



Emmet County Recycling Guide

Your Recycling Drop Sites

The following list puts the sites in three groups, based on how many different materials are accepted at each. For a map of the Drop Site locations, visit our website: EmmetRecycling.org.

"Basic" Recycling Drop Sites

Basic sites include bins for newspaper/magazines as well as glass, plastic, and metal containers.

***North State Road:** At the Readmond Township Hall, just off State Road on Wormwood Road.

***Robinson Road:** Across from Jurek's Market at the Pleasantview Road jog.

***Springvale Township:** Behind the Township Hall off Mitchell Road.



NEW!

"Basic Plus" Recycling Drop Sites

These sites have bins for all Basic-site items, plus either office paper OR cardboard.

***Cross Village:** Off Levering Road on Oak Dr., next to the Fire House. (Basic plus office paper)

***Glen's North:** In Glen's Plaza, at the west end near the coin laundry. (Basic plus cardboard)

***Harbor Springs Area:** In the parking lot at the Harbor Springs IGA. (Basic plus cardboard)

***Toski-Sands:** Behind Toski-Sands Plaza on M-119. (Basic plus office paper)

"Full" Recycling Drop Sites

These sites are equipped to accept all Basic-site items plus BOTH cardboard AND office paper.

***Alanson Area:** Off Milton Ave. in the Village Public Works Yard.

The Drop-off Center: See article at the top of this page for location and hours.

***Mackinaw City:** Behind the High School and baseball diamond at the Public Works Yard.

***Petoskey South:** Behind Dunham's in Bay Mall.

***Open 24 hours a day
7 days a week!**

The Drop-off Center: Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste

You can drop everything (almost) at the Center:

- garbage (for transfer to a landfill)
- yard waste (to be composted),
- your day-to-day paper, cardboard and containers to be recycled (see page 2), and
- more unusual materials to be recycled: tires, construction and demolition debris, hazardous recyclables, clothes and shoes. (See page 3 for details on these.)

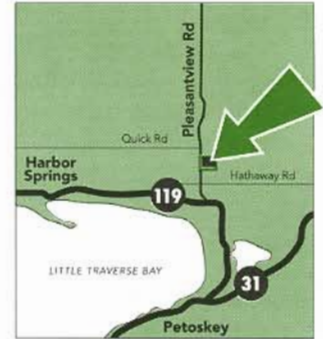
Center personnel, in turn, prepare the recyclables for transport to the factories that use them.

Where?

7363 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs

When?

8 A.M.-4 P.M. weekdays
8 A.M.-3 P.M. Saturdays
except major holidays.



Curbside Convenience

Curbside collection of recyclables (as listed on page 2) is available FREE* to most residents of the following:

- Bear Creek Township (including Bay View),
- Little Traverse Township,
- Resort Township,
- Harbor Springs, and
- Petoskey (including Bay Harbor).

If you live in one of these communities, but don't have a tote, call 348-0640. We'll deliver one to you within a week. For a low annual fee, businesses in these communities can also use the service.

*It's paid for by these towns and townships.



NEW!

Recycle at Curbside & Drop Sites

Newspaper Plus

That's PLUS Magazines, Catalogs, and Books (including Phone Books)

- Flyers and slick inserts that come with the newspaper can also be included.
- NO newspapers which have gotten wet and/or are yellowed.

Accepted FREE curbside & at all Emmet County drop sites.



#1 and #2 Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Jars

- To check whether it's a #1 or #2, look on the bottom for one of these symbols:



- Put the lids in the garbage.
- Rinse and flatten. There's no need to remove labels.
- NO #1 trays or clamshells. NO brown #1.
- NO #2 bags or tubs (like those used for yogurt and margarine).
- NO #3, #4, #5, #6, or #7 plastics.

Accepted FREE curbside & at all Emmet County drop sites.



Cans, Foil, & Foil Trays

Aluminum, Steel, and Tin

- Includes metal lids.
- Rinse and flatten as much as possible. (They don't have to be perfectly clean, but shouldn't have pieces of food remaining on them.)
- Remove labels from cans if possible.
- NO aerosol cans or propane tanks.

Accepted FREE curbside & at all Emmet County drop sites.



Glass Bottles & Jars

Clear/Green/Brown/Blue

- Please rinse.
- There's no need to remove labels.
- NO light bulbs, window glass, or glass dishes.

