Turning Trash into Treasure



You're a conscientious recycler. You try to purchase products made from recycled materials with as little packing as possible. You reuse whatever you can, and only use what you need. But what about those old records or that toaster oven that you don't need anymore? What about that expired car battery and



the carpet scraps out in the garage? This document is designed to answer these tricky questions and to help keep your waste out of the landfill.

Here you will find creative tips on how to reduce your waste. You will also find a directory of facilities that will reuse or recycle many of your household items. You'll see how one person's trash may be a valuable resource to someone else. By working together we can turn our trash into treasure.

For more information about the listings in this booklet, contact: Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program (734) 222-6874

http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org

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Ammunition

Reduce: Only buy the amount of ammunition you know you will use. Keeping it in your home can be a danger to you and your family. Disposing of ammunition in your regular trash poses a grave danger to solid waste handlers. Call your local State Police or Sheriff's office to see if they accept unused or spent ammunition.

Michigan State Police

1501 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti 482-1211 *Please call for more information.*

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department

2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor 971-0586 or 971-8400 Please call for more information.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze contains a very hazardous chemical, ethylene glycol that should not be disposed of in trash, sewers or drains. This chemical tastes and smells sweet, making it attractive to children and pets- be sure to store it out of their reach!

Reduce and Reuse: Antifreeze does not "go bad." Make sure to use up the whole bottle before you buy another one. If you cannot use it up, offer it to a friend or neighbor.

Recycle: Antifreeze can be recycled at any one of the following locations. Call for specific guidelines.

Amoco South Main

402 S. Main St., Ann Arbor 761-1170 Please call for business hours.

Ashley's Auto Service

507 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor 665-5212 *Please call for business hours.*

Brewer's North Campus Service

1763 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 663-6019 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

Firestone Complete Auto Care

3507 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor (Arborland Mall) 677-0668 500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) 769-1485 402 E. Huron-Downtown, Ann Arbor 769-9040 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

J.B.'s Sunoco

325 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor 769-3041 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

Lakes Radiator Service

319 N Huron St., Ypsilanti 485-2500 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe

3160 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-7810 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Antifreeze (continued)

Wolf's Westside Automotive

660 W. Main St., Manchester 428-9455 *Please call for drop-off hours.*

Ypsilanti Township Compost Center

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681

Drop Off: April-November: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4; December- March: Sat 9-4

Appliances

Usable Appliances: Many service organizations throughout Washtenaw County accept appliances in working order for reuse. A few suggestions are listed below; call for specific guidelines.

Unusable Appliances: Appliances that cannot be repaired often have components that can be recycled. By weight, the typical washer, dryer, stove or refrigerator consists of 75 percent steel which is entirely recyclable. Contact your local government offices to find out if a pickup or drop-off program for broken appliances is available, or look in Washtenaw County's Recycling Guide.

Ace Appliance

1601 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 483-5372

Please call for business hours.

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

3530 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-6771

Accepts small appliances and household items in working condition, no furniture. Please call for business hours.

Arbor Vacuum and Small Appliance

1226 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 761-3677

Accepts lamps, vacuums, sewing machines, fans, heaters, humidifiers, and other small appliances.

No microwaves or electronic stereo equipment. Please call for business hours.

Avalon Housing

603 W. Huron, Ann Arbor 663-5858

Please call to arrange drop-off.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 Please call for more information.

Community Residence Corporation

107 Ferris, Ypsilanti 482-3300 x 212

Accepts appliances in working condition. Please call for further information.

Domestic Violence Project/Safe House

4100 Clark Rd., Ann Arbor 995-5444

Occasionally accepts small appliances and a variety of other kitchen items (dishes, cups, pots & pans). Please call for more information.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River Blvd., Ypsilanti 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & 1-4

Faith in Action Inc.

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305

Please call for more information.

Appliances (continued)

Food Gatherers

1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor 761-2796 *Please call for more information.*

Friends in Deed

30 N Washington -Suite 30B, Ypsilanti 484-7607 Please call for business hours.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, 822-1530 Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accept appliances less than 5 years old and in working order, including: rangers, ovens, washer/dryers, water heaters, refrigerators/freezers, range hoods, HVAC units, AC units (window and central, less than 5 years old), fans, and microwave ovens.

Homestead Maytag

2414 Dix Hwy, Lincoln Park (Services all of Washtenaw County) 281-7088 Provides in home service to all makes and models of appliances. Call for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450 Call for collection service or to notify them of a drop-off.

Master Tech

1919 Federal Blvd., Ann Arbor 662-0641 *Please call for more details.*

Prospect Place

11 N. Prospect St., Ypsilanti 484-9905

Accepts appliances. Call to arrange for collection service.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts appliances in working condition. Please call for more information.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474 Please call for store and donation hours.

Town and Country

3127 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor 662-4485

Accepts all size appliances for metal extraction and recycling. Please call for more information.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

Call to arrange for pick-up service and for additional information.

Washtenaw County Dept. of Social Services

22 Center St., Ypsilanti 481-8397

Call to arrange for collection service. Accepts large appliances such as washers, dryers, and stoves. No small appliances are accepted.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts all metal appliances in any condition including microwaves. Please call for more information.

Appliances (continued)

Ypsilanti Thrift Shop

14 S. Washington St., Ypsilanti 483-1226

Accepts small appliances and kitchen items. Please call for business hours.

Ypsilanti Township Compost Center

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681

Hours: April – November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December – March: Sat 9-4

Accepts appliances, antifreeze, oil and oil filters, scrap metal, yard waste and refuse (furniture, mattresses, drywall, shingles, landscaping timber, lumber, carpet and stumps>1 ft. in diameter.) Finished compost and woodchips are also available. Please call the compost site for additional information and fee schedule. The compost site does not accept hazardous waste.

Architectural Items

Habitat for Humanity

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accepts columns, mantelpieces, cabinets/countertops (including individual pieces or full cabinet sets) for kitchen and bath. Must have all doors and hardware. Countertops should be in good condition with minimal chips or scraps.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for more information.

Art Supplies

Reduce: If you only need art supplies for a short term project, consider borrowing them from a friend or your local school or church. Plan your art projects carefully so you will only buy what you will use. Also, be on the lookout for less toxic art products.

Reuse: Donate your supplies and divert them from landfills! Contact your local scouts, schools, churches, theater and community groups to see if they can use your materials, or contact the organizations listed below.

Ann Arbor Art Center

117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 994-8004

Please call for drop-off hours.

Occasionally accepts art supplies such as paper, paint, glue, and scissors. Please call first.

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155.

Please call for more information.

Community High School

401 N. Division St., Ann Arbor 994-2021

Accepts various art supplies. Call the Art Department for more information.

Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans

118 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 662-3382

Accepts various art supplies that are clean and useable. Please call for additional information.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for more information.

Art Supplies (continued)

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-4420

Accepts materials for art projects such as buttons, jewelry, yarn, and containers. Please call for more information.

Asbestos

Asbestos can be a very hazardous material and should not be disposed of with your regular trash. The fibers are fire resistant, very strong, and not easily destroyed or degraded by natural processes. Removing asbestos from your home is difficult and potentially dangerous, requiring protective gear including a respirator.

Contact the state of Michigan with asbestos questions:

MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center:

(800) 662-9278 (For non-emergency calls ONLY)

MI Department of Consumer and Industry Services Occupational Health Division, Asbestos Program (517) 322-1320

For information on asbestos testing, contact:

EMSL Analytical

212 S Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor (734) 668-6810

For information on handling or removing asbestos, contact one of the following contractors:

Apex Environmental Services

Westland (734) 422-5500

Air-Flo Environmental, Inc.

Detroit (313) 962-3377

Ann Arbor Roofing, Inc.

Ann Arbor 449-9400

Arbor Hills Landfill (Veolia Environmental Services)

Northville (248) 349-7230

Asbestos Removal Technologies, Inc.

Southfield (248) 358-5577

Michigan Mechanical Abatement

Farmington Hills (248) 478-7505

National Asbestos Abatement

Flint (810) 736-7911

Nova Environmental, Inc.

Ann Arbor 930-0995

United Enviro-Tech, Inc.

Brighton (810) 227-0467

More Links to Michigan Asbestos Abatement Contractor's Websites

http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-11407 15333 15369---,00.html

Automobiles

Reuse: Hang on to your vehicle as long as possible before buying a new car, and consider purchasing a used vehicle instead of a new one. Automobile production is damaging to the environment, so get as much use out of those cars already in service as possible. When you need to get rid of a vehicle, consider donating it to one of the following organizations. These groups will either refurbish or sell your car, with proceeds going to the organization, or they will donate useful cars to those in need.

