

HHW REPORTER

2ND QUARTER 2019

NEWS AND PARTICIPATION STATS FROM
THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER

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2019 Expected Closures:

August 5-10 (Youth Fair)

September 13-14
(Street Rods)

November 28-29
(Thanksgiving)

December 23, 2019 -
January 1, 2020
(Winter Break)

REMAINING 2019
SATURDAY COLLECTIONS
8:00am-12:00pm

October 12

November 9

December 14



Conservorama – It's a Thing!

On May 22, Kalamazoo County 5th graders spent the day outside at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary learning about conservation. There were approximately 77 students from two area schools at the Conservorama event which is organized by the Kalamazoo Conservation District (KCD). Students built native bee houses, learned about invasive species, found aquatic macroinvertebrates and identified **household hazardous waste, curbside recycling items and how to safely store and dispose of unwanted medication**. A principal told Elizabeth Rochow, District Manager of KCD, that the kids were tired and happy when they arrived back at school and they were excited to share with him what they did on the trip. Support for this program was provided by a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Cindy Foster, HHW Specialist at the HHW Center, used an interactive game to teach the students how to identify hazardous materials found in their home versus what can go in their curbside recycling bin and what needs to go in the trash. The game also demonstrates that some medications look like candy and it can be dangerous for younger siblings and pets if pills are accidentally dropped on the floor or left out on a counter. This game can be presented to 4th through 6th graders – although adults often learn something too – and our staff would love to share it at one of your community events! Each student received a take-home packet including an HHW Center flier and magnet; HHW Do and Don't Take list; a Red Med Box flier for medication disposal and a brochure on the dangers of Mercury in the home.



2ND QUARTER HHW CENTER PARTICIPATION

2nd Quarter 2019 participation increased **4%** over 2018

Municipality	April	May	June	2nd Quarter Total
Alamo Township	20	15	18	53
Almena Township	18	12	17	47
Antwerp Township	10	31	28	69
Augusta Village	2	2	1	5
Berrien County	3	19	6	28
Brady Township	16	20	15	51
Charleston Township	16	16	15	47
Climax Township	5	2	14	21
Climax Village	0	1	4	5
Comstock Township	95	118	94	307
Cooper Township	56	63	46	165
Kalamazoo City	262	283	275	820
Kalamazoo Township	94	118	98	310
Oshtemo Township	113	96	82	291
Parchment City	9	12	6	27
Pavilion Township	26	35	43	104
Paw Paw Township	6	5	6	17
Portage City	300	313	256	869
Prairie Ronde Township	7	15	5	27
Richland Township	60	67	49	176
Richland Village	7	5	9	21
Ross Township	30	16	34	80
Schoolcraft Township	21	15	28	64
Schoolcraft Village	4	3	3	10
Texas Township	166	116	88	370
Vicksburg Village	15	10	5	30
Wakeshma Township	4	6	0	10
Subtotal	1,365	1,414	1,245	4,024
Regular HHW Paying Customers	90	36	19	145
Electronics Paying Customers	16	74	39	129
Grand Total	1,471	1,524	1,303	4,298

2ND QUARTER RECYCLING COST SHARE

BILLING PERIOD 4/01/19-6/30/19

CONTRACTOR DISPOSAL COSTS \$29,619.34

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING \$7,362.49

TOTAL BILLING \$36,981.83

MUNICIPALITY	HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	PERCENT	TOTAL COST
ALAMO TOWNSHIP	53	1.32	\$487.09
ALMENA TOWNSHIP	47	1.17	\$431.94
ANTWERP TOWNSHIP	69	1.71	\$634.13
AUGUSTA VILLAGE	5	0.12	\$45.95
BERRIEN COUNTY	28	0.70	\$257.33
BRADY TOWNSHIP	51	1.27	\$468.71
CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP	47	1.17	\$431.94
CLIMAX TOWNSHIP	21	0.52	\$193.00
CLIMAX VILLAGE	5	0.12	\$45.95
COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP	307	7.63	\$2,821.43
COOPER TOWNSHIP	165	4.10	\$1,516.40
KALAMAZOO CITY	820	20.38	\$7,536.06
KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP	310	7.70	\$2,849.00
OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP	291	7.23	\$2,674.38
PARCHMENT CITY	27	0.67	\$248.14
PAVILION TOWNSHIP	104	2.58	\$955.79
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP	17	0.42	\$156.24
PORTAGE CITY	869	21.60	\$7,986.38
PRAIRIE RONDE TOWNSHIP	27	0.67	\$248.14
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP	176	4.37	\$1,617.50
RICHLAND VILLAGE	21	0.52	\$193.00
ROSS TOWNSHIP	80	1.99	\$735.23
SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP	64	1.59	\$588.18
SCHOOLCRAFT VILLAGE	10	0.25	\$91.90
TEXAS TOWNSHIP	370	9.19	\$3,400.42
VICKSBURG VILLAGE	30	0.75	\$275.71
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP	10	0.25	\$91.90
TOTAL	4,024	100.00	\$36,981.83

* THIS IS NOT A BILL – INVOICE WILL BE MAILED OUT AT A LATER DATE *

2019 2nd Quarter Collections



**EGLE kicks off
Know It Before
You Throw It
education
campaign in
state's first-ever
effort to promote
cleaner recycling**

*Effort aims to
reduce
contaminated
materials going into
recycling bins and
double state's
recycling rate to
30% by 2025*



NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	4,024
NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESS EQUIVALENTS	274

ITEM(S)	POUNDS
ELECTRONICS FROM HOMEOWNERS	95,880
ELECTRONICS FROM SMALL BUSINESSES	6,502
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM HOMEOWNERS *	46,601
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM SMALL BUSINESSES *	6,402
ANTIFREEZE	5,150
COPPER WIRE	3,024
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	930
INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES	342
OIL FILTERS	560
PESTICIDES	7,511
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	7,779
SCRAP METAL	5,639
USED MOTOR OIL	27,120
TOTAL POUNDS COLLECTED	213,440

* acids, aerosols, ammunition, bases, batteries (alkaline & lithium), cleaners, flammable liquids, flares, fluorescent bulbs, mercury, oil based paint, organic peroxides, oxidizers, PCB ballasts, poisons/toxics, 1-lb propane cylinders

SAY HELLO TO THE RECYCLING RACCOON SQUAD

Hey, neighbor! We are the Recycling Raccoon Squad. Our mission is to help Michigan recycle better, smarter, more efficiently and more adorably. (We'll handle that last one if you want.) To accomplish our mission, we have created a clear set of simple rules for you to follow that will help you become the best of the best at recycling.

[Watch Video](#)