause permanent brain damage in children. Carefully research and follow all recommended steps and precautions before removing any lead-based paint. Never use old paint that may contain lead. Save for a **Clean Community Event** coordinated by the *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management*. Lead test kits are available at most hardware stores.

## PALLETS

Wooden pallets can be recycled, rebuilt or ground up and used for mulch or fuel. The following companies will accept them.

**Kamps Pallets, Inc. (Lansing)**  
(517) 322-2500

## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Includes soap, makeup, haircare items, combs and brushes, nail polish, toiletries, etc. See centerfold for places to donate new, unused products.

## PET EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Includes pet carriers, leashes, bowls, collars, pet food, bleach, blankets and towels. See centerfold for places to donate. Boarding kennels or veterinarians may also accept these items.

## PLASTICS - #1, #2

The following sites accept plastics for recycling:

**Fowler** (Behind Fowler DPW, North Drive)

**Maple Rapids** (Union St. next to Comm. Center)

**Westphalia** (Village Office – 1st & 3rd Sat.)

**Granger Recycling Center** (16936 Wood Rd, Dewitt)

**Watertown Twp Hall**

(12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge)

**MSU Public Drop-Off Site**

(Across from the *Surplus Store & Recycle Center* on Campus, Farm Lane & Service Dr.)

All plastic bottles, tubs and jugs are accepted free of charge at these sites. **Styrofoam is not accepted**; recycling locations are provided on **Page 17**. For assistance in locating MSU's Public Drop-off Site, call (517) 355-1723.

## PLUMBING/BATHROOM FIXTURES

Includes toilets, tubs, vanities and sinks. See *Construction & Demolition Materials* for places to donate (most items must be in good condition and up to current code). Metal fixtures & pipes are recyclable; see *Scrap Metal*.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

See centerfold.

## RECYCLING - HOUSEHOLD

Clinton County and some local communities offer curbside or drop-off recycling services. For complete information, call the County's *Dept. of Waste Management* or check online. See **Page 2** for a list of recycling Drop-Off sites.

## RECYCLING - BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL

Most waste haulers provide services to businesses. Some firms will accept a full range of recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, etc.). Others only offer recycling of certain items. See *Trash Haulers*.

## REFRIGERANTS - FREON

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In order to maintain cool temperatures, **Freon** is used in appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. A licensed technician must remove the Freon before an appliance can be disposed of. Be sure to get a certificate of removal. Stay local and ask about fees in advance. If buying a new appliance, ask your dealer to take your old one. The following businesses can remove Freon for a fee:

**Dino's Salvage (Williamston)** (517) 655-3553

**Granger Landfill (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-2800

**Padnos Iron & Metal (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-6600

**Friedland Industries**  
(517) 482-3000

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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Includes notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, etc. Check day care centers, preschools or churches for donation. Start a free "supplies bank" at your school so extra supplies are always on hand for students in need.

## SCRAP METAL

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Most metals are recyclable. Scrap metal dealers will sometimes pay for metal delivered to their facilities: appliances, tubing, cast iron, construction steel, car parts, lawn mowers, large power and farm tools. Call ahead to see if locations accept Freon-containing units. See *Refrigerants - Freon* for more information. If disposing of fuel tanks, they must be free of any remaining fluids. Some independent scrap haulers will come to your home for large items. Salvage yards will also take scrap metal; see *Automobiles - Parts & Accessories*. The *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* also offers two collection events each year to recycle materials such as scrap metal. Check online or call for information.

**Ashley Salvage & Auto (Ashley)**  
(989) 862-4632

**Daggett Recycling & Container (Lansing)**  
(517) 487-2224

**Granger Landfill (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-2800

**Ovid Iron & Metal (Ovid)**  
(989) 834-5422

**R & R Salvage (Laingsburg)**  
(517) 675-7288

**Best Buy**  
*Some locations take appliances.*

**Dino's Salvage (Williamston)**  
*Will pick up large items up for free.*  
(517) 655-3553

**Great Lakes Electronic Recycling**  
(888) 392-7831

**Padnos Iron & Metal (Lansing)**  
(517) 372-6600

**Shroyer's Auto Part (Lansing)**  
(517) 887-1700

## SPORTING GOODS

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Includes sporting and exercise equipment. See centerfold for places to donate or sell. Consider equipment swaps at schools or clubs. Some bike and camera shops will give credit for a trade-in. Check local schools, community education and parks & recreation departments.

## STYROFOAM (#6 POLYSTYRENE)

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It is often hard to tell recyclable polystyrene from other types of plastic foam. Generally, recyclable polystyrene products easily crack in half with a "pop." Look for the #6 symbol on: egg cartons, meat trays, takeout boxes, packing blocks and coolers. Make sure it is clean and free of food. Do NOT recycle pink or blue Styrofoam insulation, nor the clear #6 polystyrene.

