



## Clinton County Department of Waste Management Clean Community Event Guidance Sheet SPRING 2018

Please review this guidance sheet. It provides examples of the types of materials accepted at each of the collection stations, fees charged if any, and special guidelines for some items. For more information please call 989-224-5186 or send an email inquiry [conserve@clinton-county.org](mailto:conserve@clinton-county.org).

### **PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN**

Please show the individual at this station your completed confirmation form so they can ensure you have an appointment, that the form is filled in correctly and matches the items you are bringing, and correctly assesses any charges you may owe. **PLEASE NOTE: The numbers listed on the Road Commission buildings are NOT the station numbers for this event! Please refer to the site map for the correct stations.**

### **STATION #1 - REUSABLE CLOTHING, BOOKS, 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, sports equipment, tools, dishes, pots & pans, nick knacks, pictures, 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 - These items are NOT reusable***

- Nothing wet or soiled and nothing with a foul odor.
- Sandals, pump/heels, dress shoes, boots, shoes that light up, metal desks (go to scrap metal), tires (we charge a fee per tire), mattresses or box springs, waterbeds, bowling balls, car seats, older cribs, gas appliances, gas powered lawn equipment, large appliances of any kind, console stereos or radios (go to ewaste), doors.

### **STATION # 1 - REUSABLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS**

*This is FREE for residents and businesses.* All items are collected by Clinton County Habitat for Humanity and are accepted at their discretion.

- Appliances/dishwashers, range tops, washer/dryers ovens etc.
- Architectural items such as columns, mantel pieces, fireplaces etc.
- Bathroom fittings-tubs, sinks, showers, commodes
- Doors-solid, hollow, storm
- Cabinets and countertops
- Electrical items-plugs and wiring
- Fans
- Flooring materials
- Hardware
- Lighting
- Lumber

- Piping and plumbing materials
- Roofing
- Power and hand tools
- Vents - floor, ceiling, return
- Wall board and covering
- Windows

### **STATION #1– BOOKS, MAGAZINES & PHONE BOOKS**

*This is FREE for residents and businesses. All items are collected by Michigan State University Surplus and are accepted at their discretion. Various libraries will be on hand to go through the books for reuse before they are sent to MSU Surplus to be resold or recycled.*

- Hardcover books, encyclopedias, text books
- Paperback books
- Magazines and catalogs
- Phone books

### **STATION #2 – RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ELECTRONIC**

**WASTE** *Residents can bring most items in for FREE. \$10 fee for each television and computer monitor.*

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Televisions - \$10 fee per television - any size.
- Computer monitors - \$10 fee per monitor - any size.
- 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 telecommunication devices, video camera, etc FREE!

#### **DO NOT RECYCLE WITH ELECTRONICS:**

- Air conditioners (*appliance Freon-removal area*)
- 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*).

### **STATION #3 – USED MOTOR OIL & ANITFREEZE (AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS)**

*Residents and Farmers can drop-off all used oil & antifreeze (automotive fluids) for FREE.*

### **STATION # 4 - HOUSEHOLD 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.** Lead acid batteries can not be put in a landfill, but can be easily 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. Bee's Sports in St. Johns will accept lead acid batteries for free. Call for details 989-224-3201.
- **Latex paint.** Latex paint is water based, which means it isn't hazardous. It isn't accepted thru this program in order to control costs, as it can be donated or safely landfilled. For usable paint in quantities of 1 gallon or more, consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity in St Johns (989) 227-0000. 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 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 Event.

**STATION #5 & #6 - 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 be recycled with scrap metal, however, it must be in 12" rolls or 4' sections.

**STATION #7 - TIRES**

*FREE! Thanks to a grant from the MI Department of Environmental Quality. However, an appointment is required and there is a 30 tire per appointment restriction. Rims & tubes are okay but NO axles allowed.*

**STATION #8 - JUNK ITEMS**

*Fees are assessed at \$15.00 for every three cubic feet of material, which is roughly half of a pickup truck bed or \$30 for a full truck load. Mattresses are charged seperately per size.*

***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.

### **STATION #9 - YARD 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 includes grass clippings, weeds, leaves, small twigs, prunings, shrub clippings, garden waste materials and fruit/vegetable matter, old potting soil, 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.

### **PAYMENT, SURVEY DROP-OFF, MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE**

*Unless previous arrangements are made, payment is due at the event in the form of a check made payable to Clinton County, cash is also accepted. Receipts are required to be provided. Participants can also exchange their old mercury fever thermometer for a free digital one!*

### **TROUBLE SHOOTING**

**Aerosol Cans** – if full HAZARDOUS WASTE, if empty SCRAP METAL.

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

**Bed Springs** – JUNK. **Burn Barrels** – JUNK.

**Expired or Unwanted Medications** –HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Fluorescent Light Fixtures** – ballasts (metal fixture) go to SCRAP METAL and all fluorescent bulbs go to HAZARDOUS WASTE. If ballasts are made before 1978 they go to HAZARDOUS WASTE as they likely contain PCBs.

**Compact Fluorescent Lights** - HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Fuel Oil Tank** - Must be free of any residue and cut in half and taken 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 or contact the Dept. of Waste Management for more information on the proper removal and disposal of fuel tanks.

**Gas Tanks or Cans** – Must be free of residue with hole in 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 prior to the event, to SCRAP METAL. PLEASE drain fluids, if fluids are not drained items 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 or SCRAP METAL (see requirements in Scrap Metal section).

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