

# TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURE

**Your guide to recycling and reuse in Washtenaw County**

*“What should I do with my old TV?*

*Can someone use my old carpet scraps?*

*Where can I take my expired car battery?*

*How do I get rid of paint?”*

**This document is designed to answer these tricky questions and to help keep your waste out of the landfill! Here you will find creative tips on how to reduce your waste and a directory of facilities that will reuse or recycle many of your household items. You'll see how one person's trash may be a valuable resource to someone else.**



For more information about the listings in this booklet, contact:  
Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program (734) 222-6874

[recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

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## Ammunition

**Reduce:** Only buy the amount of ammunition you know you will use. Keeping it in your home can be a danger to you and your family. Disposing of ammunition in your regular trash poses a grave danger to solid waste handlers. Call your local State Police or Sheriff's office to see if they accept unused or spent ammunition.

### Michigan State Police

1501 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti 482-1211

### Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department

2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor 971-0586 or 971-8400

## Antifreeze

Antifreeze contains a very hazardous chemical, ethylene glycol that should not be disposed of in trash, sewers or drains. This chemical tastes and smells sweet, making it attractive to children and pets- be sure to store it out of their reach!

**Reduce and Reuse:** Antifreeze does not "go bad." Make sure to use up the whole bottle before you buy another one. If you cannot use it up, offer it to a friend or neighbor.

**Recycle:** Antifreeze can be recycled at any one of the following locations. Call for specific guidelines.

### Firestone Complete Auto Care

3507 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor (Arborland Mall) 677-0668

500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) 769-1485

402 E. Huron-Downtown, Ann Arbor 769-9040

### Illi's Auto Service

401 W. Huron St., 665-5011

### Jourden's Automotive Service

2115 S. State St., 761-8006

### Side Street Garage

121 Buchanan St., 475-2278

### Town & Country Auto Parts

3127 South Wagner Road Ann Arbor 662-4485

[Click to Access Website](#)

### True Tech Automotive Repair

2075 S. Industrial Hwy., 668-4022

### Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe

3160 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-7810

### Victory Lane Quick Oil Change

1635 Plymouth Rd, 662-7755

2185 W. Stadium Blvd., 995-9700

2216 Ellsworth Rd., 572-0590

3066 Washtenaw Ave., 434-7722

920 S. Main St., 475-6377

211 W. Michigan Ave., 944-1001

### Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends),  
December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681  
Drop Off: April-November: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4; December- March: Sat 9-4

## Appliances

**Usable Appliances:** Many service organizations throughout Washtenaw County accept appliances in working order for reuse. A few suggestions are listed below; call for specific guidelines.

**Unusable Appliances:** Appliances that cannot be repaired often have components that can be recycled. By weight, the typical washer, dryer, stove or refrigerator consists of 75 percent steel which is entirely recyclable. Contact your local government offices to find out if a pickup or drop-off program for broken appliances is available, or look in Washtenaw County's Recycling Guide.

**Ann Arbor Thrift Shop**

3530 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-6771  
Mon-Sat 10-4  
*Accepts small appliances, clean and in full working order*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Arbor Vacuum and Small Appliance**

1226 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 761-3677  
2990 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor 973-2990  
*Accepts lamps, vacuums, sewing machines, fans, heaters, humidifiers, and other small appliances.  
No microwaves or electronic stereo equipment. Small fee may apply.*

**Avalon Housing**

603 W. Huron, Ann Arbor 663-5858. Call Jude.  
*Please call to arrange drop-off.*

**Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357  
*Accepts fans and vacuums along with electronics including TVs, DVD players, home and car audio, cell phones, MP3 players, and cables.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

201 N. River St., Ypsilanti 482-7121  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & 1-4  
*Accepts donations of small kitchen appliances.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Faith in Action Inc.**

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305  
*Accepts small appliances and clothing, bedding, shoes, kitchenware, toys/games, baby equipment, and durable medical equipment (like crutches, wheelchairs, etc.)*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Food Gatherers**

1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor 761-2796  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Friends in Deed**

1196 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti 484-7607

*Accepts small and large appliances (less than 12 years old).*

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts small appliances and home electronics.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

170 Aprill Drive, 822-1530

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat-Sun 10-4

*Accepts appliances less than 5 years old and in working order, including: rangers, ovens, washer/dryers, water heaters, refrigerators/freezers, range hoods, HVAC units, AC units (window and central, less than 5 years old), fans, and microwave ovens.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Homestead Maytag**

2414 Dix Hwy, Lincoln Park (Services all of Washtenaw County) 281-7088

*Provides in home service to all makes and models of appliances.*

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

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**Ozone House**

1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-2265

*Seeking room fan donations. Please call before donating.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560

*Accepts small appliances including irons, lamps, hairdryers, toasters, microwaves, coffee makers, silverware, etc.. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts clean appliances in working condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Me!**

Home Pick-Up, Call 709-9325 to schedule, Fees apply

*Accepts, microwaves, blenders, food processors, toasters, vacuums, coffeemakers, computer equipment, televisions, VCRs, tape players, stereo equipment, VHS tapes, etc.*

**Safe House**

4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor (734) 973-0242

*Accepts gently used microwaves, coffee pots, and toasters.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Town and Country**

3127 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor 662-4485  
*Accepts all size appliances for metal extraction and recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Treasure Mart**

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887  
*Please call ahead to schedule a drop-off.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues & Thur 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts all metal appliances in any condition including microwaves.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ypsilanti Thrift Shop**

14 S. Washington St., Ypsilanti 483-1226  
*Accepts small appliances and kitchen items.*

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681  
Drop Off: April-November: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4; December- March: Sat 9-4  
*Accepts metal appliances, antifreeze, used motor oil, scrap metal, construction debris, oil filters, yard waste and appliances with Freon.*

## Architectural Items

**Habitat for Humanity**

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530  
Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat-Sun 10-4  
*Accepts columns, mantelpieces, cabinets/countertops (including individual pieces or full cabinet sets) for kitchen and bath. Must have all doors and hardware. Countertops should be in good condition with minimal chips or scraps.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Art Supplies

**Reduce:** If you only need art supplies for a short term project, consider borrowing them from a friend or your local school or church. Plan your art projects carefully so you will only buy what you will use. Also, be on the lookout for less toxic art products.

