



# The Garbage Guide

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TO A CLEAN & "GREEN" COMMUNITY!

Management options for waste & resources generated in Clinton County

## Clinton County Department of Waste Management

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## Reduce \* Reuse \* Recycle \* Dispose

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.

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 paper 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 that includes placing waste in a regulated landfill or waste-to-energy facility (incinerator).



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**(under "Department" heading, click on Department of Waste Management)**

Organizations listed in the centerfold accept a wide variety of household items for reuse. Those under the alphabetical listings accept more specific items or offer services. When donating, make sure your items are clean and in *very 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 constitutes illegal dumping.

Most organizations are located in or near Clinton County, including the northern sections of Eaton and Ingham Counties. The following codes indicate where each organization is located: **B=Bath; CH=Charlotte; D=DeWitt; EL=E. Lansing; F=Fowler; GL=Grand Ledge; H=Haslett; L=Lansing; M=Mason; MR=Maple Rapids; LB=Laingsburg; O=Ovid; OK=Okemos; OW=Owosso; SJ=St. Johns; W=Westphalia; WM=Williamston.**

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# Clinton County Department of Waste Management

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 can not be handled through alternate methods.

The goals and objectives emphasize: education, outreach and technical assistance to county residents, businesses, institutions, schools and non-profit agencies.

## Special Collection Programs

**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, electronics such as computer systems and TVs, scrap metal, appliances including those with freon, tires, household junk, books, magazines, phone books, reusable household items, clothing and building materials are accepted at these events. Library groups sort through the books to ensure maximum reuse before they are processed for recycling. In addition, groups such as Clinton County Habitat for Humanity and Volunteers of America accept items to benefit families in need.

**Medication disposal events** are also held periodically throughout the year.

Clinton County also participates with regional partners including Ingham and Eaton Counties, the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing, and a number of townships and villages within the tri-county area to conduct **compost bin and rain barrel distributions**, an **environmental leadership awards program** and other events.

# Recycling and Waste Disposal Services

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 minimum the following materials are collected: Clear & Brown Glass; Metal Cans; Aluminum; HDPE #2 plastics such as milk jugs, laundry detergent containers; PETE #1 bottles and jars such as mixed liquor, water, sport drinks, edible oil, shampoo, etc.; #3 - #7 household plastics (not accepted at St. Johns Lions Club) such as tubs and cups, (no plastic kids toys); Newspapers; Office & Household Papers; Brown Paper Bags; Cardboard; Magazines; Boxboard; Phone Books. MSU Surplus & Recycling accepts all colored glass bottles and jars. St. Johns Lions Club accepts electronics 24/7.

### **Fowler**

*Behind Fowler DPW, North Drive*

### **Maple Rapids**

*Union St., next to the Community Center*

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

*Corner of Swegles & Steel Street*

### **Granger Recycling Center**

*16936 Wood Rd., DeWitt*

### **Watertown Twp Hall**

*12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge*

### **MSU Public Drop-Off (517) 355-1723**

*On Campus, Farm Ln. & Service Dr.*

## Municipalities that Facilitate 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.

<b>DeWitt, City</b>	<b>(517) 669-2441</b>	<b>Ovid, Village</b>	<b>(989) 834-5550</b>
<b>DeWitt Township</b>	<b>(517) 668-0270</b>	<b>Ovid Township</b>	<b>Call the Village</b>
<b>Elsie Village</b>	<b>(989) 862-4273</b>	<b>Pewamo Village</b>	<b>(989) 593-2553</b>
<b>Fowler Village</b>	<b>(989) 593-2080</b>	<b>St. Johns, City</b>	<b>(989) 224-8944</b>
<b>Laingsburg, City</b>	<b>(517) 651-6101</b>	<b>Watertown Twp</b>	<b>(517) 626-6593</b>
<b>Maple Rapids</b>	<b>(989) 682-9227</b>	<b>Westphalia Village</b>	<b>(989) 587-4434</b>

# Clinton County Year-Round Recycling Programs

## Household Battery, Cell Phone and Ink Jet Cartridge Recycling Program

Only Nickel Cadmium, Mercuric Oxide, Lithium (button cell), and Alkaline/Zinc Carbon are accepted for recycling.

Lead Acid Batteries can be taken to Bee's Sports in St. Johns for free: (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 Dept. of Waste Management**

1307 E. Townsend Rd, Suite 102, St. Johns  
(989) 224-5186 Mon. - Fri. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **DeWitt Charter Twp.**

1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt (517) 668-0270  
Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **Elsie Public Library** 145 W. Main St, Elsie

(989) 862-4633

Call for hours, open M, W, Th, Sat

### **Watertown Charter Twp.**

12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge, MI  
(517) 626-6593 Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **Clinton County Courthouse**

100 E. State St., Suite 2100, St. Johns, MI  
(989) 224-5120 Mon. - Fri. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **Clinton County Conservation District**

2343 N. US-27, St. Johns, (989) 224-3720 ext 3  
Mon. - Fri. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **Ovid Public Library** 206 N. Main St., Ovid,

(989) 834-5800

Mon. & Wed. 10 AM - 8 P.M.

