Overview

The Solid Waste Division provides programs and services that target waste reduction and proper disposal of materials. These services extend the useful life of valuable resources and keep hazardous materials out of the environment. Thanks to all the residents who participate in programs and partners who make them possible.

In 2022, we created an interactive medication disposal map. Using this tool, residents can find the closest locations to drop off expired or unneeded medications and sharps.

Home Toxics Center

The Home Toxics Center provides Washtenaw County residents with a free option to dispose of household chemicals in a way that keeps materials out of our environment. In 2022, 6,994 residents properly disposed of 536,000 pounds of material.

Battery recycling was popular this year! Customers brought in over 12,000 pounds of batteries, an increase of 54% from 2021 to 2022. Batteries are sent to a special facility where they are sorted and metals are recovered.

Customer Reviews

“Staff member was very friendly and helpful making a challenging task very easy.”

“Having arrived at my appointed time, I was greeted immediately and the drop off of 7 large buckets was completed in about 5 minutes. Quick, simple, and done!”

Material Breakdown

- Latex paint & non-hazardous material (312,121 lbs)
- Oil paint & flammables (77,471 lbs)
- Pesticides (27,200 lbs)
- Aerosols (17,720 lbs)
- Acids & bases (9,903 lbs)
- Other (91,595 lbs)
County Clean-Up Days

County Clean-Up Days provide opportunities to dispose of a wide variety of items in a safe and responsible manner.

In 2022, we held five Clean-Up Day events, and three mini collection events in Freedom, Manchester, and Ypsilanti Townships and served 2,890 residents.

**Event Sponsors**

School Recycling Program

We partner with Stevens Disposal and the Ecology Center to provide schools throughout the county with infrastructure and education necessary to create and maintain successful recycling programs.

Nine of the schools have a population with students of color higher than the County average.

Waste Reduction Sponsorships

Waste Reduction Sponsorships entered their fourth year and awarded funding to 11 projects in 2022. These projects supported efforts that reduce, divert, and educate about waste.

Projects included:

- Rolling out recycling carts to Ypsilanti Township residents.
- A Zero Waste week challenge.
- Clean up events hosted by the City of Milan and Dexter, Bridgewater, and Saline Townships.

11 sponsorships awarded

$76,000 in total funding

119,936 lbs of material diverted at sponsored events

Learn more at washtenaw.org/sponsorships