**Reuse:** Donate your supplies and divert them from landfills! Contact your local scouts, schools, churches, theater and community groups to see if they can use your materials, or contact the organizations listed below.

**Ann Arbor Art Center**

117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 994-8004

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

*Please call for drop-off hours.  
Occasionally accepts art supplies such as paper, paint, glue, and scissors.*

**Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Community High School**

401 N. Division St., Ann Arbor 994-2021

*Accepts various art supplies. Call the Art Department for more information.*

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts craft, hobby, and art supplies as well as artwork and frames.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans**

118 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 662-3382

*Looking for kid-friendly art supplies that are clean and useable.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts artwork.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**The Scrap Box**

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012

Hours: Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

*Accepts materials for art projects such as buttons, jewelry, yarn, and containers.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Asbestos

Asbestos can be a very hazardous material and should not be disposed of with your regular trash. The fibers are fire resistant, very strong, and not easily destroyed or degraded by natural processes. Removing asbestos from your home is difficult and potentially dangerous, requiring protective gear including a respirator.

*Contact the state of Michigan with asbestos questions:*

**MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center:**

(800) 662-9278 (For non-emergency calls ONLY)

**MI Department of Consumer and Industry Services Occupational Health Division, Asbestos Program**

(517) 322-1320

*For information on asbestos testing, contact:*

**EMSL Analytical**

212 S Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor 668-6810

[Click to Access Website](#)

*For information on handling or removing asbestos, contact one of the following contractors:*

**Apex Environmental Services**

Westland 422-5500

**Air-Flo Environmental, Inc.**  
Detroit (313) 962-3377

**Ann Arbor Roofing, Inc.**  
Ann Arbor 449-9400  
*Removes asbestos in roofs.*

**Asbestos Removal Technologies, Inc.**  
Southfield (248) 358-3311

**Michigan Mechanical Abatement**  
Farmington Hills (248) 478-7505

**National Asbestos Abatement**  
Flint (810) 736-7911

**Nova Environmental, Inc.**  
Ann Arbor 930-0995

[Click here for more links to Michigan Asbestos Abatement Contractor's Websites](#)

## Automobiles

**Reuse:** Hang on to your vehicle as long as possible before buying a new car, and consider purchasing a used vehicle instead of a new one. Automobile production is damaging to the environment, so get as much use out of those cars already in service as possible. When you need to get rid of a vehicle, consider donating it to one of the following organizations. These groups will either refurbish or sell your car, with proceeds going to the organization, or they will donate useful cars to those in need.

**Cars Helping Veterans**  
1-888-480-8387  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Donate a Car 2 Charity**  
866-950-4483  
*Call to schedule a pick-up.*

**Faith in Action Inc.**  
603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Friends in Deed**  
1196 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti 484-7607

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**  
557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5  
*Accepts cars, trucks, and recreational vehicles.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission**  
(313) 923-3537

**National Kidney Foundation**  
(800) 488-2277

**St. Vincent DePaul Society**



1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Baby Supplies and Diapers

**Reduce:** Consider buying baby supplies at consignment shops - it stretches your dollar and prevents usable items from going to the landfill. Consider using cloth diapers instead of disposable. Hiring a diaper service can increase the convenience of using cloth diapers (listed at the end of this section). Consult the Yellow Pages or call one of the businesses listed below for more information.

**Reuse:** Used baby equipment such as cribs, high chairs, and strollers can go to good use after your baby has outgrown them. The following organizations accept clothing and other baby supplies for re-sale or reuse. Call for specific guidelines.

### Children's Orchard

887 West Eisenhower Pkwy., Ann Arbor 995-8889

*Accepts baby equipment, clothing, toys, books, and books on parenting. Call for an appointment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

4925 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 971-9781

*Accepts diapers and baby wipes.*

### Faith in Action Inc.

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305

*Accepts baby equipment and clothing, bedding, shoes, kitchenware, toys/games, small appliances, and durable medical equipment (like crutches, wheelchairs, etc.)*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Once Upon a Child

4559 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822

*Accepts baby and toddler equipment, furniture (that meet US Consumer Product Safety Standards), clothing, toys and books in excellent condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Pregnancy Counseling Center

2950 Packard Rd, Ypsilanti 434-3088

*Seeking bassinets, Pack N Plays, strollers, diapers (up to size 5), and maternity clothes. Please call for drop-off hours.*

### Safe House

4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor 973-0242

*Accepts gently used high chairs and baby bottles. Please call for drop-off times.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Salvation Army

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

*Buys baby equipment and infant clothing.*

**Diaper Services:**

**Dy-Dee Services**

(800) 589-2229

*Cloth diaper service. Once a week pick up in Washtenaw County.*

## Bags

**Reduce:** Buy reusable canvas for grocery and other shopping. Many local grocery stores give a discount to customers who bring their own bags. Buy a reusable lunch bag for everyone in your family to eliminate the use of paper lunch bags.

**Reuse:** Shopping bags can often be reused. If you accumulate plastic grocery bags, they can be washed and reused for many other purposes. Keep out of reach of children.

**Recycle:** Paper bags can be recycled through most community recycling programs. Some stores have begun to take back plastic bags, also. Check with your local supermarket to see if they accept bags for recycling.

**Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357

*Accepts plastic bags for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts paper and #2 and #4 plastic bags for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Batteries - Automotive

Car batteries contain lead and sulfuric acid, and should not be disposed of in landfills. Local battery recyclers can recycle the lead, sulfuric acid and plastic casing. When you buy a new battery at a service station, ask them to recycle the old one. City solid waste services will often pick up car batteries from the curb. Call your city solid waste department or reference the Washtenaw County Recycling Guide. Most of the facilities listed below will accept automotive batteries free of charge. Call for specific guidelines.

**City of Ypsilanti Drop-Off Center**

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town)

Hours: Thurs-Sat 9-3

*Place car batteries in separate clear plastic bag tightly tied.*

**Complete Battery Source**

1070 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 484-4830

**Firestone Complete Auto Care**

3507 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor (Arborland Mall) 677-0668

500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) 769-1485

402 E. Huron-Downtown, Ann Arbor 769-9040

**Sears**

Briarwood Mall, 900 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 769-8918

**Town and Country Auto Parts**

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor 662-4485

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Viking Auto Service**

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

3340 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 662-1356

**Wolf's Westside Automotive**

660 W. Main St., Manchester 428-9455

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681

Hours: April – November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December – March: Sat 9-4

## Batteries - Household & Rechargeable

Household batteries (dry cells) contain heavy metals (mercury, lead, cadmium, etc.) that can leak from landfills if thrown in the trash, posing a potential threat to water and human health.

**Reduce:** Use an A/C adapter instead of batteries whenever possible.

**Reuse:** Use rechargeable batteries to save money and the environment. One charger can charge many different sizes of batteries. Batteries can be charged multiple times. Be sure to recycle your rechargeable batteries when they won't accept charge any longer.

**Recycle:** The facilities listed below will accept some batteries for proper disposal and recycling. City solid waste services will also pickup household batteries on regular trash day; however proper recycling of batteries is always the safer alternative. Call your city solid waste department or visit the Washtenaw County Recycling Guide for more information.

Note: Household batteries refer to alkaline batteries (AAA,AA, etc.). Rechargeable batteries refer to nickel-cadmium batteries, lithium-ion batteries, etc. that are often times found in cell phones, cameras, and laptops.

**ABC Appliances, Inc.**

890 West Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor 669-0200

*Sells rechargeable batteries for cell and cordless phones and camcorders. Does not accept batteries for recycling.*

**Batteries Plus**

3120 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor 975-2441

30760 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills (248) 737-9140

41600 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth 254-9815

34164 Woodward Ave, Birmingham (248) 644-0666

*Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.*

**Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357

[Click to Access Website](#)

**City of Ypsilanti Curbside Recycling**

*Accepts rechargeable batteries. Place in separate clear plastic bag next to bin tightly tied.*

**City of Ypsilanti Drop-Off Center**

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town)

Hours: Thurs-Sat 9-3

**Electric Tool and Equipment, Inc.**

3772 Plaza Dr #1, Ann Arbor 995-1111

*Sells rechargeable batteries for power tools. Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.*

**Heydlauff's**

113 N. Main, Chelsea 475-1221

*Accepts phone batteries for recycling.*

**IBM Battery Recycling and Pick Up**

Mail-back program. 1-800-426-4333

Accepts used sealed Lead-Acid, Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Lithium and Lithium Ion batteries and battery packs

[http://www.ibm.com/ibm/environment/products/battery\\_us.shtml](http://www.ibm.com/ibm/environment/products/battery_us.shtml)

**Radio Shack**

Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor 747-9090

2453 Ellsworth, Ypsilanti 572-0016

*Sells rechargeable batteries. Accepts batteries for recycling.*

**Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

*Accepts rechargeable batteries. Please call for more details.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Target**

3749 Carpenter Rd., Ypsilanti 975-4396

*Accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.*

**Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950

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December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment

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**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts household batteries at no charge.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

*Order online or by calling.*

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681

Hours: April – November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December – March: Sat 9-4

*Accepts household batteries. Please tape up “positive” end before bringing in.*

**Bicycles**

**Reduce:** Keep your bicycle in top form by performing regular maintenance on it. Avoid storing it in the rain or snow.

**Reuse:** Consider giving an unwanted bike to friends, family, or neighbors. Advertising in the local paper could help you sell it, or consider making a donation to the ReBicycle Program, or one of the businesses listed below.

**Recycle:** If a bike is irreparable, contact one of the organizations below for recycling information.

**Campus Student Bike Shop**

336 Maynard Ave, Ann Arbor 327-6949

*Accepts bicycles in working or repairable condition.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
*Accepts bicycles in good condition.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2  
*Accepts bicycles for metal recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Town and Country**

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor 662-4485  
*Accepts used bicycles for metal recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts bicycles for metal recycling.*  
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## Books

**Reduce:** Share books and magazines with friends. If you are interested in paperbacks or best sellers, find a book trading club to join. Getting a library card will also allow you to check out books and return them at your own leisure.

**Reuse:** Many organizations will happily take your books for reuse. Most libraries, as well as many non-profit organizations will accept used books. Contact one of the organizations below to donate your old books.

**Recycle:** Books can sometimes be recycled with regular paper. Contact the Washtenaw County Drop-off Station or your recycling hauler for information on recycling books. **Note:** If you have very old, rare, or valuable books, you may want to contact a rare book store. Look in the Yellow Pages under “book dealers-used and rare” for store names. Consider selling your books online to collectors or other interested individuals.