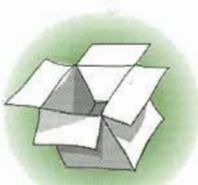
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Cardboard Plus

That's PLUS Boxboard & Brown Paper Bags

- Remove any packing material and flatten boxes.
- Curbside Only: Only cardboard small enough to fit entirely in a brown paper grocery bag can be collected curbside. Larger boxes are accepted at the drop sites.
- Boxboard is the thin cardboard used



to make things like cereal boxes and the tubes in paper towel rolls.

- Brown paper bags are recycled with cardboard, but it's okay to use them to bag paper.
- NO boxes made for use in coolers or freezers (for example pop can cases, beer six packs, and frozen food and butter boxes) or waxed produce boxes. They're not recyclable because they resist the water used to break down cardboard in the recycling process.
- NO Styrofoam

Cardboard is accepted FREE at the • Alanson • Glen's North • Harbor Springs • Mackinaw City • Petoskey South & • Drop-off Center drop sites & curbside.

Office Paper Plus

That's PLUS Junk Mail, Envelopes, and File Folders

- Remove CDs, credit cards, and other non-paper items.
- There's no need to remove rubber bands, paper clips, plastic windows from envelopes, stickers, sticky notes, mailing labels, staples, or tape.
- Shredded office paper is okay to recycle.
- NO padded, Tyvek, or kraft envelopes. (Kraft envelopes are a golden color and are sometimes called "manila" envelopes.)
- NO construction paper.

Accepted FREE curbside & at the • Alanson • Cross Village • Mackinaw City • Petoskey South • Toski-Sands & • Drop-off Center drop sites.



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Still not sure if it's recyclable?

Call us at 231-348-0640

Or visit our web site:

www.EmmetRecycling.org

There you'll find our more detailed online Recycling Guide and Recyclable/Not Recyclable lists including nearly every item anyone has asked us about in the last five years.

We may add the item you ask about to the web page lists if you ask us about a new one!

Recycle at Drop-off Center Only

Bulky Recyclables Area

Large Appliances

- See the attendant before unloading.
- There is a \$5 per item handling fee.
- Getting rid of a refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, or dehumidifier? If it has not already been drained and tagged by a certified technician (as required by law before recycling or disposal), we provide the service for \$25.



Rubble

- Including rocks, bricks, concrete, and asphalt. Rebar and wire mesh are okay.
 - No rubble with lead paint or asbestos.
- SAVE!** \$10/cu. yd. to recycle, \$20 to landfill.



Scrap Metal

- Steel, aluminum, copper, cast iron, and other metals are accepted.
 - Propane tanks okay. NO vehicle gas tanks.
- FREE.**



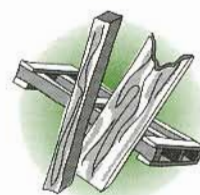
Tires

- On-the-rim is okay.
- Fee: \$2.50 each for car and light truck tires. Others accepted, call for prices.



Wood (unfinished)

- The wood will be ground into wood chips for use as mulch.
 - NO treated wood, plywood, or particle board.
 - Nails are not a problem.
- SAVE!** \$10/cu. yd. to recycle, \$20 to landfill.



Textiles and Shoes Area

Clothing and Textiles

- Includes clothing and bedding.
 - They should be clean and dry.
 - Please don't remove buttons or zippers.
- FREE.**



Shoes and Work Boots

- Rubber band in pairs.
 - NO heels over two inches high, clogs, winter boots, slippers, or jelly shoes.
 - NO water shoes, skates, or ski boots.
- FREE.**



Hazardous Materials Recycling Area

Antifreeze

- We store antifreeze in drums, so you can keep your container to use again.
- FREE.**



Batteries

- All kinds of vehicle and household batteries are accepted at the **Drop-off Center**.
- Household batteries may also be dropped off during business hours at the following locations:
 - in **Alanson** at W.W. Fairbairn & Sons,
 - in **Harbor Springs** at Meyer Ace Hardware and Preston Feather Building Center,
 - in **Mackinaw City** at Coffman Hardware and the Village Hall
 - in **Pellston** at Cook's Hardware, and
 - in **Petoskey** at Meyer Ace Hardware and Radio Shack.



Batteries from home use FREE. Businesses recycling non-lead-acid batteries are charged \$1 per pound.

NEW!

Electronics

- Including computers, televisions, phones, things that connect to them, and many other items.
- \$2 fee on most items. Call for prices for TVs and other larger items.