### **Village of Fowler**

225 N. Main, Fowler, MI  
(989) 593-2080 Mon. - Fri 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

### **Laingsburg Recyclers - Laingsburg School**

(accepts batteries only)

8008 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg (517) 651-2005

2nd Saturday Monthly 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

## ***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 container in a brown paper bag, mark with "SHARPS" and set along side curbside waste. For an alternate disposal option, residents may also take full containers to Granger's facility on Wood Road between 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM (517-372-2800).

### **Hometown Pharmacy**

128 S. Bridge Street, Dewitt

**(517) 669-9299**

### **Central Pharmacy**

7404 Woodbury, Laingsburg

**(517) 651-1777**

### **Clinton Memorial**

901 S. Oakland, St. Johns

**(989) 227-3323**

### **Harvest Pharmacy, 313**

990 East M21, Ovid

**(989) 862-4858**

# Clinton County Year-Round Recycling Programs

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## *Mercury Thermometer Exchange*

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

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

3671 Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI (517) 669-8311  
Mon. - Fri. 12 Noon to 3 P.M.

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(989) 224-5186 Mon. - Fri. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **Watertown Charter Twp.**

12803 S. Wacousta Rd.  
Grand Ledge, MI (517) 626-6593  
Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### **DeWitt Charter Twp Clerks Office**

1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI  
(517) 668-0270  
Mon. - Fri. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

## Community & Youth Education Programs

The Environmental Educator at the Clinton County Department of Waste Management offers a range of 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 schooling, youth groups, as well as adult learners.

Environmental education programs offered by the 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 meet 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 parks department to develop unique programming to meet individual needs. Assistance is available for projects and activities such as: rain, butterfly and community garden development, outdoor activities, nature walks, geocaching, outdoor scavenger hunts, pond explorations, water testing, nature photography, tree planting and just about any outdoor environmental education activity!

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).

## Agricultural Waste

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. Containers must be triple or pressure rinsed. For drop-off locations, dates & guidelines, contact the MDA's Env. Stewardship Div., (517) 241-3933. Local farm supply dealers, elevators & co-ops serve as drop-off locations.

## Antifreeze

See *Automotive Fluids* for disposal options for antifreeze, motor oil and filters.

## Appliances

**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. Freon is a substance used to keep appliances cold. It must be removed from units before recycling or disposing and is found in items like refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. See *Freon Removal* for more information.

**Small Appliances** include toasters & other small kitchen appliances, vacuum cleaners, fans, phones, etc. See centerfold for places to donate. Also see *Vacuum Cleaners*.

The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management also offers one or two single day collection events each year to recycle items like appliances. *Visit us online or call for information on the next collection event.*

## Arts & Crafts Supplies

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 & hospital occupational therapy departments.

## Asbestos

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) & wetted down. Check Yellow Pages under *Asbestos Removal & Abatement Services* for companies that specialize in asbestos removal.

## Automobiles - Parts/Accessories

Auto salvage yards will buy or accept working or nonworking automobiles & parts for recycling or resale. Most salvage yards do not want tires & 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 (OW)** (989) 725-7131  
**Ashley Salvage & Auto Parts** (989) 862-4632  
**Cat's Part-s-Mart Auto Salvage (L)**  
(517) 322-2350

**Dino's Salvage (WM)** (517) 655-3553  
*Will pickup up large quantities of scrap for free.*

**Friedland Industries (L)** (517) 482-3000  
**Heights Auto Parts (L)** (517) 485-2276  
**Maple Rapids Auto Parts (MR)** (989) 682-4714  
**R & R Salvage (LB)** (517) 675-7288  
**Shroyer's Auto Parts (L)** (517) 887-1700  
**Travers Auto (SJ)** (989) 224-4810

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

## Automotive Fluids

*Antifreeze, Motor Oil &*

*Filters*

It is important to note that facilities that accept motor oil for recycling are providing a service to the community. Please respect their gen-



erosity & recycle only pure, used motor oil. Always call for acceptance guidelines before delivering oil. Those companies listed with an "a", "f" or "o" following their name accept antifreeze ("a"), oil "o" and/or oil filters ("f"). See *Hazardous Waste* to recycle large quantities of auto fluids.