**Ann Arbor District Library - Main Branch**

343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor 994-2333  
Hours: Mon 10-9, Tues-Fri 9-9, Sat 9-6, Sun 12-6  
*Accepts books for Friends of the Library book store and magazines for the exchange rack.*

**Ann Arbor Thrift Shop**

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 662-6771  
Mon-Sat 10-4  
*No textbooks or encyclopedias*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Children's Orchard**

887 W. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor 995-8889  
*Accepts children's books and books on parenting.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Dawn Farms- Affordable Care for Addictions**

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725  
502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor 769-7360  
544 N. Division Ann Arbor 769-7366  
*Seeking donations of books regarding spirituality and recovery.*

**Dawn Treader Book Shop**

514 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor 995-1008  
Sell-back hours: Mon-Fri 6-8, Sat 6-9

*Buy especially scholarly books in the sciences and humanities; modern first editions, including Science-Fiction, Fantasy, and Mysteries; and early travel and exploration.*

**Dexter District Library**

8040 Fourth St., Dexter 426-4477

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-3

*Accepts books. Please NO magazines, textbooks, or Reader's Digest condensed books.*

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts books, including textbooks.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Kaleidoscope Books and Collectibles**

200 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 995-9887

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs-Fri 10-8, Sat 9-8, Sun 11-4

*Accepts first edition books and collectibles.*

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Accepts books. No encyclopedias. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Manchester District Library**

912 City Rd., Manchester 428-8045

*Accepts books for Friends of the Library book store and magazines for the exchange rack. Call for drop-off hours.*

**Milan Public Library**

151 Wabash St., Milan 439-1240

*Accepts books and recent magazines in good condition for the exchange rack. Call for drop-off hours.*

**Once Upon a Child**

4559 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822

*Buys baby-preschooler and parenting books in good condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts all books except textbooks.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor Curbside Recycling**

734-662-6288

*Paperback books accepted at curbside pickup on regular trash day.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10

*Please call for store and donation hours.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Serendipity Paperback Book Exchange**

113 W Middle St, Chelsea 475-7148

*Accepts paperback books in exchange for in-store credit.*

**St. Vincent De Paul Society**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400  
Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Saturday 10-3  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues & Thur 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts hardcover and paperback books for recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**West Side Book Shop**

113 W Liberty St, Ann Arbor 995-1891  
*Seeking antiquarian books in good condition. Also looking for hard cover books and books on local history.*

**Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)**

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206  
*Buys and sells current, top-selling books.*

**Thrift Shop**

14 S. Washington St., Ann Arbor 483-1226  
*Accepts all books except outdated textbooks. .*  
*Houseware kitchenware, clothing, books,*

## Bricks and Concrete

**Reuse:** Try to reuse leftover bricks somewhere in your yard. Bricks can be decorative in your garden or along a walkway. Call the Ann Arbor News for info on placing a free ad in their Saturday classified section to find a second user for your materials.

**Recycle:** Bricks and concrete can be recycled into crushed materials and reused. Look in the "Sand and Gravel" section of your local Yellow Pages, or call one of the following organizations.

**Kruse Gravel Pit**

1090 W. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 483-2150  
*Accepts bricks and concrete for recycling.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
*Accepts bricks and concrete if in good condition.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2  
*Accepts asphalt and concrete for disposal.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts bulk materials for a nominal fee.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Building Materials

**Reuse:** Leftover materials from a building project can be saved for future construction jobs. Other materials such as drywall, lumber, shingles, sinks, toilets, light fixtures, counter tops, hinges, handles, miscellaneous hardware, etc may have use after you are done with them. Before discarding these materials consider these following organizations. Also, look in the Yellow Pages listings under community organizations or contact a local non-profit organization to find programs interested in used building materials.

### Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts hand and power tools.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, 822-1530

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat-Sun, 10-4

*Accepts doors, electrical wire (25' or more), hardware, plumbing, lumber, storm doors and windows, roofing materials, gutters, wall paper (full rolls), shutters, and free standing wood stoves. Habitat for Humanity also accepts hardwood/parquet flooring (free of rot and in usable condition); vinyl, sheet vinyl, linoleum and ceramic tile (new).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Materials Unlimited

2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 483-6980

*Buys and sells antique lighting, mantels, furniture, glass, doors, plumbing, and fixtures.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts lumber, doors, windows, siding, flooring, roofing, toilets, plumbing materials, and most other building materials and fixtures.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Carpeting

**Reuse:** Try to reuse scraps from your old carpeting for area rugs or mats. If you have no use for your carpet, and it is in decent shape, contact one of the organizations listed at the end of this section to make a donation.

**Recycle:** While no carpet recycling opportunities currently exist in Washtenaw County, some carpet manufacturers will reclaim their carpet and/or offer recycled carpet for sale. Ask your local retailer the next time you're purchasing carpet.

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, (734) 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

*Accepts carpet and carpet padding (excellent condition with no visible wear, stains or odors).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

200 S First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)



*Accepts used carpeting in good condition. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **ReEntry Program**

888-RE ENTRE (733 6873)

*This program promotes repurposing: clean and refurbished used carpet is offered to groups who could not otherwise afford new carpet. ReEntry will take back carpet that needs to be disposed of and either down cycle it into new products or energy, repurpose or recycle it.*

### **The Scrap Box**

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012

Hours: Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

*Accepts loose carpet samples (not glued to cardboard).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## **Cellular Phones**

**Reduce:** In recent years, cell phones have become almost as much of a fashion accessory as an important tool for home and business. If your older cell phone still works just fine, keep it instead of buying a more modern-looking one; who knows, in a few years it might be back in style again!

**Reuse:** Many people have old cell phones lying around the house that they are no longer using. If you need a cell phone, ask around. Your friends, neighbors or coworkers may have an old phone that they would be more than happy to give you, just so that it no longer takes up space in their home!

**Recycle:** Phones in working condition can be donated to organizations that refurbish and distribute them to those in need. Parts and batteries from unusable phones can also be recycled.

