

## **Unacceptable Items:**

**Tires** – Call local tire dealers.

**Electronics** – Call Goodwill Stores.

**Smoke Detectors** – Send back to the manufacturer.

**Latex Paint** – Can be put in trash if completely dry. (To dry, leave lids off, add kitty litter or sawdust for speedier drying). Paint hardener products are also available at various businesses. For a list call (231) 796-0909 x3.

**Automotive Batteries** – Area auto parts stores or Recycle of Mecosta County.

**Ammunition or Explosives** –  
Call Sheriff - Lake Co. (745-2712)  
Mecosta Co. (592-0150)  
Osceola Co. (832-2288)

**Fire Extinguishers** – Call Northern Fire & Safety in Traverse City (231-947-6035)

**Radioactive Materials** – Call NRC Hotline at 1-800-233-3497 (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

**Cell Phones** – *(Must be able to hold a charge)*  
Call Commission on Aging –  
Lake Co. (745-2401)  
Mecosta Co. (972-2884)  
Osceola Co. (734-5559)

**Construction/Remodeling Waste**  
(Ex. Drywall, tiles, shingles, insulation, wood/metal scraps, etc.) Call local waste hauler for disposal.

**Appliances and Furniture** – Call  
Wise Shopper – (231) 796-5840  
Hope House Ministries – (231) 592-0933  
Community Thrift Center – (231) 745-2551

**Rechargeable Batteries** – Accepted at  
Lowes or Radio Shack in Big Rapids

***Above items will NOT be  
accepted at the collection sites.***

**Clean Sweep is a simple and easy pesticide and mercury recovery program.**

### **Who can use the program?**

Any Michigan homeowner, farm, green-house, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service, but not dealers or persons who apply pesticides for hire.

### **What can I bring and how much?**

Old, unwanted, out-of-date or unusable pesticides can be dropped off for safe disposal. Bring whatever you have.

### **Tips for safe transport of hazardous materials:**

- Keep items in their original and labeled containers.
- Do not mix contents of unknown/unlabeled containers.
- Make sure that containers are not leaking prior to bringing them to a collection facility.
  - Inspect steel containers for rust, pinholes or deficient seams.
  - Place any leaking container in a clear plastic bag or leak proof container.
- Do not transport containers with open tops.
- Place chemicals in vehicle away from passengers.
- Secure all containers so they cannot slide tip or spill contents.

All Conservation District programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability.

# **Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties**

**October 10, 2009**



## **In cooperation with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Clean Sweep Program**

*This service is provided to the residents of Lake, Mecosta and Osceola Counties and was made possible by the contributions of many businesses, organizations, foundations and governmental entities. Participation is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.*

**NOTE:** Last year we collected 25,962 pounds of household hazardous waste in the three counties, from 488 households. We appreciate everyone who participated. Thank You! If you would like to volunteer October 10, 2009, please call one of our offices.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are materials that, if disposed incorrectly, can cause environmental damage by contaminating ground and surface waters, threatening human health and wildlife.

Disposing of these products in storm drains allows these materials to enter surface waters untreated. Pouring on the ground leads to potential ground water (drinking water) contamination. These wastes should not be thrown in the trash. Liquid wastes are not allowed in Michigan landfills.

The dangers of such disposal methods may not be immediately obvious, but certain types of household hazardous waste have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers; contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets; and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Please use a product completely, give the remainder to neighbors, or take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site. Empty containers can be disposed of with trash.

### Watch for the following signal words:

<b>TOXIC</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
<b>FLAMMABLE</b>	<b>WARNING</b>
<b>CORROSIVE</b>	<b>CAUTION</b>
<b>REACTIVE</b>	<b>BIOHAZARD</b>
<b>POISON</b>	

***Please drop off hazardous waste at collection sites only during scheduled hours. We have no means of disposal at any other time. Thank you.***

## 2009 Collection **Saturday, October 10, 2009** **9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Collection Sites:

**Lake County** – Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin (behind Jones Ice Cream Parlor)

**Mecosta County** – Fairgrounds  
540 West Avenue, Big Rapids

**Osceola County** – Road Commission North Facility, 13353 20 Mile Road, Tustin (Near Dighton)

**Pre-registration is required if you have over 200 lbs. of waste for disposal.** To obtain a registration form or for more information contact:

### **Lake County MSU Extension Office**

915 Michigan Ave., Baldwin  
Phone: 231-745-2732  
Fax: 231-745-6213  
Email: [theunick@msu.edu](mailto:theunick@msu.edu)

### **Mecosta Conservation District**

18260 Northland Dr., Big Rapids  
Phone: 231-796-0909 Ext. 3  
Fax: 231-796-3607  
Email: [charmaine.lucas@mi.nacdn.net](mailto:charmaine.lucas@mi.nacdn.net)  
Web Site: [www.mecostacd.org](http://www.mecostacd.org)

### **Osceola-Lake Conservation District**

138 W. Upton Ave., Suite #2, Reed City  
Phone: 231-832-2950  
Fax: 231-832-2683  
Email: [charmaine.lucas@mi.nacdn.net](mailto:charmaine.lucas@mi.nacdn.net)  
Web Site: [www.osceolalakecd.org](http://www.osceolalakecd.org)

**A pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site and must be submitted to any contact above two weeks prior to the collection date.**

## Acceptable materials (not all inclusive):

### Automotive Products & Fuels

Antifreeze	Gasoline
Brake Fluid	Kerosene
Car Wax	*Motor Oil - containers must be 5 gallons or less in size – <b>NO DRUMS</b>
Contaminated Oil	Oil/Gas Mixtures
Diesel Fuel	Transmission Fluid
Fuel Oil (no tanks)	

### Paint Products

Artists' Paints	Oil Based Paint
Deck Stain	Paint Strippers
Preservatives	Thinners & Solvents
Epoxies	Turpentine
Glue/Adhesives	Varnish & Sealers
Lead Based Paint	

### Yard & Garden Products

Insect Repellents	Fungicides
Insect Foggers	Chemical Fertilizers
Insect Killers	Mouse/Rat Poison
Pesticides	Herbicides

### Cleaners

Cleaning Solvents	Naval Jelly
Dry Cleaning Solutions	Oven Cleaners
Floor/Furniture Polish	Silver Polish
Muriatic Acid	Metal Polish
Rust Removers	

### Miscellaneous

Household Batteries	Nail Polish/Remover
Fluorescent -	Pool Chemicals
Light Bulbs	Mercury -
Lighter Fluids	Thermometers
Mercury (elemental)	& Thermostats
Moth Balls	Unused Medication

**\*Used motor oil–No 55 gallon drums - containers must be 5 gallons or less**