

HHW REPORTER

1ST QUARTER 2024

NEWS AND PARTICIPATION STATS FROM
THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER

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2024 EXPECTED CLOSURES:

AUGUST 5 - 10
(YOUTH FAIR)

SEPTEMBER 20
(STREET ROD NATIONALS)

NOVEMBER 5
(ELECTION DAY)

NOVEMBER 28 - 29
(THANKSGIVING BREAK)

DECEMBER 24 - 25
(CHRISTMAS BREAK)

DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1
(NEW YEAR'S)

Waste Hauler Licensing Program

In addition to collecting hazardous chemicals and electronics from residents and small businesses, the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center also coordinates the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance No. 138 by acting as the licensing agency on behalf of Kalamazoo County and participating municipalities. The Waste Reduction Ordinance requires residential waste hauling companies to obtain an annual license and agree to provide garbage and recycling services to residents of the municipalities that participate in the Ordinance. Therefore, if a waste hauler wants to provide garbage service, they must also provide curbside recycling services at a frequency of no less than once per month. This is traditional recycling of corrugated cardboard, office paper, newspaper/junk mail, glass jars, some plastics and metals. Currently, eight (8) townships and villages are participating in the program.

Among other items, the Ordinance requires licensed Waste haulers to report the weight of residential recyclables collected in each township or village to the licensing agency every year. This information may be an important piece for supporting changes to the Part 115 Michigan Solid Waste Law which took effect March 29, 2023. As the updated law becomes fully effective, municipalities will have to have a plan for showing measurable increases in traditional recycling and landfill diversion efforts. Please contact us for more information or if you have questions.

REMAINING
2024 SATURDAY
COLLECTIONS
8:00am-12:00pm

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

October 12

November 9

December 14

1ST QUARTER HHW CENTER PARTICIPATION

AN INCREASE OF 11% OVER THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2023

Municipality	January	February	March	1st Quarter Total
Alamo Township	17	4	21	42
Almena Township	10	10	11	31
Antwerp Township	7	13	13	33
Augusta Village	1	1	3	5
Berrien County	6	1	10	17
Brady Township	8	16	21	45
Charleston Township	10	12	8	30
Climax Village	0	1	0	1
Comstock Township	58	73	70	201
Cooper Township	45	29	33	107
Galesburg City	1	1	1	3
Kalamazoo City	123	171	186	480
Kalamazoo Township	52	48	72	172
Oshtemo Township	60	59	64	183
Parchment City	7	8	15	30
Pavilion Township	23	38	40	101
Portage City	141	183	214	538
Prairie Ronde Township	3	20	13	36
Richland Township	31	50	33	114
Richland Village	2	5	4	11
Ross Township	20	10	18	48
Schoolcraft Township	9	15	18	42
Schoolcraft Village	1	0	2	3
St. Joseph County	2	9	3	14
Texas Township	54	51	44	149
Vicksburg Village	6	6	2	14
Wakeshma Township	0	2	1	3
Subtotal	697	836	920	2453
Regular HHW Paying Customers	22	74	72	168
Electronics Paying Customers	34	45	20	99
Grand Total	753	955	1012	2720

1ST QUARTER RECYCLING COST SHARE

BILLING PERIOD 1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024			
CHEMICAL DISPOSAL COSTS			\$19,326.07
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING			\$2,489.11
TOTAL BILLING			\$21,815.18
MUNICIPALITY	HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	PERCENT	TOTAL COST
Alamo Township	42	1.71%	\$373.52
Almena Township	31	1.26%	\$275.69
Antwerp Township	33	1.35%	\$293.48
Augusta Village	5	0.20%	\$44.47
Berrien County	17	0.69%	\$151.19
Brady Township	45	1.83%	\$400.20
Charleston Township	30	1.22%	\$266.80
Climax Village	1	0.04%	\$8.89
Comstock Township	201	8.19%	\$1,787.55
Cooper Township	107	4.36%	\$951.58
Galesburg City	3	0.12%	\$26.68
Kalamazoo City	480	19.57%	\$4,268.77
Kalamazoo Township	172	7.01%	\$1,529.64
Oshtemo Township	183	7.46%	\$1,627.47
Parchment City	30	1.22%	\$266.80
Pavilion Township	101	4.12%	\$898.22
Portage City	538	21.93%	\$4,784.58
Prairie Ronde Township	36	1.47%	\$320.16
Richland Township	114	4.65%	\$1,013.83
Richland Village	11	0.45%	\$97.83
Ross Township	48	1.96%	\$426.88
Schoolcraft Township	42	1.71%	\$373.52
Schoolcraft Village	3	0.12%	\$26.68
St. Joseph County	14	0.57%	\$124.51
Texas Township	149	6.07%	\$1,325.10
Vicksburg Village	14	0.57%	\$124.51
Wakeshma Township	3	0.12%	\$26.68
TOTAL	2,453	100.00%	\$21,815.18

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

1ST QUARTER COLLECTIONS 2024



In contrast to the newer flat screen television pictured below, this reel-to-reel tape deck was manufactured in Tokyo, Japan in the early 1970's.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	2,453
NUMBER OF PAYING CUSTOMER EQUIVALENTS	267
NUMBER OF CLEAN SWEEP CUSTOMERS	7

ITEM(S)	POUNDS
ELECTRONICS FROM HOMEOWNERS	35,030
ELECTRONICS FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS	4,636
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM HOMEOWNERS *	22,503
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS *	5,662
ANTIFREEZE	2,000
COPPER WIRE	869
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	0
OIL FILTERS	560
PESTICIDES	2,717
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	5,795
SCRAP METAL	384
USED MOTOR OIL	18,400
TOTAL POUNDS COLLECTED	98,556

* 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



Dustin Hakala is our new Household Hazardous Waste Technician. He has a background in environmental clean up and has worked in some very hazardous and unpleasant conditions, situations we hope to never have at the HHW Center! He is standing next to an 82" (6.8 foot) flat screen television, this is the second flat screen TV of this size we have received.