### **Apple Store**

100 Briarwood Circle (Briarwood Mall) 780-2471

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-9, Sun 11-6

*Recycles iPods and any mobile phone.*

### **Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357

*Accepts cell phones along with fans, vacuums, TVs, DVD players, home and car audio, MP3 players, and cables.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts cell phones.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **GreenDisk**

800-305-3475

Nationwide Mail-back program. Visit their website to order boxes or to find out about how you can use your own box.

Greendisk.com

### **Radioshack**

2453 Ellsworth Rd, Ypsilanti 572-0016

Briarwood Mall, 882 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor; 747-9090

205 North Maple Road, Ann Arbor 327-3662

*All Radioshack locations accept old cell phones to be refurbished.*

### **Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

Accepts cell phones, Please call for more details.

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

Order online or by calling.

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

## **Cleaning Supplies**

Household cleaning supplies often contain caustic and corrosive material that can cause eye and skin damage. Many are also poisonous. Never mix chlorine bleach with ammonia, acids, or toilet bowl cleaners because toxic fumes may result. If these products are poured down the drain they kill helpful micro-organisms in water treatment plants or septic systems.

**Reduce:** Try to purchase less-toxic alternatives. You can also create your own, non-toxic cleaners from materials you may have around your kitchen. Visit our [website](#) for more information on non-toxic alternatives. Products that cannot be used up or given away can be brought to the Collection Center for proper disposal.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4pm

Accepts new unopened cleaners.

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950

Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends),

December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment

Accepts most household cleaners and other household hazardous material for proper disposal. For more information including a list of non-toxic cleaning alternatives call or visit the County's [website](#).

## **Clothing and Shoes**

**Reuse:** Clothing you no longer need can be sold or donated. In addition to the organizations listed below, call your local community center or religious institution to find out if they can use old clothing. Rummage sales also rely on old clothing donations, and theater companies can use vintage clothing. Old clothing can also be used as rags.

**When making clothing donations, remember:**

-Clothing should be clean

-Items that go together such as shoes, socks and belts should be tied or pinned together

-Many places that accept clothing are short on space, so donate clothing appropriate to the season.

### **Ann Arbor Thrift Shop**

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 662-6771

Accepts clothing and jewelry in new or nearly new condition.

Mon-Sat 10-4

### **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155

Accepts gently used clothing and like-new shoes.

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Children's Orchard**

887 W. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor 995-8889

Accepts kids clothing. It should be freshly laundered, with no stains, rips, missing parts or excessive fading.

Please call for drop-off hours.

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Dawn Farms- Affordable Care for Addictions**

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725  
502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor 769-7360  
544 N. Division Ann Arbor 769-7366  
*Call for additional information and drop-off times.*

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

201 N. River St., Ypsilanti 482-7121  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12, Sat 1-4  
*Accepts donations of clothes, shoes, bedding and towels.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Faith in Action Inc.**

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305  
*Accepts clothing, and small appliances, bedding, shoes, kitchenware, toys/games, baby equipment, and durable medical equipment (like crutches, wheelchairs, etc.)*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5  
*Accepts clothing, shoes, purses, belts, scarves, jewelry, and watches.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450  
*Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Plato's Closet**

860 West Eisenhower Pkwy, Ann Arbor 769-8500  
Hours: Mon-Sat 10-8, Sun 12-5  
*Buys and sells gently used teen apparel, shoes and accessories designed within the past 1.5 years.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560  
*Accepts clothing and textile donations. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
*Please call for store and donation hours.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400  
Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3  
*Accepts and sells gently used clothing, shoes and other textiles.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**The Vintage Twin**

1112 South University, Ann Arbor 757-8191  
Hours: Tues-Sat 12-5  
*Sells remodeled vintage clothing.*

**Thrift Shop**

14 S. Washington St., Ann Arbor 483-1226  
*Accepts clothing in good condition.*

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts clothing, shoes, and other reusable textile in plastic bag.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)**

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

*Accepts boys, girls, guys (teen), women's, and infant clothing.*

## Computers and Disks

**Reduce:** Computers are a fast growing and innovative market, with faster and more powerful computers constantly being developed. However, this does not mean that your old computer is not usable. See if you can update your processor or add memory to upgrade your computer. This will save you money and will salvage a usable computer.

**Reuse:** Some computer stores will buy computers in working order. The most profitable way to sell a computer is to put an ad in your local paper and sell it yourself. It is important to keep your computer in top condition and repair it when it is broken. To reuse flash drives, remove any files you want to keep and then reformat the drive. Consider donating your computer to a non-profit organization, perhaps in a developing country.

**Recycle:** Computers have some parts that are recyclable or reusable. Contact one of the organizations listed below. Floppy disks can be recycled by sending them to Greendisk, listed below.

**Apple Computer Reuse and Recycling Program**

[www.apple.com/recycling/computer](http://www.apple.com/recycling/computer)

*Accepts Macs and PCs. Depending on computer model, you can either receive money for your computer or pay a small fee for recycling.*

**Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357

*Accepts most electronics including TVs, DVD players, home and car audio, cell phones, MP3 players, and cables along with vacuums and small fans.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Dell Consumer Recycling Program**

[www.dell.com/recycle](http://www.dell.com/recycle)

*Recycles all computer hardware and accessories for a small fee. Newly purchased Dell computers come with a return recycles kit at the end of your computer's life.*

**Gateway Trade-in Program**

<http://gateway.eztradein.com/gateway/> or call 800-GATEWAY.

**Gifts in Kind International**

<http://www.giftsinkind.org/> or call (703) 836-2121

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Greendisk Inc.**

Seattle, WA 1-800-305-DISK (3475)

*National Mail-Back Program.*

[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

**IBM Product Take Back**

Offers drop-off and pick-up options of used IBM computers.