American Cancer Society

(800) 227-5500

AADT Auto Donation

(800) 665-0519

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council

(800) 936-3734

Holy Cross Children's Services

(517) 423-7451

Mother Waddle Perpetual Mission

(313) 393-0045

National Kidney Foundation

(800) 488-2277

St. Vincent DePaul Society

(800) 309-2886

Baby Supplies and Diapers

Reduce: Consider buying baby supplies at consignment shops - it stretches your dollar and prevents usable items from going to the landfill. Consider using cloth diapers instead of disposable. Hiring a diaper service can increase the convenience of using cloth diapers (listed at the end of this section). Consult the Yellow Pages or call one of the businesses listed below for more information.

Reuse: Used baby equipment such as cribs, high chairs, and strollers can go to good use after your baby has outgrown them. The following organizations accept clothing and other baby supplies for re-sale or reuse. Call for specific guidelines.

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 996-9155

Accepts gently used baby supplies that meet US Consumer Product Safety Standards. Please call for business hours.

Children's Orchard

2216 South Main St., Ann Arbor 995-8889

Accepts baby equipment, clothing, toys, books, and books on parenting. Call for an appointment.

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

4925 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 971-9781

Accepts a variety of useable baby supplies. Call for more information and hours.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Call for collection service or to notify them of a drop-off.

Baby Supplies and Diapers (continued)

Once Upon a Child

3426 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822

Accepts baby and toddler equipment, furniture (that meet US Consumer Product Safety Standards), clothing, toys and books in excellent condition. Please call for more information.

Pregnancy Counseling Center

1360 Pauline Blvd, Ann Arbor (734) 930-0013

Accepts baby equipment and baby clothes (up to twelve months). Items must be in good condition. Also accepts infant formula donations.

Problem Pregnancy Help

3150 Packard Rd, Ann Arbor 975-4357

Accepts baby equipment including bassinets, car seats, crib mattresses, carriers, booster seats, baby or maternity clothing, and clean cloth diapers. Please call for drop-off hours.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474 Please call for donation hours.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts a variety of baby items. Call for more information.

Diaper Services:

Dy-Dee Services

(800) 589-2229

Cloth diaper service. Once a week pick up in Washtenaw County. Please call for more information.

Bags

Reduce: Buy reusable canvas for grocery and other shopping. Many local grocery stores give a discount to customers who bring their own bags. Buy a reusable lunch bag for everyone in your family to eliminate the use of paper lunch bags.

Reuse: Shopping bags can often be reused. If you accumulate plastic grocery bags, they can be washed and reused for many other purposes. Keep out of reach of children.

Recycle: Paper bags can be recycled through most community recycling programs. Some stores have begun to take back plastic bags, also. Check with your local supermarket to see if they accept bags for recycling.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts paper and plastic bags for recycling.

Batteries - Automotive

Car batteries contain lead and sulfuric acid, and should not be disposed of in landfills. Local battery recyclers can recycle the lead, sulfuric acid and plastic casing. When you buy a new battery at a service station, ask them to recycle the old one. City solid waste services will often pick up car batteries from the curb. Call your city solid waste department or reference the Washtenaw County Recycling Guide. Most of the facilities listed below will accept automotive batteries free of charge. Call for specific guidelines.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280 Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 *Please call for more information.*

Batteries – Automotive (continue)

City of Ypsilanti

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town) 485-0530 *Please call for more information.*

Discount Battery Outlet

1070 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 484-4830 *Please call for more information.*

Imperial Auto Service

2344 Dexter, Ann Arbor 761-3888 *Please call for more information.*

J.B.'s Auto Service

325 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor 769-3041 *Please call for more information.*

Mercury Waste Solutions, Inc.

21211 Durand Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 (262) 878-2599 http://www.mwsi.com/services/batteries.htm

Nixon Auto

8830 Jackson Rd., Dexter 426-8487 *Please call for more information.*

Recycle Ann Arbor

734-662-6288. Curbside pick up on regular trash day.

Sears Roebuck & Co.

900 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 769-8918 *Please call for more information.*

Viking Auto Service

3340 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 662-1356 Please call for more information.

Wolf's Westside Automotive

660 W. Main St., Manchester 428-9455 *Please call for business hours.*

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400 Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for business hours.

Batteries - Household & Rechargeable

Household batteries (dry cells) contain heavy metals (mercury, lead, cadmium, etc.) that can leak from landfills if thrown in the trash, posing a potential threat to water and human health.

Reduce: Use an A/C adapter instead of batteries whenever possible.

Reuse: Use rechargeable batteries to save money and the environment. One charger can charge many different sizes of batteries. Batteries can be charged multiple times. Be sure to recycle your rechargeable batteries when they won't accept charge any longer.

Recycle: The facilities listed below will accept some batteries for proper disposal and recycling. City solid waste services will also pickup household batteries on regular trash day. Call your city solid waste department or visit the Washtenaw County Recycling Guide for more information.

AaAlarm & Communications

122 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 665-5225

Sells rechargeable batteries for alarm systems. Please call for business hours. Does not accept batteries for recycling.

ABC Appliances, Inc.

890 West Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor (734) 669-0200

Sells rechargeable batteries for cell and cordless phones and camcorders. Please call for business hours. Does not accept batteries for recycling.

Ace Barnes Hardware

2015 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor 665-7555

2990 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor 973-2990

3352 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor 971-4555

Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Arbor Vacuum

1226 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 761-3677

Sells rechargeable batteries for shavers. Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Batteries Plus

3120 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 975-2441

30760 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills (248) 737-9140

34164 Woodward Ave, Birmingham (248) 644-0666

Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Electric Tool and Equipment, Inc.

3772 Plaza Dr #1, Ann Arbor (734) 995-1111

Sells rechargeable batteries for power tools. Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Heydlauff's

113 N. Main, Chelsea 475-1221

Accepts phone batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Home Toxics Reduction Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor 222-3950

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December (winter by appointment only 222-3950; 222-6874)

Accepts only household & rechargeable batteries- no automotive batteries.

Nextel Communications

950 Victors Way, Ann Arbor 214-7900

Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Radio Shack

Maple Village Shopping Center, Ann Arbor 662-4452

Briarwood Mall. Ann Arbor 747-9090

2453 Ellsworth, Ypsilanti 572-0016

Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts batteries for recycling. Please call for business hours.

Batteries - Household & Rechargeable (continued)

Sears

900 Briarwood Cir, Ann Arbor 998-3900 Repair Center 4177 Varsity Dr., Ann Arbor 971-1333 Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.

Staples

3120 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor 973-0071 Hours: Mon-Fri 8-9, Sat 9-9, Sun 11-6 Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts batteries for recycling.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts household batteries at no charge.

Ypsilanti Township Compost Center

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681

Hours: April - November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December - March: Sat 9-4

Accepts household batteries.

Bicycles

Reduce: Keep your bicycle in top form by performing regular maintenance on it. Avoid storing it in the rain or snow. **Reuse:** Consider giving an unwanted bike to friends, family, or neighbors. Advertising in the local paper could help you sell it, or consider making a donation to the ReBicycle Program, or one of the businesses listed below. **Recycle:** If a bike is irreparable, contact one of the organizations below for recycling information.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280 Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 Accepts bicycles for metal recycling.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880 Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5 Accepts bicycles in good condition.

Student Bike Shop

607 S. Forest Ave, Ann Arbor 662-6986

Accepts bicycles in working or repairable condition. Please call for business hours.

Town and Country

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor 662-4485

Accepts used bicycles for metal recycling. Please call for business hours.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts bicycles for metal recycling.

Books

Reduce: Share books and magazines with friends. If you are interested in paperbacks or best sellers, find a book trading club to join. Getting a library card will also allow you to check out books and return them at your own leisure.

Reuse: Many organizations will happily take your books for reuse. Most libraries, as well as many non-profit organizations will accept used books. Contact one of the organizations below to donate your old books.

Recycle: Books can sometimes be recycled with regular paper. Contact the Washtenaw County Drop-off Station or your recycling hauler for information on recycling books. **Note:** If you have very old, rare, or valuable books, you may want to contact a rare book store. Look in the Yellow Pages under "book dealers-used and rare" for store names. Consider selling your books online to collectors or other interested individuals.

After Words

219 S. Main. Ann Arbor 996-2808

Hours: Mon-Wed 11am-8pm, Thurs 10-10, Fri - Sat 11-9pm, Sun 12-6.

Please call for more information.