<b>Autozone<sup>o</sup> (SJ)</b>	<b>(989) 227-2339</b>
<b>Bywater's (O)</b>	<b>(989) 834-5511</b>
<b>Denny's Diagnosis<sup>ao</sup> (L)</b>	<b>(517) 321-2255</b>
<b>DeWitt Auto Service Center<sup>o</sup> (D)</b>	<b>(517) 669-1165</b>
<b>Ken's Car Care (F)</b>	<b>(989) 593-2533</b>
<b>Grand Ledge Foreign Car<sup>a</sup> (GL)</b>	<b>(517) 627-5011</b>
<b>Gary's Garage<sup>o</sup> (SJ)</b>	<b>(989) 224-2072</b>
<b>H &amp; H Mobil<sup>a</sup> (EL)</b>	<b>(517) 332-6335</b>
<b>Ionia County Resource Recovery<sup>a</sup></b> <b>(616) 527-2620 - ext. 101</b>	
<b>Superior Car Care<sup>o</sup> (B)</b>	<b>(517) 641-6400</b>
<b>Thorsen's Racing (D)</b>	<b>(517) 669-1290</b>

<sup>f</sup>= oil filters; <sup>a</sup>= antifreeze <sup>o</sup>= oil

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

## Baby Clothes & Equipment

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

## Batteries

**Auto, Marine & RV (Lead Acid Batteries) -** Michigan law requires that all automotive and marine batteries be 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 if you recycle an old one. If you buy a new battery and do not recycle an old one, you may have to pay a deposit. Increasingly the value for old lead acid batteries have gone up and as a result some retailers are

accepting them for free. Bee's Sports in St. Johns 1-800-BEES-720, Thorsen's Racing in Dewitt 517-669-1290; H&H Mobil (EL) 517-332-6335, will accept any lead acid battery for free

**Household Batteries (Alkaline) -** Rechargeable batteries minimize waste & are cheaper to use than disposable batteries. Household battery standards for manufacturing no longer allow the use of mercury and can be disposed of with your household trash. The County's Waste Management Department encourages you to recycle your household batteries, however, as they do contain a number of important resources that can be reclaimed. For information on free recycling drop-off locations for household batteries operated by the county, see Page 6.

**Lithium Batteries -** Some jewelry stores that repair watches 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 use one of the county sponsored free drop-off sites to recycle, see Page 6.

**Rechargeable Batteries -** Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), & Small Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries are recyclable. These are used in power tools, computers, cordless & cellular phones, camcorders, digital cameras & remote control toys. Some national retailers accept any rechargeable battery for recycling, including Sears, Staples, Target and Radio Shack. Please call your local retailer prior to recycling. Rechargeable batteries can also be recycled by the County's Waste Management Dept.; call (989) 224-5186, see Page 6.

## Bedding & Linens

Includes sheets, blankets, tablecloths, etc. See centerfold for places to donate. Or call the County's Waste Management Dept. at (989) 224-5186 to find out about special collection events for clothing and textiles.

## Beds

Includes boxsprings & mattresses.  
**Michigan Mattress Recyclers (Gaylord)**  
**(989) 390-1913**

See centerfold under *Furniture* and *Other Items/Notes* for places to donate. Most organizations want only good quality beds without stains or holes.

## Bicycles

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

**D&K Bike Service** 989-224-4770  
*Seeking mostly mountain bikes, & helmets.*  
[www.cacvoices.org/krp](http://www.cacvoices.org/krp)

## Books, AudioTapes, VHS, CD, DVD

See centerfold under *Books* for places to donate. Check local churches, libraries, schools, hospitals, and senior citizen's centers. Doctor's offices and day care centers may take children's books & videos. Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management also offers one day collection events each year and contributes to a regional event. Books are either reused or if they can't be reused, they are recycled. *For more info. visit them online or call for information on the next collection event: (989) 224-5186.*

The following locations will accept for donation quality, used books. Most stores are very selective & only want certain types of books. Always call for delivery guidelines before making a trip.

**Curious Book Shop (EL)** (517) 332-0112  
**Friedland (L)** (517) 482-3000  
**MSU Surplus & Recycling (EL)** (517) 355-1723  
**St. Johns Book Exchange (SJ)** (989) 224-7702  
**The Reading People (L)** (517) 485-4949

The following recycles CD, VHS, DVD's:

**Greendisk ([www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com))**

The following allows you to opt out for phone book deliveries: **[www.YellowPagesOptOut.com](http://www.YellowPagesOptOut.com)**

## Burning Guidelines

State law currently prohibits backyard burning of household trash as of October 2012. Please call your local fire department for more information on permits for yard waste or recreational burning, or to file a complaint related to 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.

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

## Cameras & Camera Equipment

See centerfold under *Electronics* for places to donate or sell. Also check the Yellow Pages under *Photographic Equipment* for places that repair, sell or trade camera equipment. Many stores that process film recycle film canisters.

## Carpets & Rugs

Look in Yellow Pages under Carpet & Rugs for cleaning & repair services. See centerfold under *Carpets & Rugs* for places to donate.