<http://www.ibm.com/ibm/recycle/us/>

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor (734) 665-0450

*Seeking New Tech Computers (Pentium PC's > 1000 MHz and Apple iMacs) Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**National Cristina Foundation**

www.cristina.org or call (203) 863-9100

*Please visit web side or call for more information.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts computers if less than 5 years old and in working condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

*Recycles old office technology products for free. Recycles Dell computers for free. Please call for more details.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Select Metals Recycling**

5455 S. State St. (S. of I-94), Ann Arbor (734) 662-0317

*Cash for circuit boards and non-ferrous metals (will accept mainframes-but not keyboards, monitors or printers).*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off Station**

2950 Ellsworth Rd. (734) 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Recycles computers and other electronics.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

*Order online or by calling.*

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

## Dry Cleaning Supplies

Dry cleaners often use chemicals and solvents that are harmful to your health and the environment. The cleaners below offer environmentally-friendly alternatives to the traditional dry cleaning methods.

**Reuse:** The best option is to reuse the extra hangers that accumulate in your closet from the dry cleaners. Many dry cleaners in the area will take back used hangers and take plastic bags for recycling. Ask your local dry cleaner about this service, or contact one of the following dry cleaners. For a non-toxic alternative to dry cleaning, ask your cleaner to wet clean your garments or use environmentally friendly chemicals.

The following offer environmentally-friendly dry cleaning options and/or accept hangers for reuse!

**Armen Cleaners**

630 South Ashley St, Ann Arbor 663-4131

Uses Rynex for dry cleaning which is free of halogens, hazardous air, soil and water pollutants, and has no health or safety concerns with regular use

**Forbes Cleaners**

923 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti

**Hicks' Cleaners**

5851 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 747-7747

**Iris Cleaners**

2268 S. Main St, Ann Arbor 998-1245

Uses silicone in the dry cleaning process which is water soluble. Also accepts bags and hangers for reuse.

**Magic Touch Cleaners**

3578 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 998-0536

**One Hour Martinizing**

1946 Packard St, Ann Arbor 747-7124

2381 W Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor 662-3500

2733 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 998-1055

3406 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor 677-6182

**Village Cleaners**

2904 Baker Rd, Dexter 426-8653

## Drywall

**Reuse:** If your excess drywall is in good condition, it can be reused. Either keep it for a future construction job or take it to the ReUse Center.

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

*Accepts new drywall that is a half sheet or larger.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

*Accepts drywall for disposal.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts clothing, shoes, and other reusable textile in plastic bag.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Egg Cartons

There are two types of egg cartons on the market: molded pulp and polystyrene. Molded pulp cartons are made from paper recycled from paper mills. Polystyrene, or Styrofoam cartons are made of plastics and do not decompose easily.

**Reduce:** Wherever possible, purchase eggs in molded pulp containers; make your grocer aware of your preference.

**Reuse:** Farmer's markets and food co-ops often accept egg cartons for re-use. Check with food banks or schools in your neighborhood to see if they can use egg cartons.

**Recycle:** Molded pulp containers can be recycled in most communities- call your recycling service for details. Polystyrene egg cartons can be recycled at the following locations:

**City of Ypsilanti Drop-Off Center**

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town)

Hours: Thurs-Sat 9-3

*Accepts molded pulp and styrofoam egg cartons.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts Styrofoam and paper egg cartons for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Electronics

**Reuse:** Many electronic items are repairable and reusable. Even if you need a better stereo system, someone would probably be more than happy to take your old equipment. Try selling your used equipment through classified ads or take it to one of the organizations listed below for a donation.

**Recycle:** Some electronic equipment can be recycled for metal parts, but it is difficult to find a metal recycler to take it. Look in your local Yellow Pages under "Metal Scraps" for names of possible metal recyclers.

**Ann Arbor Thrift Shop**

3530 Washtenaw Ave., 662-6771

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4

*Accepts small electronics in working condition.*

**Apple Store**

100 Briarwood Circle (Briarwood Mall) 780-2471

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-9, Sun 11-6

*Recycles iPods and any mobile phone.*

**Best Buy**

3100 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor 741-1357

*Accepts most electronics including TVs, DVD players, home and car audio, cell phones, MP3 players, and cables along with vacuums and small fans.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts home electronics.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Greendisk Inc.**

Seattle, WA 1-800-305-DISK (3475)

*National Mail-In Program. Call toll free number or visit their website for information on recycling used diskettes, CDs and video tapes.*

[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Accepts TVs and radios in working condition. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ozone House**

1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-2265

*Seeking earphones, alarm clocks, radio with iPod plug-in, Wii games, flat screen computer monitor donations. Please call before donating.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560

*Accepts TV's and Radios. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts electronics in working condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Me!**

Home Pick-Up, Call 709-9325 to schedule, Fees apply

*Accepts computer equipment, televisions, VCRs, tape players, stereo equipment, VHS tapes, microwaves, blenders, food processors, toasters, vacuums, coffeemakers, etc.*

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10

[Click to Access Website](#)

**St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3

*Accepts DVD Players, VCRs, and Stereos.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

*Accepts old office technology products and most electronics like PDAs, cell phones, and digital cameras.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Treasure Mart**

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

*Please call to schedule an appointment.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts electronics for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

*Order online or by calling.*

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

## Equipment Rental

Many items we use are only needed occasionally, such as lawn and garden equipment, carpet steamers, power tools, etc. Several rental services within Washtenaw County make renting a cost-effective alternative to buying these items. Consider renting plates and silverware for your next office party! Consult your Yellow Pages under "Rental" or call one of the businesses below:



**A1 Rental**

2285 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 663-0060

*Rents party supplies, dishes, decorations, tables, power tools and heavy equipment.*

**Action Rental Center**

4051 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti 971-8330

*Rents lawn and garden equipment, tables, chairs, dishes, food service equipment and heavy equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Carpenter Bros Hardware Do it Center**

2753 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 663-2111

*Rents lawn and garden equipment.*

**McNamara's Rent-All**

1200 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6253

*Rents lawn and garden equipment, automotive tools, tables and chairs.*

**Outdoor Adventures Rental Center**

336 Hill St, Ann Arbor 764-3967

Hours: Tues-Thurs 12-6, Mon and Fri 10-6

*Rents outdoor and recreational equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Wolverine Rental**

5475 S. State St., Ann Arbor 665-3223

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat 8-4

*Rents power & plumbing tools, mowers, painting supplies, carpenter tools, party supplies and heavy equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers should not be put in the garbage. Proper disposal of these items is best.