Ann Arbor District Library - Main Branch

343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor 994-2333

Hours: Mon 10-9, Tues-Fri 9-9, Sat 9-6, Sun 1-5

Accepts books for Friends of the Library book store and magazines for the exchange rack.

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 662-6771

Please call for more information.

Books in General

332 S. State St., Ann Arbor 769-1250

Accepts books. No romance novels or introductory textbooks. Call for assistance.

Children's Orchard

2216 S. Main St., Ann Arbor 995-8889

Accepts children's books and books on parenting. Please call for business hours.

David's Books

516 E. William St, Ann Arbor 665-8017

Accepts books. No book club editions, romance novels, or textbooks. Please call for drop off hours.

Dawn Treader Book Shop

514 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor 995-1008

Hours: Mon-Fri 11-8, Sat 10-9

Buy especially scholarly books in the sciences and humanities; modern first editions, including Science-Fiction, Fantasy, and Mysteries; and early travel and exploration. Please call for more information.

Dexter District Library

8040 Fourth St., Dexter 426-4477

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-9. Fri 10-7. Sat 10-3

Accepts books. Please NO magazines, textbooks, or Reader's Digest condensed books.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council

1900 Manchester Road, Ann Arbor 971-8800

Accepts children's books. Please call for drop off hours.

Kaleidoscope Books and Collectibles

217 S. State St., Ann Arbor 995-9887

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs-Sat 10-8, Sun 1-5

Accepts books and collectibles.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts books. No encyclopedias. Please call for drop off hours.

Books (continued)

Manchester Township Public Library

202 W. Main St., Ann Arbor 428-8045 Hours: Mon-Thurs 11-8, Fri & Sat 11-4 Accepts books in good condition.

Milan Public Library

151 Wabash St., Milan 439-1240

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4

Accepts books and recent magazines for the exchange rack.

Once Upon a Child

3426 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822

Accepts baby-preschooler and parenting books in good condition. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts all books except textbooks.

Recycle Ann Arbor

734-662-6288

Paperback books accepted at curbside pickup on regular trash day.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for donation hours.

Serendipity Paperback Book Exchange

113 W Middle St, Chelsea 475-7148

Accepts paperback books. Please call for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts books. Please call first - limited space available.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-1363

Accepts books. No Reader's Digest condensed version and no textbooks. Please call to arrange for pick-up service.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts hardcover and paperback books for recycling. Please call for more information.

West Side Book Shop

113 W Liberty St, Ann Arbor 995-1891

220 Felch St., Ann Arbor 761-2973

No romance novels, textbooks, book club editions, or Reader's Digest Condensed books. Please call for business hours.

Woman in the Shoe

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

Accepts children's books. Please call for more information.

Books (continued)

Wooden Spoon Books

200 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 769-4956

Buys and sells used books. Call ahead for hours.

Ypsilanti Thrift Shop

14 S. Washington St., Ann Arbor 483-1226

Accepts all books except outdated textbooks. Please call for business hours.

Bricks and Concrete

Reuse: Try to reuse leftover bricks somewhere in your yard. Bricks can be decorative in your garden or along a walkway. Call the Ann Arbor News for info on placing a free ad in their Saturday classified section to find a second user for your materials.

Recycle: Bricks and concrete can be recycled into crushed materials and reused. Look in the "Sand and Gravel" section of your local Yellow Pages, or call one of the following organizations.

Arbor Hills Landfill (Veolia Environmental Services)

10690 Six Mile Rd., Northville (248) 349-7230 Accepts bricks for disposal. Call for more information.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2

Accepts asphalt and concrete for disposal. Please call for more information.

Kruse Gravel Pit

1090 W. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 483-2150

Accepts bricks and concrete for recycling. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts bricks and concrete if in good condition.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts bulk materials for a nominal fee.

Building Materials

Reuse: Leftover materials from a building project can be saved for future construction jobs. Other materials such as drywall, lumber, shingles, sinks, toilets, light fixtures, counter tops, hinges, handles, miscellaneous hardware, etc may have use after you are done with them. Before discarding these materials consider these following organizations. Also, look in the Yellow Pages listings under community organizations or contact a local non-profit organization to find programs interested in used building materials.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 Please call for more information.

Building Materials (continued)

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accepts doors, electrical wire (25' or more), hardware, plumbing, lumber, storm doors and windows, roofing materials, gutters, wall paper (full rolls), shutters, and free standing wood stoves. Habitat for Humanity also accepts hardwood/parquet flooring (free of rot and in usable condition); vinyl, sheet vinyl, linoleum and ceramic tile (new). Please call for more information.

Materials Unlimited

2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 483-6980

Buys and sells antique and metal household fixtures. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts lumber, drywall (half sheet or larger), hardware, and most other building materials and fixtures.

Carpeting

Reuse: Try to reuse scraps from your old carpeting for area rugs or mats. If you have no use for your carpet, and it is in decent shape, contact one of the organizations listed at the end of this section to make a donation.

Recycle: While no carpet recycling opportunities currently exist in Washtenaw County, some carpet manufacturers will reclaim their carpet and/or offer recycled carpet for sale. Ask your local retailer the next time you're purchasing carpet.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accepts carpers and carpet padding (excellent condition with no visible wear, stains or odors).

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts used carpeting in good condition. Please call for drop off hours.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial. Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts carpeting in great condition.

ReEntry Program

888-RE ENTRE (733 6873)

This program promotes repurposing: clean and refurbished used carpet is offered to groups who could not otherwise afford new carpet. ReEntry will take back carpet that needs to be disposed of and either down cycle it into new products or energy, repurpose or recycle it.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-4420

Accepts carpet sample books and used carpeting in good condition for art projects. Please call for more information.

Cellular Phones

Reduce: In recent years, cell phones have become almost as much of a fashion accessory as an important tool for home and business. If your older cell phone still works just fine, keep it instead of buying a more modern-looking one; who knows, in a few years it might be back in style again!

Reuse: Many people have old cell phones lying around the house that they are no longer using. If you need a cell phone, ask around. Your friends, neighbors or coworkers may have an old phone that they would be more than happy to give you, just so that it no longer takes up space in their home!

Recycle: Phones in working condition can be donated to organizations that refurbish and distribute them to those in need. Parts and batteries from unusable phones can also be recycled.

Call to Protect

c/o Motorola 1580 East Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, 48108 (202) 785-0081

c/o Recellular 2555 Bishop Circle West, Dexter, 48130

c/o Women's Health Resource Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, 48109

This program refurbishes old cell phones (working and non-working) and provides them with free 911 air time. These phones are then distributed to victims of domestic violence. Please send phones to the above address.

Radioshack

2453 Ellsworth Rd, Ypsilanti;

2738 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsilanti;

880 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor:

381 North Maple Road, Ann Arbor.

All Radioshack locations accept old cell phones to be refurbished.

ReCellular

2555 Bishop Circle West, Dexter, 48130

1580 E Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor (734) 205-2200

www.recellular.com

Accepts cell phones for recycling and refurbishing for sale as well as donation.

Cleaning Supplies

Household cleaning supplies often contain caustic and corrosive material that can cause eye and skin damage. Many are also poisonous. Never mix chlorine bleach with ammonia, acids, or toilet bowl cleaners because toxic fumes may result. If these products are poured down the drain they kill helpful micro-organisms in water treatment plants or septic systems.

Reduce: Try to purchase less-toxic alternatives. You can also create you own, non-toxic cleaners from materials you may have around your kitchen. Contact the Home Toxics Reduction Center for more information on non-toxic alternatives. Products that cannot be used up or given away can be brought to the Collection Center for proper disposal.

Habitat for Humanity

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, (734) 882-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accepts new unopened cleaners. Please call for more information.

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-3950). The Center is a white shed surrounded by a green chainlink fence, on the south side of the parking lot behind the Service Center building.

Accepts most household cleaners and other household hazardous material for proper disposal. For more information including a list of non-toxic cleaning alternatives call or visit the County's website.

Clothing and Shoes

Reuse: Clothing you no longer need can be sold or donated. In addition to the organizations listed below, call your local community center or religious institution to find out if they can use old clothing. Rummage sales also rely on old clothing donations, and theater companies can use vintage clothing. Old clothing can also be used as rags.

When making clothing donations, remember:

-Clothing should be clean

-Items that go together such as shoes, socks and belts should be tied or pinned together

-Many places that accept clothing are short on space, so donate clothing appropriate to the season.

Aid in Milan

89 W. Main Street, Milan 439-8420

Accepts used clothing and other textiles. Please call for more information.