**MCB Recycling (Potterville) (517) 645-0001**

Recycles carpet padding, upholstery foam, seat cushions. Will pick up large quantities.

## Clocks & Watches

Check Yellow Pages under *Clocks-Repair* for repair services. Some jewelry stores repair watches. See centerfold under *Appliances-Small* or *Jewelry* for places to donate working clocks & watches.

## Clothing & Accessories

Includes pants, shirts, shoes, coats, warm weather gear as well as accessories such as purses, belts, shoes, etc. See centerfold for places to donate or sell on consignment. Donate only clothing that is **clean & in good condition**. Many resale & consignment shops want only seasonal items due to storage constraints. *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 warm weather gear such as mittens, hats & boots). Vintage clothing may be wanted by theatre groups for costumes - check Yellow Pages under *Theatre-Stage*.

The County's Dept. of Waste Mgmt. also offers two single day collection events each year to recycle clothing and textiles. *Visit them online or call for information on the next collection event: (989) 224-5186.*

## Collectibles & Antiques

See centerfold for places to donate. Check Yellow Pages under *Antiques* for places to sell. Theatre groups may want antiques for stage props - check Yellow Pages under *Theatre-Stage*.

## Computers - Equip. & Accessories

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 & should not be disposed of with regular trash. See *Hazardous Waste* for disposal companies.

The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management also offers two Clean Community Events each year, and electronics are accepted for recycling free of charge from residents, and a minimal fee is charged to businesses. *Visit them online or call for information on the next collection event:* (989) 224-5186.

All Goodwill thrift stores accept non-working computers and televisions for recycling for free, but call first 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 & electronics.

See *Toner Rechargers* for companies that recharge & recycle toner & ink jet cartridges.

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). Check Yellow Pages under *Computers, Used* for more companies that resell computer equipment.

**Cleanlites Recycling, Inc. (M)** (517) 676-0044  
**Goodwill (D)** (517) 669-2914  
**Habitat for Humanity (SJ)** (989) 227-0000

## Concrete & Asphalt

Concrete & asphalt are recyclable. The following companies accept broken concrete

and/or asphalt (without reinforcement rods & other debris) for recycling. Charges may apply - ask for details about fees & acceptable materials.

**L & L Construction (L)** (517) 694-9979  
**Schlegel, Inc. (L)** (517) 487-5961  
**Searles Concrete (SJ)** (989) 224-3297  
**Spartan Asphalt (L)** (517) 346-5107

## Construction/Demolition Materials

Includes waste items resulting from construction, remodeling & demolition projects: lumber, siding, shingles, pipes, nails, plumbing/lighting fixtures, etc. See *Trash Hauling Companies* for on-site 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 & materials to build them are a constant need.

Check Yellow Pages under *Theatres-Stage* for local theatre groups. They may be interested in construction materials, paint & other items for building stage scenes & props. Some contacts are listed below.

**Antique Brick Company (bricks)** (800) 345-0128  
**Boarshead Theater** (517) 484-7800  
**Capital Area Career Center** (517) 244-1330  
**Daggett Recycling** (517) 487-2345  
**Habitat for Humanity Restore (SJ)** 989-227-0000  
**Habitat for Humanity Restore** (517) 374-6235  
**Jake's New & Used Plumbing** (517) 485-1847  
**LCC Performing Arts Dept.** (517) 483-1018  
**MSU Performing Arts Dept.** (517) 355-6690  
**Recycle Ann Arbor Reuse Center** (734) 222-7880  
**Riverwalk Theater** (517) 482-5700

## Electronics (TVs, VCRs, tapes)

Includes TV's, stereos, VCR's & radios. See centerfold for places to donate. The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management also offers two Clean Community Events each year to recycle electronics. *Visit them online or call for*

information on the next collection event:

(989) 224-5186. All Goodwill stores accept non-working computers and TVs for recycling for free. Call first for guidelines; see centerfold.

**Goodwill (D)** (517) 669-2914  
**Habitat for Humanity (SJ) Louis** (989) 227-0000  
**Padnos Iron & Metal** 1-800-442-3509

**Best Buy** accepts, TV's, flat screens, computer monitors, DVD players, audio and video cables, cell phones and other electronics.

## Estates

Check Yellow Pages under Estate Sales for companies that specialize in liquidating entire estates.

## Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids

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

**Bath** (517) 484-3273  
**Clinton Co. Sr. Cit. Ctr. (SJ)** (989) 224-4257  
**DeWitt Bkfst. Lions Club** (517) 669-9216  
**EL - Meridian** (517) 337-1011  
**Fowler** (989) 593-2274  
**Grand Ledge** (517) 627-6337  
**Laingsburg** (517) 651-6254  
**Ovid** (989) 834-2288  
**St. Johns** (989) 224-3519

A number of organizations listed in the centerfold also accept eyeglasses, including: Goodwill, Lansing City Rescue Mission Free Store, Moore Living Connections, Seventh Day Adventist Outreach, Creation Station & US Post Offices.