**Spears Fire and Safety**

287 Jackson Plaza (near Jackson and Wagner Roads), Ann Arbor 663-4133

*\$6 charge per unit.*

**Home Toxics Collection Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-3950, 222-6874).

## Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Fluorescent light bulbs contain small amounts of mercury and are considered hazardous. Mercury is very toxic to humans and animals and requires proper disposal procedures.

In the event of a light bulb breaking, visit [our website](#) for proper disposal techniques.

**Recycle:** Many of the materials in fluorescent light bulbs can be reclaimed and recycled. This includes the metal on the ends, the glass, and most importantly the mercury. The companies below recycle fluorescent light bulbs.

**Cleanlites Recycling, Inc.**

665 Hull Rd, Mason, MI 48854 (517) 676-0044

**Home Toxics Collection Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor.

Hours: Saturday, 9-noon first weekend of April until first weekend of December, excluding holidays (winter by appointment only 222-3950, 222-6874).

**IKEA**

*Recycles alkaline batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd. Ann Arbor (734) 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Recycles light bulbs.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

*Order online or by calling.*

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

## Food

**Reduce:** Write a shopping list to make sure you only buy what you need. Check the expiration dates of food and make sure that you can eat it all before it goes bad. At meal times, join the "Clean Plate Club!"

Purchasing local foods is an excellent way to reduce environmental impact because local foods require less

**Reuse:** Home composting is becoming easier everyday. This allows you to reuse some of your food scraps as a valuable soil fertilizer after they have decomposed. Call 994-2435 for an instruction sheet, or visit the composting section of the County's webpage.

Many organizations will accept non-perishable\* food donations for people in need. Call one of the following organizations for more information. \**Non-perishable indicates unopened canned, boxed or other foods that do not need to be refrigerated. Call to see if frozen foods are accepted.*

**Aid in Milan**

89 W. Main Street, Milan, (734) 439-8420

*Accepts non-perishable food items.*

**Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County – Emergency Food Program**

815 Taylor St, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-4462

*Accepts non-perishable food items for donation.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

201 N. River Blvd., Ypsilanti, (734) 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & Sat 1-4

*Accepts canned food and other non-perishable food items.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Faith in Action**

603 S. Main Street, Chelsea, 475-3305

*Accepts canned foods and other non-perishable food items.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Pregnancy Counseling Center**

2950 Packard Rd, Ypsilanti 434-3088

*Accepts infant formula, baby food, and other food for babies.*

**Food Gatherers**

1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor, 761-2796

*Accepts non-perishable, canned and dry goods, and fresh produce (purchased or from your own garden).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Manchester Community Resource Center**

410 City Rd, Manchester 428-7722  
*Accepts non-perishable food. Please call for an appointment.*

**S.O.S. Community Crisis Center**

114 N. River Street, Ypsilanti, 485-8730  
*Accepts non-perishable food items for donation.*

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
*Accepts non-perishable food items for donation.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Freon

Because Freon (CFC-12) and other chlorofluorocarbons deplete the ozone layer when allowed to escape into the atmosphere, they were phased out of production in 1995.

**Reduce:** Prevent the unnecessary loss of refrigerant through preventative maintenance and fixing leaks. You can also have your vehicle's air conditioning system modified to use a non-CFC refrigerant alternative such as HFC-134a. When purchasing a new or used vehicle, ask if the air conditioner uses an alternative refrigerant. If not, find out about any applicable warranties covering air conditioning service and repairs. Extended warranties and service contracts that cover the cost of modification to HFC-134a are available.

**Reuse:** Freon must be extracted from air conditioners and refrigerators by a professional vehicle service, and then cleaned with recycling equipment for reuse. Most heating and cooling professionals will extract Freon for a nominal fee.

**1-800-GOT-JUNK?**

1-800-468-5865  
*Picks up refrigerator from home or office. Fees apply.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**DTE Appliance Recycling Residential Program**

866-796-0512  
*Picks up refrigerators and freezers from home. DTE will also give you a rebate!*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Master Tech Appliance Repair Service**

1919 Federal Blvd, Ann Arbor 662-0641  
*Can extract Freon from appliances and dispose of appliances for a fee.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, (734) 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts all Freon-containing refrigerators and appliances. Fees apply.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6681  
Drop Off: April-November: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4; December- March: Sat 9-4  
*Accepts appliances with Freon, metal appliances, antifreeze, used motor oil, scrap metal, construction debris, oil filters, and yard waste.*  
*\$5 for Freon appliance drop-off for Ypsilanti residents, \$20 for non-residents*

## Furniture

**Reuse:** There are several alternatives to land filling used furniture. Donate to family and friends, sell your furniture in the classifieds or garage sales, or contact one of the following organizations for information about donating or selling your furniture. Please read the description carefully as some of the organizations only accept a certain type of furniture.