Ann Arbor Community Center

625 N. Main Street. Ann Arbor 662-3128

Accepts shoes, bedding and clothes. Please call for more information.

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 662-6771

Accepts clothing as donations. Please call for more information.

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155

Accepts gently used clothing and like-new shoes. Please call for additional information.

Children's Orchard

2244 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor 995-8889

Accepts kids clothing. It should be freshly laundered, with no stains, rips, missing parts or excessive fading. Please call for drop-off hours.

Dawn Farms

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725

502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor (734) 769-7360

Call for additional information and drop-off times.

Dress for Success

3075 Clark Rd, Suite 108, Ypsilanti (734) 483-4638

Accepts interview-appropriate skirt and pant suits, blouses, blazers and jackets and nearly-new dress shoes. The yare particularly in need of larger-sized clothing. Please call for more information.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River Blvd., Ypsilanti 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12, Sat 1-4

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Please call for more information.

Plato's Closet

2459 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor 669-9242

Buys and sells gently used teen apparel, shoes and accessories. Please call for more information.

Purple Heart Service Foundation

987 Manufacturers Dr., Westland 728-4560

Accepts clothing and textile donations. Please call for pick up service.

Running Fit

123 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor 769-5016

Accepts used running shoes for redistribution. Please call for more information.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for store and donation hours.

Clothing and Shoes (continued)

St. Vincent De Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Does not accept donations the second full week of every month due to inventory.

Accepts clothing and other textiles as donations. Please call for additional information.

The Tree

419 Detroit, Ann Arbor 663-2008

Please call for additional information.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts clothing, shoes, and other reusable textile in plastic bag. Please call for additional information.

Woman in the Shoe

1241 Rosewood St. 994-1206 Please call for additional information.

Ypsilanti Thrift Shop

14 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti 483-1226

Accepts used clothing and shoes. Please call for more information.

Computers and Disks

Reduce: Computers are a fast growing and innovative market, with faster and more powerful computers constantly being developed. However, this does not mean that your old computer is not usable. See if you can update your processor or add memory to upgrade your computer. This will save you money and will salvage a usable computer.

Reuse: Some computer stores will buy computers in working order. The most profitable way to sell a computer is to put an ad in your local paper and sell it yourself. It is important to keep your computer in top condition and repair it when it is broken. To reuse floppy disks, remove any files you want to keep and then reformat the disk. Consider donating your computer to a non-profit organization, perhaps in a developing country.

Recycle: Computers have some parts that are recyclable or reusable. Contact one of the organizations listed below. Floppy disks can be recycled by sending them to Greendisk, listed below.

Ann Arbor Area Computer Exchange

c/o Nonprofit Enterprise at Work, 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 998-0160 Please call for more information.

Computer Exchange

33014 Five Mile Road, Livonia (313) 522-1255 Please call for more information.

Computer Renaissance Colonnade Shopping Center,

877 W. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor (734) 994-1030

Buys many different kinds of computers, and computer parts. Please call for more information.

Dell Consumer Recycling Program

www.dell.com/recycle

Recycles all computer hardware and accessories for a small fee. Newly purchased Dell computers come with a return recycles kit at the end of your computer's life.

Gateway Trade-in Program

http://gateway.eztradein.com/gateway/ or call 800-GATEWAY.

Computers and Disks (continued)

Gifts in Kind International

http://www.giftsinkind.org/ or call (703) 836-2121

Greendisk Inc.

16398 NE 85th St, Redmond, WA 98050 1-800-305-DISK (3475)

Call toll free number or visit their website for information on recycling used diskettes, CDs and vidoetapes.

IBM PC Recycling Network

http://www.ibm.com/ibm/environment/products/pcrservice.shtml

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor (734) 665-0450 Please call for additional information.

Mercury Waste Solutions, Inc.

21211 Durand Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 (800) 741-3343

National Cristina Foundation

www.cristina.org or call (203) 863-9100

Please visit web side or call for more information.

National Safety Council

www.nsc.org/ehc/epr2.htm

Click on Electric Equipment Recyclers List and then Michigan for a list of computer and other electronic recyclers in the state of Michigan.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts computers if less than 4 years old and in working condition. Please call for more information.

Select Metals Recycling

5455 S. State St. (S. of I-94), Ann Arbor (734) 662-0317

Cash for circuit boards and non-ferrous metals (will accept mainframes-but not keyboards, monitors or printers).

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off Station

2950 Ellsworth Rd. (734) 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Recycles computers and other electronics. Please call for more information.

Dry Cleaning Supplies

Reuse: The best option is to reuse the extra hangers that accumulate in your closet from the dry cleaners. Many dry cleaners in the area will take back used hangers and take plastic bags for recycling. Ask your local dry cleaner about this service, or contact one of the following dry cleaners. For a non-toxic alternative to dry cleaning, ask your cleaner to wet clean your garments or use environmentally friendly chemicals.

Armen Cleaners

1100 Broadway, Ann Arbor 665-5610 Please call for business hours.

Forbes Cleaners

1 W. Main, Milan 439-7908 923 E Corse Rd, Ypsilanti (734) 482-8690 Please call for business hours.

Dry Cleaning Supplies (continued)

Georgetown Cleaners

2554 Packard Road, Ann Arbor 971-0810 Please call for business hours.

Hicks' Cleaners

1060 S. Main, Chelsea 475-8855 5851 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 747-7747 Please call for business hours

One Hour Martinizing

1946 Packard St, Ann Arbor (734) 747-7124 2381 W Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor (734) 662-3500 2733 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor (734) 998-1055 3406 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor (734) 677-6182 2896 Washtenaw Rd, Ypsilanti (734) 572-9770 Please call for business hours.

Village Cleaners

2904 Baker Rd, Dexter 426-8653 Please call for business hours.

Village Cleaners

134 E. Main, Manchester 428-9640 *Please call for business hours.*

Drywall

Reuse: If your excess drywall is in good condition, it can be reused. Either keep it for a future construction job or take it to the ReUse Center.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280 Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 Accepts drywall for disposal. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts drywall that is a half sheet or larger. Please call for more information.

Egg Cartons

There are two types of egg cartons on the market: molded pulp and polystyrene. Molded pulp cartons are made from paper recycled from paper mills. Polystyrene, or Styrofoam cartons are made of plastics and do not decompose easily.

Reduce: Wherever possible, purchase eggs in molded pulp containers; make your grocer aware of your preference.

Reuse: Farmer's markets and food co-ops often accept egg cartons for re-use. Check with food banks or schools in your neighborhood to see if they can use egg cartons.

Recycle: Molded pulp containers can be recycled in most communities- call your recycling service for details. Polystyrene egg cartons can be recycled at the following locations:

City of Ypsilanti

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town) 485-0530 *Please call for business hours.*

Egg Cartons (continued)

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-4420

Accepts egg cartons for use in art projects. Please call for drop off hours.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts Styrofoam and molded pulp egg cartons for recycling.

Electronics

Reuse: Many electronic items are reparable and reusable. Even if you need a better stereo system, someone would probably be more than happy to take your old equipment. Try selling your used equipment through classified ads or take it to one of the organizations listed below for a donation.

Recycle: Some electronic equipment can be recycled for metal parts, but it is difficult to find a metal recycler to take it. Look in your local Yellow Pages under "Metal Scraps" for names of possible metal recyclers.

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 6626771

Accepts some electronics in working condition. Please call for more information.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280 Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2

Please call for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts TVs and radios in working condition. Call for more information and drop off hours.

Mercury Waste Solutions, Inc.

21211 Duran Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 (800) 741-3343

Purchase Radio

327 E. Hoover, Ann Arbor 668-8696

Buys and sells used radios. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial. Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts electronics in working condition.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for business hours.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

Please call for business hours and additional information.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts electronics for recycling. Please call for additional information.

Equipment Rental

Many items we use are only needed occasionally, such as lawn and garden equipment, carpet steamers, power tools, etc. Several rental services within Washtenaw County make renting a cost-effective alternative to buying these items. Consider renting plates and silverware for you next office party! Consult your Yellow Pages under "Rental" or call one of the businesses below:

A1 Rental

2285 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 663-0060

Rents party supplies, dishes, decorations, tables, power tools and heavy equipment. Please call for business hours.

Action Rental Center

4051 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti 971-8330

Rents lawn and garden equipment, tables, chairs, dishes, food service equipment and heavy equipment. Please call for more information.

Hss Rent-X

475 Washington St., South Lyon (248) 437-2743

Rents lawn and garden equipment, tables, chairs, dishes and power tools. Please call for business hours.