## Farm Equipment

Old farm equipment made of steel or other types of metals can be recycled. See *Scrap Metal*.

## Fire Extinguishers/Smoke Detectors

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

**Fire extinguishers** with metal tops can be recharged & should be tested every 5 or 6 years. Check Yellow Pages under *Fire Protection Equipment* for service providers. 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 & then disposed of with regular trash. (The following do not accept smoke detectors only fire extinguishers.)

**De Lau Fire & SVC (L)** (517) 321-1111  
**Gar-Mel Fire Extinguishers (L)** (517) 676-5512

**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.

The American Red Cross will take working smoke detectors.

**American Red Cross (L) (Ext.167)**  
**(517) 484-7461**

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

## Food

**Nonperishable Food** includes unopened canned goods, bakery products, etc.

**Capital Area Comm. Services (SJ)**  
**(989) 224-6702**

**Greater Lansing Food Bank (L)** (517) 853-7800  
**Lansing City Rescue (L)** (517) 485-0145  
**The Basic Needs Center (SJ)** (517) 230-4618  
(also accepts perishable food)

**Prepared Food** - Includes commercially prepared cooked, hot food in large quantities.

**Cooking Oil** - Leftover cooking oil and grease from turkey, chicken, fish, bacon and ground beef you cooked or deep fried can be recycled.

**Delhi Township WWTP** (517) 699-3873  
**Delta Twp. Recycling Center** (517) 323-8500

## Freon Removal

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 or recycled.** If buying a new appliance, ask your dealer to take your old one. If you are disposing of an old one, you must remove the Freon. **Be sure to get a certificate of removal!** Some technicians charge very high fees. Stick to local companies, & ask about their fee in advance! Freon-containing appliances are accepted at the Clinton County Clean Community events for a charge of ~\$10. The following businesses have technicians who remove Freon for a reasonable fee (\$20-\$45):

**Bill Leech Repair Service (L)** (517) 371-3583  
**Dino's Salvage (WM)** (517) 655-3553  
**Granger Landfill (L)** (517) 372-2800  
**IRWS (L)** (248) 446-5052  
**Pitsch Landfill (Belding)** (616) 794-3050

## Fuel & Fuel Tanks

**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 & cut open. Clinton County recommends that residents hire a professional contractor to remove & dispose of fuel tanks due to risk of injury, explosion or contamination.

The following companies provide tank removal services, including disposal of leftover fuel. If you need to have groundwater tested, use a different company than the one removing the tank. Also, check Yellow Pages under *Tanks-Removal, Oils-Waste, & Env. Svcs.* for more companies that provide these services.

**Bill Begole & Company (L)** (517) 482-2500  
**IRWS (S. Lyon)** (248) 446-5052

**Pressurized fuel tanks**, such as propane tanks for motor homes & gas grills, are refillable. No state or federal disposal guidelines exist for these items. Call propane dealer & ask if they'll take unwanted tanks. Check Yellow Pages under *Gas-Propane*. Do NOT throw in trash or recycling bin. The Propane Store in Lansing located at 5601 Aurelius Rd, (517) 393-1075 will accept any propane tank for \$6.00. The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management offers two Clean Community Events each year to safely dispose of hazardous waste like pressurized fuel tanks. *Visit them online or call for information on the next collection event:* (989) 224-5186.

## Furniture & Household Goods

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

Some older furniture is of higher quality than much of what is sold today. Before throwing away an old piece of quality furniture, consider if it can be repaired, refinished or reupholstered. Check Yellow Pages under *Furniture Repair & Refinishing or Upholsterers*.

## Grocery Bags

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

**Plastic grocery bags** are recycled by a few grocery store chains. Meijer, Wal-Mart & Kroger stores accept plastic shopping bags. Call local stores for details. Remove receipts & any other items before recycling. Reuse plastic grocery bags to line wastebaskets or for other uses. Or avoid generating them in the first place by shopping with reuseable canvas or cloth bags, which can be purchased at many health food stores. The Lansing City Rescue Mission will periodically accept clean bags, but call first to determine if they are needed.

