

## **RECYCLING FEE ON TAX BILL**

The recycling fee that is on the winter tax bill for Cooper Township funds the following:

- Bimonthly recycling through Republic Services. Need a bin? Call our office and we can arrange to have one delivered to your address. Our main phone number is 269-382-0223.
- Twice a year bulk trash pick-up, once in the spring and once in the fall. Visit the link below for a list of items that are accepted and items that are excluded.  
[Curbside Pick-Up and Recycling – Cooper Township](https://www.coopertwp.org/curbside-pick-up-and-recycling/)  
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- On January 1, the township pays a yearly stipend to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) so that Cooper Township residents can drop off approved items without paying a fee. Each quarter HHW calculates how much of the stipend is used based on a quarterly disposal cost they calculate. From HHW: *The disposal rate per visit depends on how many carts each municipality had each quarter and what was disposed of. We take the total from Cooper and divide it by the total number from all municipalities to make a rate of participation. Then we add all the invoices from the quarter and multiple the invoice total by your rate of participation to get your disposal cost.* For 2025, the yearly stipend amount is \$12,500. Visit the link below for more information.  
[Household Hazardous Waste Center](https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/eh/hhw/)  
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- In years past the stipend has run out before the end of the year. When the money is used up within a calendar year, using HHW is no longer free for Cooper Township residents within that calendar year. Once the money is replenished on January 1 of the next calendar year, the service becomes free again for Cooper residents.
- If Cooper residents visit HHW and the stipend we pay has been depleted, residents can still recycle items, but they must pay any fees associated with the service OR wait until January 1 of the next calendar year. You can call our office or visit HHW's website to find out if there is still money left to be used by residents.

If you have any questions about the recycling fee, or about any of the services listed above, please contact our office at 269-382-0223.

Thank you!