McNamara's Rent-All

1200 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6253

Rents lawn and garden equipment, automotive tools, tables and chairs. Please call for business hours.

Wolverine Rental

5475 S. State St., Ann Arbor 665-3223

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-5:30, Sat 8-1pm

Rents power & plumbing tools, mowers, painting supplies, carpenter tools, party supplies and heavy equipment.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers should not be put in the garbage. Proper disposal of these items is best.

ABC Fire & Safety

134 Ecorse Road, Ypsilanti 482-1378

287 Jackson Plaza, Ann Arbor (734) 482-1378

Please call for business hours.

Spears Fire and Safety

287 Jackson Plaza (near Jackson and Wagner Roads), Ann Arbor 663-4133

Please call for more information and business hours.

Fluorescent Light bulbs

Fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury and are considered hazardous. Mercury is very toxic to humans and animals and requires proper disposal procedures.

Recycle: Many of the materials in fluorescent light bulbs can be reclaimed and recycled. This includes the metal on the ends, the glass, and most importantly the mercury. The companies below recycle fluorescent light bulbs.

Cleanlites Recycling, Inc.

665 Hull Rd, Mason, MI 48854 (517) 676-0044

Fluorescent Light bulbs (continued)

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-3950, 222-6874).

Mercury Waste Solutions, Inc.

21211 Duran Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 (262) 878-2599 Also accepts lighting ballasts.

Recyclights

2010 E. Hennepin Ave, Lauderdale, MN (612) 227-1074

Valley City Environmental Services Inc

1040 Market Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-1500

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd. Ann Arbor (734) 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Recycles light bulbs. Please call for more information.

Food

Reduce: Write a shopping list to make sure you only buy what you need. Check the expiration dates of food and make sure that you can eat it all before it goes bad. At meal times, join the "Clean Plate Club!"

Reuse: Home composting is becoming easier everyday. This allows you to reuse some of your food scraps as a valuable soil fertilizer after they have decomposed. Call 994-2435 for an instruction sheet, or visit the composting section of the County's webpage. Many organizations will accept non-perishable* food donations for people in need. Call one of the following organizations for more information. *Non-perishable indicates unopened canned, boxed or other foods that do not need to be refrigerated. Call to see if frozen foods are accepted.

Aid in Milan

89 W. Main Street, Milan, (734) 439-8420

Accepts non-perishable food items, as well as other household items. Please call for more information.

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County - Emergency Food Program

815 Taylor St, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-4462

Accepts non-perishable food items for donation. Please call for more information.

Community Residence Corporation

107 Ferris, Ypsilanti, (734) 482-3300

Accepts non-perishable food items for donation. Please call for more information.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River Blvd., Ypsilanti, (734) 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & Sat 1-4

Accepts canned food and other non-perishable food items.

Faith in Action

603 S. Main Street, Chelsea, (734) 475-3305

Accepts canned foods and other non-perishable food items. Please call for more information.

Family Lite Services and Pregnancy Counseling Center

2950 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, (734) 434-3088

Accepts infant formula donations. Please call for more information.

Food (continued)

Food Gatherers

1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2796

Accepts non-perishable and commercially prepared foods. Please call for more information.

Manchester Community Resource Center

122 W. Main Street, Manchester, (734) 428-7722 410 City Rd, Manchester (734) 428-7722

Accepts non-perishable food. Please call for an appointment.

S.O.S. Community Crisis Center

114 N. River Street, Ypsilanti, (734) 485-3227

Accepts non-perishable food items for donation. Please call for more information.

Freon

Because Freon (CFC-12) and other chlorofluorocarbons deplete the ozone layer when allowed to escape into the atmosphere, they were phased out of production in 1995.

Reduce: Prevent the unnecessary loss of refrigerant through preventative maintenance and fixing leaks. You can also have your vehicle's air conditioning system modified to use a non-CFC refrigerant alternative such as HFC-134a. When purchasing a new or used vehicle, ask if the air conditioner uses an alternative refrigerant. If not, find out about any applicable warranties covering air conditioning service and repairs. Extended warranties and service contracts that cover the cost of modification to HFC-134a are available.

Reuse: Freon must be extracted from air conditioners and refrigerators by a professional vehicle service, and then cleaned with recycling equipment for reuse. Most heating and cooling professionals will extract Freon for a nominal fee.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor, (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts working Freon appliances.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, (734) 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts all Freon-containing refrigerators and appliances. Please call for more information.

Furniture

Reuse: There are several alternatives to land filling used furniture. Donate to family and friends, sell your furniture in the classifieds or garage sales, or contact one of the following organizations for information about donating or selling your furniture. Please read the description carefully as some of the organizations only accept a certain type of furniture.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2

Accepts furniture for recycling. Please call for more information.

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

4925 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 971-9781 Accepts some furniture. Call first for more information.

Community Residence Corporation

107 Ferris, Ypsilanti, (734) 482-3300

Accepts furniture. Call for more information.

Furniture (continued)

Dawn Farms

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725

Accepts most household furniture, tools and maintenance equipment. Please call for more information.

Domestic Violence Project/Safe House

4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor (734) 973-0242

Accepts furniture and linens as needed. Please call for information.

Faith in Action Inc.

603 S. Main Street, Chelsea 475-3305

Large pieces not accepted at store. Please call for more information.

Friends in Deed

30 N Washington - Suite 30B, Ypsilanti 484-4357

Accepts donations of furniture in good condition.

Garage Sale Gallery

5060 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor 665-9454

Sells used furniture and other household items. Please call for more information.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat: 9-4pm

Accepts furniture in good condition, no rips, tears, broken parts, or odors. Habitat for Humanity also accepts antiques (furniture, tools and appliances), lighting (clean with all components in good working order), and mirrors (framed preferred). Please call for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First Street, Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts furniture donations. Please call for business hours.

Once Upon a Child

3426 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 973-3111

Pays on the spot for baby and toddler furniture. Please call for business hours.

Ozone House

608 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor 662-2265

Accepts furniture donations. Call first to check if open.

Prospect Place

17 N. Prospect Street, Ypsilanti 484-9905

Accepts furniture donations. Call for more information and pick up service.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial. Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts furniture in good condition.

SCP Enterprises

3438 Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 973-1144

Buys and sells used office furniture. Please call for business hours.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for donation hours.

Furniture (continued)

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

312 W. Huron Street, Ann Arbor 662-2829

Accepts furniture, beds, mattresses, and many other items as donations. Call or visit www.annarborshelter.org/wishlist.cfm for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts small furniture donations. Please call for additional information.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

Sells furniture in good condition on consignment. Please call to arrange collection service.

Tussings Resale

45 E. Main Street, Milan 439-7757

Buys clean, used furniture (some office furniture). Please call for more information.

Ypsilanti Thrift Shop

14 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti 483-1226

Accepts some used furniture. Please call for more information.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts furniture for disposal. Please call for more information.

Washtenaw County Dept. of Social Services

22 Center Street, Ypsilanti 481-2000

Accepts furniture in good condition. Please call for more information.

Kitchenware

Reuse: Many kitchen items such as dishes, pots, pans and utensils are in high demand. Contact one of the organizations listed below to make a donation.

Recycle: If your kitchenware breaks or is unusable, it may be able to be recycled. The Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off station accepts metal kitchen items for recycling.

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

3530 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 662-6771

Accepts kitchenware. Please call for more information.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 *Please call for more information.*

Domestic Violence Project/Safe House

4100 Clark Rd., Ann Arbor 973-0242

Occasionally accepts kitchen items such as dishes, cups, pots and pans. Please call for more information.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat: 9-4pm

Accepts household/kitchen items (dishes, glasses). Please call for more information.

Kitchenware (continued)

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 N. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts clean, useable kitchenware and household items. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.

Prospect Place

17 N. Prospect St., Ypsilanti 484-9905 Accepts appliances. Call to arrange for collection.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for additional information.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474 *Please call for drop off hours.*

St. Vincent De Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts kitchenware. Please call for additional information.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887 *Please call for additional information.*

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts pots, pans and silverware for metal recycling.

Mattresses

Reuse: When the time comes to purchase a new mattress, that old mattress doesn't need to go directly into the landfill. Many organizations will accept mattresses for reuse. Try these options below:

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2

Accepts mattresses for disposal. Please call for more information.

Dawn Farms

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725

Accepts mattresses in a good condition. Please call for drop-off times.

Garage Sale Gallery

5060 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor 665-9454

Accepts mattresses in usable condition. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts mattresses in a good condition. Please call for additional information.