**Wal-Mart (SJ)** (989) 224-8099  
**Kroger (SJ)** (989) 224-6841  
**Meijer (D,B)** (989) 669-4738

## Guns & Ammunition

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

<b>Bath</b>	<b>(517) 641-6271</b>
<b>Clinton County Sheriff</b>	<b>(989) 224-5200</b>
<b>DeWitt, City</b>	<b>(517) 669-9131</b>
<b>DeWitt Township</b>	<b>(517) 669-6578</b>
<b>Ovid Village</b>	<b>(989) 834-5335</b>
<b>St. Johns, City</b>	<b>(989) 224-6721</b>

Guns & ammunition may be donated or sold to the following organizations & companies:

<b>Classic Arms Company (L)</b>	<b>(517) 484-6112</b>
<b>Lansing Area Search &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>(517) 676-2060</b>
<b>(Pager)</b>	<b>(517) 360-1285</b>

## Hazardous Household Waste

Includes cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, paints, varnishes, old or contaminated fuels, adhesives, & more. Do **NOT** throw in trash. Each year the Clinton County Department of Waste Management offers two Clean Community Events to safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials for free. *Visit them online or call to find out when the next collection event will be held.*

Clinton County residents & farmers may also safely dispose of, free of charge, agricultural and landscape chemicals and mercury-containing products with both Ionia and Ingham County, who operate permanent drop-off sites.

<b>Ingham Co. Health Dept (L)</b>	<b>(517) 887-4521</b>
<b>Ionia Co. Res. Recovery</b>	<b>(616) 527-2620 ext. 101</b>

## Hazardous Waste - Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial

Includes hazardous waste items from agriculture, business or industry. The companies below provide hazardous waste disposal services for a fee. 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 thru Clinton, Ingham and Ionia County Programs.

<b>Clinton County Dept. Waste Mgmt.</b>
<b>(989) 224-5186</b>

## Clean Harbors Services (Chicago)

**(773) 646-6202**

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

**Cleanlites Recycling (M)** **(517) 676-0044**

*(Accepts universal waste, only)*

**Drug & Laboratory (Plainwell)** **(269) 685-9824**

[www.dld-inc.com](http://www.dld-inc.com)

**Environmental Recycling Group** **(734) 437-9650**

**EQ Detroit, Inc** **(800) 495-6059**

**Groundwater Stewardship** **(517) 373-0009**

[www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607.7-125-](http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607.7-125-1572_2875-8212-,00.html)

[1572\\_2875-8212-,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607.7-125-1572_2875-8212-,00.html)

**Heritage Environmental (Toledo)** **(419) 729-1321**

[www.heritage-enviro.com](http://www.heritage-enviro.com)

**Ingham Co. Health Dept.** **(517) 887-4521**

**Ionia Cty. Resource Recovery** **(616) 527-8219**

**ext.101**

**IRWS** **(800) 440-1641**

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

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

**Tradebe** **(800) 388-7242**

**Safety Kleen (M)** **(517) 676-6221**

[www.safety-kleen.com](http://www.safety-kleen.com)

**SQS Inc.(ERG Enviro) -Livonia** **(734) 459-3800**

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

## Jewelry

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

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

## 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 Recycling (L)** **(517) 487-2345**

*Sheridan Rd. at Bus. 27, Lansing -C&D debris only*

**Granger Landfill** (517) 372-2800  
 16980 Wood Road, Lansing

**Pitsch Sanitary Landfill** (616) 794-3050  
 E. of Belding, about 8 miles N. of Ionia

**Venice Park Landfill** (810) 621-9080  
 10 miles E. of Owosso, just S. of M-21

**Waste Management Inc.** (517) 655-4106  
 (800) 796-9696  
 2450 E. Grand River -Williamston transfer station

## Lawn & Garden Tools & Equip.

Includes rakes, hoes, trimming equipment, hoses, lawn mowers, tillers, etc. Schools may accept tools & supplies for classroom gardens. See centerfold for other places to donate. Some garden centers can reuse plastic pots & flats. Plant pots & 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:* (989) 224-5186.

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

## Leather Goods & Luggage

See centerfold for places to donate. Check Yellow Pages under *Leather or Shoe Repair* for places that clean & 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 are highly energy efficient but do contain a small amount of mercury. The following will recycle them free:

**Lansing Board of Water & Light (L)** (517) 702-6006

<b>Gilberts True Value (D)</b>	(517)	669-1200
<b>Home Depot (L)</b>	(517)	323-0229
<b>Lowe's (L)</b>	(800)	445-6937
<b>Menards(L) Standard</b>	(517)	393-0197
<b>Electric (L)</b>	(517)	487-3232
<b>Cleanlites Recycling (M)</b>	(888)	676-0044

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

The items are also accepted at the County's Clean Community Events for a fee. *Contact the Department of Waste Management for more information* (989) 224-5186.

## Medical Supplies, Equip. & Drugs

**Drugs** - Do not flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet. Water treatment facilities can not 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. For more information visit online or call (989) 224-5186.

**Syringes** - See page 6 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 & even wigs may be donated or sold on consignment:

**R & M Hospital Equipment (SJ)** (989) 224-4072  
**Sparrow Medical Equip. (L)** (517) 371-2115  
**VFW Hospital Equip. (SJ)** (989) 224-2810

## Motor Oil & Filters *See Automotive Fluids*

## Musical Equipment & Supplies

Includes instruments, recordings, equipment, sheet music & books. See centerfold for places to donate. Check *Musical Instruments* in Yellow Pages for businesses that buy or accept used musical instruments, equipment, & supplies. Other places that might accept instruments, recordings, or sheet music include schools, day care centers, churches, libraries, senior citizen's centers, camps & local theatre groups.

