

## A Citizen's Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial products make sure to dispose of them properly!

### Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?

The Ottawa County Health Department has opened three Resource Recovery Service Centers for the collection of household hazardous waste. These centers are open to Ottawa County residents at no cost. Center locations and hours of operation are listed below. For more information call 616-393-5645 or visit [www.co.ottawa.mi.us](http://www.co.ottawa.mi.us).



#### **Grand Haven Facility, 16850 Comstock**

Monday and Wednesday, 8-1, 2-5  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 8-12

#### **Coopersville Facility, 15600 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Tuesday and Thursday, 8-1, 2-5  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8-12

#### **Jenison Facility, 6693 Roger Drive**

Tuesday and Thursday, 8-1, 2-5  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8-12

### What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

The Resource Recovery Service Centers offer free disposal of the following waste materials:

- Household Cleaners
- Drain Cleaners
- Aerosols
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Anti-freeze
- Old Gasoline
- Paint Thinner/Stripper
- Oil-Based Paint
- Mercury & Acids
- Solvents
- Pool & Spa Chemicals
- Computers
- Pesticides & Garden Chemicals

### Where Can I Take Recyclables?

In addition to disposal of hazardous waste, the Resource Recovery Service Centers also offer residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metals, and cardboard for an annual \$18 fee for county residents.

### Septic System Maintenance

Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank service contractor a call this spring.

Your septic system should be inspected every 3 years and pumped out every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure.