Mattresses (continued)

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474 *Please call for drop off hours.*

Shelter Association

420 W. Huron Street, Ann Arbor 662-2992

Accepts mattresses and many other items as donations. Please call for more information.

Treasure Mart

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

Sells mattresses in good condition. Please call for more information.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts mattresses for disposal. Please call for more information.

Medical Supplies

Recycle: Some types of medical supplies are made of recyclable materials. Therefore non-contaminated supplies made of metals and #1 and #2 plastics can be mixed in with other recyclable materials at the Drop-Off Station.

Reuse: Some types of medical supplies can be reused; these include walkers, canes, wheel chairs and crutches. The organizations listed below will accept medical supplies for redistribution.

Disposal: The Washtenaw County Sharps program encourages safe disposal of sharps, which include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets. For more information about the safe disposal of sharps, visit the Sharps section of the Washtenaw County website, or call 222-3950.

American Cancer Society

2385 S. Huron Parkway, Suite 102, Ann Arbor 971-4300

Accepts a variety of reusable medical equipment items on an as-needed basis. Please call for more information.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River St., Ypsilanti 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & Sat 1-4

A loan service for reusable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and shower chairs.

Please call to arrange drop-off.

Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts reusable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches etc. Please call for additional

information.

Mercury

Mercury is a cancer-causing substance that can cause harm through direct contact and from inhalation. It is most commonly found in household thermometers and becomes a hazard when the thermometer, or other mercury containing device, breaks. Due to mercury's volatility and potential for inhalation, spilled mercury should be cleaned up as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Call Washtenaw County Public Works Division at 994-2398 for more information on dealing with a mercury spill. The following organizations will accept mercury-containing devices for proper disposal:

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor (just north of exit 169 off I-94) 222-3950.

Mercury (continued)

Mercury Waste Solutions, Inc.

21211 Durand Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 (800) 741-3343

Accepts transformers, mercury and mercury containing devices. Please call for more information.

For information on mercury in Michigan fish visit the Michigan Fish Advisory page:

http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/fish/FishAdvisory.pdf

For a detailed listing of mercury-containing devices and alternatives and for more information visit the Department of Environmental Quality website at http://www.michigan.gov/deq

Metal

Metals are the most recycled commodity throughout the world. Most Washtenaw County communities and trash haulers have recycling programs for steel and aluminum cans. Larger metal items, such as aluminum siding, tools, lawn mowers, refrigerators, and cars contain a variety of recyclable metals. Check in the "Scrap Metal" section of the Yellow Pages or try one of the organizations listed below.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30. Sat 7-2

Accepts metals for recycling. Please call for more information.

Hosford and Company

1204 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor (734) 769-5660

Repairs metal objects. Please call for business hours.

Materials Unlimited

2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

(734) 483-6980

Buvs and sells antique and metal household fixtures. Please call for additional information.

Nixon Auto Parts

8830 Jackson Rd, Dexter (734) 426-8487

Accepts all scrap metal. Will pick-up cars and trucks.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7800

Accept used metals, household fixtures, and other hardware items.

Select Metals Recycling

5455 S. State St., Ann Arbor

(734) 662-0317

Accepts all non-ferrous metals. Please call for additional information.

Town and Country

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor

(734) 662-4485

Accepts almost anything metal, including scraps, old cars, lawnmowers, bikes, and appliances.

Ypsilanti Township Compost Center

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti

(734) 482-6681

Hours: April - November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December - March: Sat 9-4

Accepts metal for recycling.

Metal (continued)

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor (734) 971-7400 Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5 Accepts metal for recycling.

Motor Oil

Used motor oil contains toxic impurities such as lead and cadmium, and can pose serious threats to our environment if disposed of improperly. Oil poured onto the ground or down a sewer introduces toxic substances that could eventually end up in our lakes and streams or drinking water. Therefore, it is important that used motor oil be disposed of properly. Used motor oil can easily be recycled at many local gas and service stations. It is cleaned, filtered, and new additives are added. It has been shown that recycled motor oil performs as well as new oil during vehicle operation. When a service station changes your oil, it recycles the old oil. When changing your own oil, place it into a sturdy, sealed, clear container, and deliver it to one of the facilities listed below for recycling (a small fee may apply):

Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor Shell, 3240 Washtenaw Ave., 973-1350 Brewer's North Campus Service, 1763 Plymouth Rd., 665-4888 Broadway Marathon, 1026 Broadway St., 662-5552 Colonial Amoco, 3550 Plymouth Rd., 761-6513 Eurotech Motors, Inc., 622 State Cir. 973-6335 Firestone Huron, 402 E. Huron St., 769-9040 Goodyear Auto Service, 2260 W. Stadium Blvd., 994-5100 Illi's Auto Service, 401 W. Huron St., 665-5011 Imperial Auto Service, 2344 Dexter Ave., 761-3888 Japanese Auto Professional, 563 S. Main St., 996-4606 Jourden's Automotive Service, 2115 S. State St., 761-8006 K and N Automotive, 1240 Jewett St. #3, 665-9944 Murray's Discount Auto, 2182 W Stadium Blvd, 996-4100 Stadium Mobil, 2025 W. Stadium Blvd., 662-6293 Town and Country Auto Recycling, 3127 S. Wagner Rd., 662-4485 True Tech Automotive Repair, 2075 S. Industrial Hwy., 668-4022 Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe, 3160 Washtenaw Ave., 971-7810 Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe, 2276 W. Stadium Blvd., 769-2540 Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station, 2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., 971-7400 ext. 4 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 1635 Plymouth Rd, 662-7755 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 2185 W. Stadium Blvd., 995-9700

Chelsea

Faist Diesing Chevrolet Olds Buick, 1500 S. Main St., 475-8663 Side Street Garage, 121 Buchanan St., 475-2278 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 920 S. Main St., 475-6377 Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority, 8025 Werkner Rd., 475-6160

Dexter

Mark's Auto Service, 8256 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., 426-3163 Smith's Service Station, 11453 Jackson Rd., 475-9850

Manchester

Wolf's Westside Automotive, 660 W. Main St., 428-9455

Milan

Ivan's Amoco Service, 1040 Dexter St., 439-1130

Motor Oil (continued)

Pittsfield Township

U.S. 12 and U.S. 23 Mobil, 5480 W. Michigan Ave., 434-8001

Saline

DJ's Auto, Inc., 116 W. Michigan Ave., 429-9680 Express Tires- Saline, Inc., 820 W. Michigan Ave., 944-4000 M & D Auto Service, 200 E. Michigan Ave., 429-9555 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 211 W. Michigan Ave., 944-1001

Whitmore Lake

Creative Cars, 6628 Whitmore Lake Rd., 663-9150 George's Auto Repair, 8719 Main St., 449-8460

Willis

Willis and Bunton Amoco, 10004 Willis Rd., 461-9444

Ypsilanti

City of Ypsilanti Recycling Center, 651 Rice St., 485-1421 Gene Butman Ford Sales, Inc., 2105 Washtenaw Ave., 482-8581 Murray's Discount Auto Store, 2165 Washtenaw Ave., 482-2506 Spartan Tire and Service Center, 835 Ecorse, 482-1182 University Chevrolet, 770 James L. Hart Parkway, 481-0210 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 2216 Ellsworth Rd., 572-0590 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 3066 Washtenaw Ave., 434-7722 Ypsilanti Township Compost Center, 2600 Clark Rd., 482-6681

Please call for business hours and additional information.

Office Supplies

Unneeded office supplies are often reusable and in high demand. Non-profit organizations are often strapped for funding and could greatly benefit from an old typewriter, filing cabinet, or mailing envelopes. Contact a local service or charity organization to inquire about donating or contact one of the organizations below:

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155. 996-9155

Accepts office supplies in usable condition. Please call for more information.

Northfield Human Services

9101 Main St., Northfield 449-0110

Accepts office supplies on an as-needed basis. Please call for business hours.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7800

Please call for more information.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012

Accepts a variety of office supplies. All must be safe for use by children. Please call for more information.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts office supplies for recycling and disposal. Please call for more details.

Packing Material

Reduce: Avoid non-recyclable packing materials. Try to use newspaper or shredded office paper wherever you can. You can also use real popcorn as packaging and it can be composted when you're finished!

Reuse: Many packing stores and other organizations will accept your used packing materials for reuse. You can always save the amount that you need for your own reuse.

Recycle: The following organizations will accept some types of packaging materials for reuse and recycling. Call for specific guidelines.