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

## Office Equipment & Supplies

Check Yellow Pages under *Office Furniture, Remanufactured* for companies that buy & refurbish "systems" 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 file cabinets, adding machines, etc. Also check local schools and vocational training programs. See *Scrap Metal* to recycle metal file cabinets and desks.

## Paint Products

**Latex (Water-Based) Paint** - Latex paint can be disposed of with regular trash if it is *completely dry and hard*. For faster drying, leave top off can in ventilated area & mix in plain kitty 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 *Hazardous Household Waste* for disposal info.

**Lead-based Paint** - Most homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint! Lead-based paint (including dust from sanding or chips from peeling paint or poorly fitted doors & windows) is extremely hazardous and can cause permanent brain damage in children. Be sure to do careful 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 twice each year. Call (989) 224-5186 for dates. Lead test kits are available at most hardware stores.

## Pallets

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

**Kamps Pallets, Inc. (L)** (616) 453-9676  
**MI Pallet Recycling, Inc. (CH)** (517) 543-0606

## Paper Shredders

Office paper and files can be recycled! A number of companies in MI provide on-site confidential document shredding or will pick up in Clinton County.

**American Data Security** (248) 542-7970  
**Cintas (Extension 1)** (800) 605-5571  
**Friedland Industries (L)** (517) 482-3000

**Safe Records Center (L)** (517) 394-0832  
**Shred It - Mobile Shredding** (800) 697-4733

## Personal Care Items

Includes soap, makeup, hair-care items, combs & brushes, nail polish, toiletries, etc. See centerfold for places to donate good, usable products.

## Pet Equipment & Supplies

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

## Plastics - #3, #4, #5, #6, #7

The following sites accept plastics #3-#7:

**Fowler**, (Behind Fowler DPW, North Drive)  
**Maple Rapids**, (Union Street next to Community Center)  
**Pewamo-Westphalia**, (PW High School, Clintonia Road)  
**Granger Recycling Center**  
(16936 Wood Road, 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 plastics EXCEPT STYROFOAM are accepted free of charge, 24 hours, 7 days per week. Styrofoam 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 & sinks. See *Construction & Demolition Materials* for places to donate (most items must be in excellent condition and up to current code to donate). Metal fixtures & pipes are recyclable - see *Scrap Metal* for recyclers.

## 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 visit them on the web. See Page 5 for a listing of available programs.

## Recycling - Business or Commercial

Most waste haulers provide some level of services to businesses. Some firms will accept a full range of recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, etc.). Others only offer recycling of corrugated cardboard and/or paper. See *Trash Haulers*.

## School Supplies

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

## Scrap Metal

Aluminum, brass, copper, steel and other metals are all recyclable. Scrap metal dealers will sometimes pay for metal delivered to their facilities: appliances, tubing, cast iron, construction steel, car parts, lawn mowers, aluminum window frames, large power tools & farm implements. Some recyclers do not want Freon containing units if it has not been removed. See *Freon* for more information. If disposing of fuel tanks, they must be free of any remaining fluids, and dealers may require that they are cut in half, or have a hole drilled into them to ensure they are empty.

Scrap metal dealers may be able to provide names of independent scrap haulers who will come to your home for large items. Also, most auto salvage yards will take scrap metal - see *Automobiles - Parts/Accessories*. The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management also offers two single day collection events each year to recycle materials like scrap metal. *Visit them online or call for information on the next collection event.*

**All Metals Recyclers LLC (LB) (517) 651-6913**  
**American Metal Buyers (OW) (989) 725-7131**

**Ashley Salvage & Auto (Ashley) (989) 862-4632**  
**Cat's Part-s-Mart Auto Salvage (L) (517) 322-2350**

**Daggett Recycling & Container (L) (517) 487-2345**

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

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

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

**Great Lakes Electronic Recycling (313) 838-7000**

**Great Lakes Scrap Recycling (586) 779-1310**

**Omni Source (517) 787-4940**

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

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

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

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

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

## Sewing Machines

See centerfold.

## Sporting Goods

Includes all kinds of sporting goods and exercise equipment. See centerfold for places to donate or sell. Consider conducting an equipment swap at schools or clubs. Some bike and camera shops will give credit for a used trade-in. Also check local schools, and community education and parks & recreation departments.