Fluorescent Light Bulbs

- Includes compact fluorescent bulbs.
 - Please do not break bulbs before delivering for recycling. They are recycled because they contain mercury (a neurotoxin).
 - NO incandescent (ordinary) or halogen bulbs.
- FREE for bulbs from home use. Businesses recycling bulbs are charged a fee. Call 231-348-0640 for rates for different lengths and types.**



Motor Oil Plus

That's PLUS Hydraulic Fluid, Fuel Oil, Automatic Transmission Fluid, Lube Oils, and Diesel Fuel

- We store motor oil in tanks, so you can keep your container to use again.
 - NO gasoline or contaminated oil (e.g., oil with gas or water). To dispose of these call the Household Chemical Drop-Off Program at 231-348-0660.
- FREE.**





You're making a difference every day!

In 2006 Emmet County Recycling shipped over 5,150 tons of materials to factories which made them into new products. That's more than 250 semi-trailer loads of recyclable materials!



All this recycling...

Saved 29,596 trees



Saved 9,989 barrels of oil



Saved 27,968,185 gallons of water



Prevented 270,505 bags of garbage from being landfilled



Saved enough energy to power 777 households for a year



Prevented 6,063 tons of air pollution

Prevented 23 tons of water pollution



Prevented greenhouse gases equal to those that would be emitted by 3,136 cars over one year.



Thank you for recycling!



Questions?
Call 348-0640

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Mixed Paper & Small Cardboard

Office Paper

- Including copier paper, junk mail, envelopes, and file folders.
- Please put *shredded paper* into *clear plastic bag(s)*, and puncture a few holes in the bag(s) (to allow compression).
- Please remove CDs, plastic cards and other non-paper items from junk mail.
- There's no need to remove sticky notes, mailing labels, staples, paper clips, tape, stickers, rubber bands, or envelopes with plastic windows.
- NO construction paper or boldly colored office paper (for example hot pink, bright yellow, and neon colors). Pale/pastel-colored office paper is okay.
- NO kraft envelopes (sometimes called "manila" envelopes; they're a golden-brown color).
- NO padded envelopes.

Newspaper

- Includes flyers and glossy inserts
- NO newspapers which have gotten wet and/or yellowed.

Magazines, Catalogs, and Books

Small corrugated cardboard

- Small amounts and pieces of cardboard may be included with your paper. It must be in pieces small enough to fit entirely in a brown paper grocery bag.
- Remove any packing material and flatten boxes.
- NO greasy pizza boxes.

Brown Paper Bags

Boxboard

- Boxboard is the cardboard used in things like cereal boxes and the tubes in paper towel rolls. Most of it is gray on the inside, but it may also be white (i.e. medicine boxes).
- NO boxes meant for use in coolers or freezers (for example cases from pop cans, beer six packs, and frozen food and butter boxes).



You're Doing Something About Global Warming Every Day

Recycling half of your garbage can prevent emission of over a ton of heat-trapping gases annually. When you consider that the national average is 7.5 tons emitted per person per year, it's clear that a ton is a good chunk!

Recycling reduces global warming in several ways:

- 1) When paper and cardboard break down in landfills methane—an exceptionally potent greenhouse gas—is released. Less paper land-filled means less methane.
- 2) Living trees take up carbon dioxide as they "breathe." Recycling leaves more trees standing!
- 3) Making products from recycled materials uses substantially less energy than using virgin materials, which means less smoke with heat-trapping gases.

Want to do more? Several sites on the web offer good practical suggestions: The Union of Concerned Scientists (ucsusa.org), Environmental Defense (environmentaldefense.org), and ClimateCrisis.org.

*Estimates are from ClimateCrisis.org.



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Emmet County Department of Public Works
200 Division Street Ste. G-76, Petoskey MI 49770

*Printed on recycled-content paper
(30% or more post-consumer)*

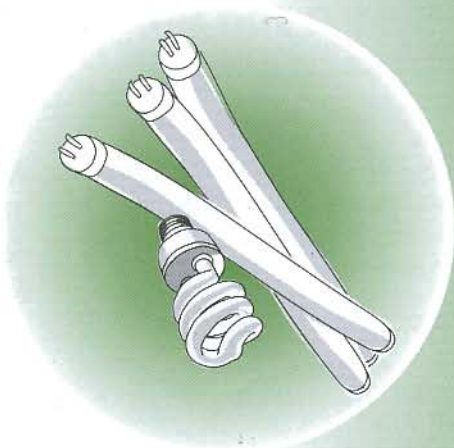
More local recycling info is on the web at EmmetRecycling.org



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