Independent Postal Services

1756 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 747-7900

Accepts foam peanuts and Styrofoam sheets. Will take some cardboard boxes in good condition.

John's Pack and Ship

295 N Maple Rd, Ann Arbor 665-2664

Accepts foam peanuts, sometimes bubble wrap and small or medium sized cardboard boxes in good condition. Please call for information.

Mail Boxes, Etc.

530 S State St. 622-7209

441 E Michigan Ave, Saline, 944-7447

Accepts foam peanuts, bubble wrap and some boxes. Please call for business hours.

The Mail Shoppe

317 S. Division Street, Ann Arbor 665-6676

Accepts foam peanuts. Please call for business hours.

Parcel Plus #155

2370 E Stadium, Ann Arbor 677-4477

Accepts packing peanuts, boxes in good condition, and bubble wrap for reuse.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor

Accepts bubble wrap for art projects. Please call 994-0012 for information about other household materials that The Scrap Box can accept.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts corrugated cardboard boxes and packing peanuts (bagged).

Paint

Oil based paints and paint thinners contain solvents that are flammable and evaporate quickly, creating fumes that you breathe. Many paints contain heavy metals such as cadmium and oil paints can contain lead. These materials can pose grave threats to human health if disposed of improperly.

Reuse: Several organizations and schools will take open paint for art or theater projects.

Reduce: Buy only as much as you need to do the job. Try to share leftover paint with neighbors and friends. For paint that must be disposed of, consider the following disposal guidelines:

Habitat for Humanity Restore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue - Sat: 9-4pm

Accepts new unopened cans of paint, stain, and finishers.

Paint (continued)

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-3950, 222-6874).

The Center is a white shed surrounded by a green chainlink fence, on the south side of the parking lot behind the Service Center building. Accepts oil-based paints, varnishes and stains for proper disposal. No latex based paint.

Performance Network

408 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor 663-0696

Accepts black, flat latex paint for reuse. Must be more than half full. Please call for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts some paint and other housewares for distribution to those in need. Please call for more information.

Pet Supplies

Animal feed, bedding, collars, and leashes can be used by the Michigan Humane Society when you no longer need them. Contact one of the following organizations to make a donation:

Humane Society of Huron Valley

3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor 662-5585

For donation question please contact the Development Director at 734-662-5585.

Pet Supplies Plus - Humane Society Bins

2224 S. Main, Ann Arbor 994-5432

2607 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 741-5100

Collects cat and dog supplies such as dry food, collars, leashes, and toys to donate to the Humane Society.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts non-perishable pet supplies in good condition.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts pet supplies made of recyclable materials (i.e.: metal chains, but not plastic toys or dog beds).

Please call for more information.

Photography Supplies

Reduce: If you develop your own pictures, try to use all of the chemicals that you buy.

Reuse: Do not dump excess photo chemicals down the drain or in your trash. Contact one of the following organizations to see if they can use your leftovers.

Recycle: The Home Toxics Reduction Center accepts photographic chemicals for neutralization. Also, urge your photo finisher to recycle the materials and chemicals that he or she deals with.

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor (just north of exit 169 off I-94) 222-3950

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, except holidays (winter by appointment only)

Photography Supplies (continued)

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts usable photography equipment.

Ritz Camera

2775 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 761-8690 318 S. State, Ann Arbor 761-2011 or 874 W. Eisenhower Pkwy 662-2777 Accepts used film and film canisters (no chemicals).

Propane Tanks

Propane and butane tanks are under pressure and can cause injury to sanitation workers and equipment if they explode.

Reduce and Reuse: When purchasing a propane tank, ask if it can be returned for recycling or disposal when empty. When possible, choose a grill or stove that comes equipped with a reusable tank.

ADLP Gas

5601 Belleville Road, Canton (877) 235-7427

Amerigas

5025 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti 434-1200

Accepts propane tanks of all sizes for a fee of \$5 per tank. Please call for more information.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2

Accepts propane tanks for recycling. Please call for more information.

Ferrellgas

3950 Ann Arbor Road, Jackson (517) 764-2860

17771 Sumpter, Belleville, (734) 699-3093

Accepts propane tanks for a fee. Please call for business hours.

Hammond Hardware

1800 Francis Street, Jackson (517)782-8082

Accepts propane tanks for a fee. Please call for business hours.

Northwest Propane, Inc.

3109 Pielemeier Dr., Chelsea 475-8866

Exchange old cylinder for new. Please call for business hours.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for additional information.

Records, Tapes, DVDs and CDs

Reduce: Buy used tapes, CDs and records or download your music from the internet.

Reuse: Even if it is out of style, every record, tape and CD can probably be reused. Many times, the albums become popular again after some time has passed. There are stores that will either accept your used music as donations, or they will buy them from you. Contact the organizations listed below to find out more information. If these shops are not interested in taking your items, consider donating them to a local library.

Encore Recordings

417 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor 662-0675

Buys tapes, records, and CDs. Please call ahead for buy-back hours.

Kaledioscope

217 S. State Street, Ann Arbor 995-9887

Buys some records. Call for more information and business hours.

PJ's Records

617B Packard St #B, Ann Arbor 663-3441

Buys records, tapes, and CDs. Make an appointment for large quantities.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon- Sat 9-5

Accepts used CDs, DVDs, tapes and records in working condition.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-4420

Accepts old CDs and audio tapes for art projects. Please call for additional information.

Wazoo Records

336 1/2 S. State Street, Ann Arbor 761-8686

Buys records, tapes and CDs. Please call for more information..

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for additional information.

Sharps

"Sharps" is a broad term used to describe syringes with attached needles and lancets. When disposed of in the regular trash, these items pose threats to sanitation and recycling workers. Over 7 million sharps are used in homes and discarded in Washtenaw County annually. The best way to reduce the danger of sharps is to take them to a sharps collection center. Several pharmacies within Washtenaw County have agreed to serve as depots for used sharps. To participate, sharps must be collected in an approved "Sharps Collection container". These containers are made from a durable, puncture resistant plastic, and are available for around \$4.00. The following locations supply these containers and accept them for disposal.

Ann Arbor

St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy-Reichart, Reichert Health Center, 5333 McAuley Dr., 712-2222

Pharmacy Solutions, 5204 Jackson Rd., 812-8000

Village Pharmacy, 325 Maple Rd. N, 668-9600

Home Toxics Collection Center, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor 222-3950

Accepts sharps in the sealed puncture-resistant container only.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, except holidays (winter by appointment only).

Sharps (continued)

Chelsea

ChelseaCare Pharmacy, Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main, 475-3996

Dexter

Dexter Pharmacy Inc, 7039 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd 426-1600 Dexter Pharmacy Inc, 8059 Main St, 426-4641

Milan

Miller Drugs, 13 W Main St, 439-8877

Saline

St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy-Saline, St. Joseph Mercy Saline Hospital, 400 W Russell, 429-1666

Ypsilanti

Bailes Pharmacy, 100 Ecorse Rd, 482-1034 Clark Professional Pharmacy, 3075 Clark Rd., 434-7333

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors contain two types of materials that may be hazardous. Older models contain radium sources that are regulated at certain volumes. Newer models contain americium (look for Americium-241 or AM-241), which is exempt from federal nuclear regulations. Manufacturers are no longer required to accept smoke detectors, but you may try and contact the manufacturer and find out about their specific policy. *Homeowners can dispose of smoke detectors in licensed solid waste landfills*. If planning to dispose of a large quantity of smoke detectors (over 25), there may be some safety concerns to consider. A large quantity of smoke detectors, due to the metals in the detectors, may also be characterized as a hazardous waste. It is recommended to contact the landfill in advance of disposal or contact:

Reduce: See below for information on how to purchase a smoke detector that does not contain hazardous materials.

Recycle: 4 fire stations and the Home Toxics Center will accept smoke detectors for proper disposal.

For information on the federal requirements or for general questions contact:

DEQ Radiological Protection

(517) 241-1274

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

(800) 368-5642

Waste Management Division District Office Jackson District Office

(517) 780-7842

There is a non-radioactive smoke detector available. These photoelectric smoke detectors use a tiny beam of light to detect smoke particles. Compared with radioactive detectors that rely on ionized air, most photoelectric detectors are less sensitive to humidity and cooking smoke -- which means fewer annoying false alarms, increased sensitivity to larger smoke particles, and faster detection of smoldering fires. These are available by special order at hardware and electrical supply stores that are willing to special-order them. In addition, the following business sells them on a routine basis:

For disposal of smoke detectors, contact:

Ann Arbor Charter TownshipFire Station

3792 Pontiac Trail Station 1, Ann Arbor 663-0995 4329 Goss Road Station 2, Ann Arbor 741-5900

Smoke Detectors (continued)

Home Toxics Collection Center

705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor 222-3950

Superior Township Fire Station

7999 Ford Rd, Ypsilanti 484-1996

Northfield Township Fire Station

75 Barker Road, PO Box 576, Whitmore Lake 449-2385

Sporting Goods

Good condition sporting equipment can be sold or donated to the organizations listed below. Call for detailed guidelines.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First Street, Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts some sporting goods. Please call to arrange collection service.