**Dart Container (Mason)**  
(800) 248-5960 - *NO packing peanuts*  
www.dartcontainer.com

**Meridian Township (Haslett)**  
(517) 703-4498 - *NO packing peanuts*

**Postal Connections (St. Johns)**  
(989) 224-0000 (*packing peanuts only*)

**St. Johns Lion's Club**  
(517) 202-5438

**East Lansing DPW**  
(517) 337-9459

**Cat's Part-s-Mart Auto Salvage (Lansing)**  
(517) 322-2350

**Friedland Industries (Lansing)**  
(517) 482-3000

**OmniSource (Jackson)**  
(517) 787-4940

**Portland Iron & Metal**  
(517) 647-6476

**St. Johns Lion's Club**  
(517) 202-5438

## THERMOMETERS

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See **Page 4**.

## TIRES

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It is now illegal to dispose of tires into landfills. The best way to avoid disposal issues is to buy tires from a dealer who will dispose of your old ones; dealers may charge their customers a disposal fee. Clinton County holds periodic collections for tires and other items. Call (989) 224-5186 for more info. The following tire dealers will accept your old tires for a fee:

**All-Tech Auto & Towing  
(Laingsburg)**

(517) 651-5043

**Budget Tire (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-3100

**CM Rubber Technology  
(Coleman)**

(989) 465-0200

**Discount Tire & Battery  
(Fowler)**

(989) 593-2800

**Environmental Rubber  
(Flint)**

(810) 789-1222

**First Class Tire Shredder  
(Clio)**

(810) 639-4466

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**Grand Ledge Auto & Tire**

(517) 627-2176

**Hub Tire Center (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-3218

**Pitsch Landfill (Belding)**

(616) 794-3050

**Quality Tire (Lansing)**

(517) 321-0119

**Reliable Tire Service (Elsie)**

(989) 862-4266

**Tasmanian Tire Co. (Holt)**

(517) 694-9201

## TOOLS

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Includes hand tools & power tools. See centerfold for places to donate. See *Scrap Metal* for places to recycle large, metal power tools.

## TOYS

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Includes all children's toys. See centerfold for places to donate. Also check local day care centers, preschools, churches, community centers, and doctors' offices. Toys must be clean and in good condition.

## TONER (LASER) & INK JET CARTRIDGES

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Laser and ink jet cartridges from many kinds of printers can be refilled for much less than the cost of new cartridges. Some companies offer free pick up. For recycling locations, please refer to **Page 5**.

**Postal Connections (St. Johns)**

(989) 224-0000

The *Clinton County Administrative Services Dept.* offers a collection box to recycle laser and ink jet cartridges. Please be sure to individually bag items. The drop box is located outside Suite 2100, Suite 1500 or Suite 1100 (City Office) of the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street, St. Johns.

## VACUUM CLEANERS

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See centerfold under *Appliances, Small* for places to donate working vacuums. When buying new, ask for trade-in credit. Check locally for vacuum repair shops. Take working or broken vacuums to:

**Lam's Sweeper Shop (Lansing)**

(517) 372-2650

## VINYL SIDING

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**Fryman Recycling (Dowagiac)**

(269) 782-0959

## WINDOWS

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Includes window coverings, blinds, etc. Vertical and Venetian blinds can be repaired and cleaned; check locally. See centerfold under *Bedding/ Linens* for places to donate curtains and drapes. See *Construction & Demolition Waste* for places to donate or dispose of old windows.

## YARD WASTE & BRUSH

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Clinton County recommends **grasscycling**, which involves leaving clips on the lawn using a mulching lawn mower, and composting, which involves the controlled decomposition of organic materials, as the best methods for managing yard waste. Most mowers can be equipped with mulching blades that cut clippings into small pieces, and help clips to more readily decompose, while at the same time providing nitrogen and moisture to your lawn.

Composting is the natural and simple process of recycling yard waste back into soil. For information on backyard composting, composting bins, or grasscycling, call Clinton County: (989) 224-5186.

The following communities operate composting sites that residents may use for free: Fowler, Laingsburg, Pewamo, St. Johns & Westphalia. Others have a free curbside yard waste service for leaves or brush. See Municipal Services on **Page 5** for contact information.

### **Granger Compost Services (Lansing)**

(517) 372-2800 (*Accepts yard waste of all kinds for a fee*)

### **Republic Services (Kalamazoo)**

(888) 249-5112

### **Pitsch Sanitary Landfill (Belding)**

(616) 794-3050

### **Venice Park RDF (Lennon)**

(810) 621-9080

### **Waste Management**

(800) 796-9696

## COMMUNITY & YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Environmental Educator at the *Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management* offers programs and resources to support environmental education programs in both formal and informal learning environments. Materials and services are available free of charge to K-12 educators, home school groups, youth groups, and adult learners.

Environmental education programs offered by Clinton County seek to connect participants to the natural environment to build awareness of critical issues and motivate participation in conservation-minded behaviors such as waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and saving natural resources used for energy and fuel. It is hoped that by making tools and materials readily available, educators can easily access programming that both meets state education standards and also exposes youth to key environmental issues in ways that inspire positive behavior change.



The environmental educator can also work with educators and the *County Parks Department* to develop unique programming to meet individual needs. Assistance is available for projects and activities such as: outdoor activities, nature walks, geocaching, outdoor scavenger hunts, pond explorations, and more!

For a complete list of resources, programs and services contact us at [conserve@clinton-county.org](mailto:conserve@clinton-county.org), (989) 224-5177 or [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org).