## Shingles

**Shingle Cycle LLC (L) (517) 899-1560**

## Styrofoam (#6 Polystyrene)

So many kinds of plastic foam products exist today that it is often hard to tell recyclable polystyrene from other types of plastic foam. In general, recyclable polystyrene products easily crack in half with a "pop." Look for the #6 symbol (above) on foam products before recycling. The following #6 polystyrene foam products can be recycled at the Clinton County sponsored collection site located at Swegles and Steel in downtown St. Johns: egg cartons, meat trays, foam clamshells, packing blocks & coolers. Make sure material is

clean and free of food. Do NOT recycle pink or blue styrofoam insulation, as they contain fire retardant. Do NOT recycle clear #6 polystyrene.

**BestWay Pack-N-Send (H) (517) 339-7975**  
(packing peanuts only)

**Dart Container (Mason) (ext. 2515)**  
**(517) 676-3803** - NO packing peanuts  
[www.dartcontainer.com](http://www.dartcontainer.com)

**Clinton County Drop-off Site (SJ)**  
**(989) 224-5186** - NO packing peanuts

**Meridian Township (OK) (517) 853-4466**  
- NO packing peanuts

**Postal Connections (SJ)**  
**(989) 224-0000** (packing peanuts only)

## Thermometers

See Page 7.

## Tires

Expect a charge of \$1-\$5 each to dispose of car tires, more for truck or tractor tires. The best way to avoid a disposal problem is to buy tires from a Dealer who will dispose of your old ones, although 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. It is now illegal to dispose of tires into landfills. The following tire dealers will accept your old tires for a fee:

<b>All-Tech Auto &amp; Towing (LB)</b>	<b>(517) 651-5043</b>
<b>Brogan's Tire Center (L)</b>	<b>(517) 487-5941</b>
<b>Central Michigan Rubber</b>	<b>(989) 465-0200</b>
<b>Discount Tire &amp; Battery (F)</b>	<b>(989) 593-2800</b>
<b>Entech</b>	<b>(574) 822-9107</b>
<b>Environmental Rubber</b>	<b>(810) 789-1222</b>
<b>Granger Landfill (L)</b>	<b>(517) 372-2800</b>
<b>H&amp;H Auto Care (GL)</b>	<b>(517) 627-2176</b>
<b>Hub Tire Center (SJ)</b>	<b>(989) 224-3218</b>
<b>Pitsch Landfill (Belding)</b>	<b>(616) 794-3050</b>
<b>Quality Tire (L)</b>	<b>(517) 321-0119</b>
<b>Reliable Tire Service (Elsie)</b>	<b>(989) 862-4266</b>
<b>Tasmanian Tire Co. (Holt)</b>	<b>(517) 694-9201</b>

## Laser Toner & Ink Jet Recyclers

**Laser and Ink Jet Cartridges** from many kinds of printers can be refilled for much less than the cost of new cartridges. Some compa-

nies offer free pick up.

**Postal Connections (SJ) (989) 224-0000**

The Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management offers a collection box to recycle laser and ink jet cartridges. Please be sure to individually bag items to be recycled. The drop box is located outside Suite 102 of the Health Dept., 1307 East Townsend Rd. St. Johns.

## Tools

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

## Toys

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.

## 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?
- In addition to carts, Granger also offers a bag service to residents, a substantial savings over subscription services with a cart.
- Are you required to purchase special bags?
- Does the company provide trash containers of different sizes? If so, can you save money by recycling and using a smaller trash container?
- Can you cancel or change your service at any time without a penalty charge?

**Republic of West MI (Jenison) (800) 221-7191**

**Republic (Marshall)** (877) 698-7274  
**Daggett Recycling&Container(L)** (517) 487-2345  
**Granger Companies (L)** (517) 372-2800  
**J & M Hauling (GL)** (517) 669-1581  
**Republic (Montrose)** (888) 872-7455  
**Waste Management, Inc.** (866) 797-9018  
 or (248) 374-6599

### 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.

### Vacuum Cleaners

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

**Lam's Sweeper Shop (L)** (517) 372-2650

### Vinyl Siding

**Fryman Recycling (Dowagiac)** (269) 782-0959

### Windows

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

### Yard Waste & Brush

Clinton County recommends **grass-cycling**, 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 (contact dealers) that cut clippings into small pieces, and help clips to more readily decompose, while at the same time providing nitrogen & moisture to your lawn. Call (989) 224-5186 to receive free information.

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

The following communities operate **composting sites** that residents may use for free: Fowler, Laingsburg, Pewamo, St. Johns & Westphalia. Others have free **curbside yard waste service** for leaves or brush. See *Municipal Services* on page 5 for phone numbers of municipalities that offer these types of services.

**Granger Compost Services (L)** (517) 372-2800  
*Accepts yard waste of all kinds for a fee.*

**Republic & Allied Waste (Kalam)**(800) 221-7191  
**Waste Management, Inc.** (800) 796-9696  
**Pitsch Sanitary Landfill (Belding)**(616) 794-3050  
**Venice Park Landfill (Lennon)** (810) 621-9080

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