Play It Again Sports - Ann Arbor

2865 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor 572-0943

2461 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor 747-6277

Accepts goods for cash, check, trade or consignment. Please call for business hours.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts sporting goods in good condition.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street. Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for donation hours.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts metal sporting goods for recycling.

Styrofoam

Reduce and Reuse: Polystyrene, commonly referred to as Styrofoam, comes in many different forms. Made from a non-renewable resource, polystyrene is also difficult to recycle. Try to avoid buying products packaged in polystyrene, and let your grocer know your preference. Polystyrene packaging materials can be reused many times before disposal. See the "Packaging Supplies" and "Egg Cartons" sections for more information.

Recycle: The following locations accept polystyrene for recycling:

City of Ypsilanti

651 Rice St., (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town) 483-0530

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Tires

Michigan residents and businesses generate more than nine million used tires every year. When improperly discarded, piles of old tires can lead to hazardous fires or serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. To dispose of large quantities of tires, please contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Reduce: When you need new tires on your car, leave the old ones with the tire service station. Most tire service centers offer recycling for a nominal fee.

Reuse: Whole tires can be reused in several different ways. They can be used for applications such as fencing, playground equipment, erosion control, crash barriers, and dock bumpers.

Recycle: The following organizations will accept old tires for recycling:

Bridgewater Tire Co., Inc.

8409 Boettner Road, Bridgewater (734) 429-3770

Accepts tires of all sizes, including tractor tires. Please call for business hours.

Calvert's Roll-Off Containers

7887 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280 Hours: Mon-Fri 7-4:30, Sat 7-2 Accepts tires for recycling. Please call for more information.

Firestone (any Firestone)

500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 769-1485 *Please call for additional information.*

Gerry's Tire & Alignment

7911 E. Michigan Ave., Saline 429-7370 *Please call for additional information.*

Spartan Tire and Service, Inc.

835 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti 482-1182 *Please call for additional information.*

Sears

900 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor 998-3880 *Please call for additional information.*

Town and Country

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor 662-4485 *Please call for additional information.*

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400 Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for more information.

Toner Cartridges

Toxic chemicals in toner cartridges can pose health and environmental problems if disposed of in a solid waste landfill.

Reuse & Recycle: many of the toner cartridge parts can be recycled or reused. The following organizations offer toner cartridge recycling services:

All-Tech Business Products

260 Airport Industrial Dr., Ypsilanti 482-0640

Reconditions laser and copy cartridges. Please call for more information.

Toner Cartridges (continued)

Copier and Fax Repair Services, LLC

4460 Waters Road, Ann Arbor 769-1961 Remanufactures laser and copy cartridges on site.

Mikan Corporation/Laser Solutions Inc.

4480 Varsity Dr. Suite G, Ann Arbor 352-5500 Remanufactures laser toner cartridges. Buys used laser cartridges.

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd. Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Accepts toner cartridges for recycling.

Tools and outdoor lawn equipment

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530

Accepts hand and power tools in good working order, lawnmowers, snow blowers, tents and camp stoves.

Toxics

Many items in your home are considered toxic and require special disposal procedures; some of them may surprise you. Washtenaw County has developed a safe, easy and free-of-charge disposal program for home toxics. This program aims to divert toxic household materials from landfills, thus preventing groundwater contamination and harm to animals or trash handlers. Also look at many of the other sections in this publication (ie: Cleaning Supplies, Motor Oil, Mercury, etc.) for information and alternatives to household toxics.

Home Toxics Collection Center is located at the Western County Service Center at 705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor. The Center is a white shed surrounded by a green chainlink fence, on the south side of the parking lot behind the Service Center building.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon the first weekend of April until the first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-6874 or 222-3950)

Acceptable Items:

aerosols (except empty cans)
antifreeze
asphalt and roofing tar
cleaners and polishes
flammables (gasoline, starting fluids)
fluorescent lights
home repair products (glues, caulking)
mercury
oil based paint (not latex)
paint thinners, solvents, varnishes
pesticides
photographic wastes
pool chemicals
wood preservatives
smoke detectors

Unacceptable Items:

asbestos
car batteries
empty containers
explosives and ammunition
fire extinguishers
latex paint (see paint section)
medication
propane tanks
radioactive materials
transmission or brake fluid
used motor oil
waste generated from businesses

Toys and Games

Reuse: Most kids seem to outgrow toys quickly. However, this does not mean that they are unusable. Many families cannot afford new toys. Donating old toys and games to one of the following organizations will make them accessible for needy children, as well as keep them out of the landfill.

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155

Accepts toys and games. Please call for donation hours.

Children's Orchard

2244 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor 995-8889

Buys used toys. Please call for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

Accepts used toys as donations. Please call for more information.

Once Upon a Child

3426 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 973-3111

Pays on the spot for baby, toddler and preschooler toys in good condition. Please call for more information.

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Please call for more information.

Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Please call for donation hours and more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Accepts used toys as donations. Please call for more information.

Woman in the Shoe

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

Accepts used toys. Please call for more information.

Video Tapes

Reuse: Once a video tape has been recorded on doesn't mean that it can't be recorded over. If you don't want your video tapes anymore, donate them for reuse.

Recycle: Video tapes can be recycled. The California-based company EcoMedia refurbishes and redistributes several types of video tapes.

Carpel Video

429 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Accepts video tapes, Beta SP, SVHS, DVCam, DVCPro, D-9/Digital-S, and D-2 for recycling. Call for information at (301)-694-TAPE.

EcoMedia

917 E. Katella Avenue, Anaheim Hills, CA 92805 800-359-4601

Accepts magnetic media materials for recycling. Please call for more information.

Video Tapes (continued)

Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4

Accepts video tapes in usable condition.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-4420

Accepts video tapes for art projects. Please call for additional information.

Yard Waste

Fallen leaves, grass clippings, pruning and trimmings comprise around 25 percent of the waste generated by an average household. Yard waste is not really a waste at all, but a valuable resource. Michigan state law prohibits yard waste from being disposed of in landfills or incinerators, and requires more environmentally-sound handling.

Reuse: One of the best ways to decrease yard waste is to "grasscycle"- simply leave grass clippings on the lawn as you mow it. Grass clippings are about 85 percent water, and break down quickly. They do not cause thatch, and provide valuable nutrients to your lawn. Grasscycling eliminates the time and trouble of bagging, and saves on yard waste bags or cans. In addition, grasscycling reduces or eliminates the need for fertilizer- saving more time and money.

Recycle: Material that cannot be grasscycled can be composted at home. Composting is a natural decomposition process that transforms yard waste into humus, a valuable soil amendment. Washtenaw County has a wide range of flyers, fact sheets, and workshops on home composting. Call 994-2435 for information, or visit Washtenaw County's webpage. There are several curbside collection and drop-off programs in the County that collect yard waste for composting.

For more information on curbside and drop-off yard waste programs, please see the following:

Curbside Yard Waste Collection Programs

Most programs offer collection April - November, but specific programs may vary. Call your community for information.

Ann Arbor City	994-2807	Pittsfield Township	729-8200
Ann Arbor Township	663-3418	Saline City	429-5624
Chelsea Village	475-6160	Superior Township	482-6099
Dexter Village	426-8530	Ypsilanti City	
Manchester Village	475-6160	Ypsilanti Township	484-0073
Milan City	439-1780		

Drop Off Yard Waste Programs

The programs listed below do not accept dirt, rocks, stumps or yard waste in plastic bags. Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter. Most programs charge a nominal fee; please call for specific details.

Arbor Hills Landfill (Veolia Environmental Services)

6 Mile Rd., Northville (248) 305-8377

Mister Rubbish Venture Drive

Off of Whitmore Lake Rd., Whitmore Lake 1-800-971-7490

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-5, Sat 8-12

Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

Ypsilanti Township Compost Center

2600 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6881

Hours: April - November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December - March: Sat 9-4

Questions, Comments, Additions, Deletions?

Please call Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program at (734)

222-6874