### **Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County**

4925 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 971-9781  
*Accepts some furniture. Call first for more information.*

### **Dawn Farms- Affordable Care for Addictions**

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725  
502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor 769-7360  
544 N. Division Ann Arbor 769-7366  
*Accepts most household furniture, tools and maintenance equipment.*

### **Faith in Action Inc.**

603 S. Main Street, Chelsea 475-3305  
*Large pieces not accepted at store.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Friends in Deed**

1196 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti 484-7607  
*Accepts donations of furniture (especially beds) in good condition.*

### **Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5  
*Accepts furniture.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor (734) 822-1530  
Hours: Tue-Sat: 9-4pm  
*Accepts furniture in good condition, no rips, tears, broken parts, or odors. Habitat for Humanity also accepts antiques (furniture, tools and appliances), lighting (clean with all components in good working order), and mirrors (framed preferred).*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First Street, Ann Arbor 665-0450  
*Accepts furniture donations. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Once Upon a Child**

4559 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822  
*Buys and sells baby furniture (that meet US Consumer Product Safety Standards).*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Ozone House**

1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-2265  
*Accepts chair donations. Please call before donating.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560  
*Accepts small furniture. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts furniture in good condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

*Accepts furniture for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**S.O.S. Community Crisis Center**

2111 Golfside, Ypsilanti, 484-9905

*Accepts furniture for donation.*

**SCP Office Interiors**

4420 Varsity Drive., Ann Arbor 973-1144

*Buys and sells used office furniture.*

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10

[Click to Access Website](#)

**St. Vincent De Paul Society**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400

Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Saturday 10-3

*Accepts and sells small furniture donations.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Treasure Mart**

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887

*Sells furniture in good condition and on consignment. Please call to schedule an appointment.*

**Ypsilanti Thrift Shop**

14 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti 483-1226

*Accepts and sells small used furniture, lamps.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts furniture for disposal.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)**

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

*Accepts small furniture.*

## Incandescent Light Bulbs

**Gross Electric**

2323 South Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor 665-8676

*Charges a small fee (~\$0.23 per bulb)*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Kitchenware

**Reuse:** Many kitchen items such as dishes, pots, pans and utensils are in high demand. Contact one of the organizations listed below to make a donation.

**Recycle:** If your kitchenware breaks or is unusable, it may be able to be recycled. The Washtenaw County Regional Drop-off station accepts metal kitchen items for recycling.

### **Ann Arbor Thrift Shop**

3530 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 662-6771

*Accepts kitchenware and houseware.*

*Mon-Sat 10-4*

### **Dawn Farms- Affordable Care for Addictions**

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725

502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor 769-7360

544 N. Division Ann Arbor 769-7366

*Call for additional information and drop-off times.*

### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

201 N. River St., Ypsilanti 482-7121

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12, Sat 1-4

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Faith in Action Inc.**

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305

*Accepts kitchenware, and small appliances, bedding, shoes, clothing, toys/games, baby equipment, and durable medical equipment (like crutches, wheelchairs, etc.)*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor 822-1530

Hours: Tue-Sat: 9-4pm

*Accepts household/kitchen items (dishes, glasses).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 N. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Accepts clean, useable kitchenware and household items. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560

*Accepts silverware, dishes, pots/pans and glasses donations. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Safe House**

4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor 973-0242

*Accepts gently used dishware, pot holders, glasses, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, silverware, and tupperware. Please call for drop-off times.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
*Please call for store and donation hours.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400  
Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3  
*Accepts kitchenware.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Thrift Shop**

14 S. Washington St., Ann Arbor 483-1226  
*Accepts kitchenware and house ware.*

**Treasure Mart**

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887  
*Please call to schedule an appointment.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts pots, pans and silverware for metal recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)**

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

## Mattresses

**Reuse:** When the time comes to purchase a new mattress, that old mattress doesn't need to go directly into the landfill. Many organizations will accept mattresses for reuse. Try these options below:

**Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155.  
*Accepts clean mattress donations.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Friends in Deed**

1196 Ecorse Rd, Ypsilanti 484-7607  
*Accepts mattresses. Please call for drop-off information.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2  
*Accepts mattresses for disposal.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Treasure Mart**

529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor 662-9887  
*Sells and buys mattresses in good condition.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**  
2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts mattresses for disposal.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Medical Supplies

**Recycle:** Some types of medical supplies are made of recyclable materials. Therefore non-contaminated supplies made of metals and #1 and #2 plastics can be mixed in with other recyclable materials at the Drop-Off Station.  
**Reuse:** Some types of medical supplies can be reused; these include walkers, canes, wheel chairs and crutches. The organizations listed below will accept medical supplies for redistribution.  
**Disposal:** The Washtenaw County Sharps program encourages safe disposal of sharps, which include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets. For more information about the safe disposal of sharps, visit the Sharps section of the Washtenaw County website, or call 222-3950.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
201 N. River St., Ypsilanti 482-7121  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & Sat 1-4  
*A loan service for reusable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and shower chairs. Also accepts these items as donations. Please call to arrange drop-off.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Faith in Action Inc.**  
603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305  
*Accepts durable medical equipment (like crutches, wheelchairs, etc.), kitchenware, and small appliances, bedding, shoes, clothing, toys/games, and baby equipment.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor-ReUse Center**  
2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
*Accepts reusable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches etc.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Medicine

The Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program allows Washtenaw County residents to take back their old, unwanted medications to a pharmacy to be properly disposed - for FREE! In compliance with the Controlled Substance Act (CSA), enforced by the Drug Enforcement Administration, this program DOES NOT ACCEPT any [scheduled drugs](#).

[See what you can and cannot take to the pharmacies for disposal!](#)

\*\*Please call any of the participating pharmacies with specific questions about acceptable/unacceptable medications.\*\*

Participating Pharmacies:

**Busch's Ann Arbor - Green Rd.**  
2020 Green Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
(734) 994-7200

**Busch's - Dexter**  
7080 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.  
Dexter, Ann Arbor 48130

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)



(734) 426-9600

**Busch's - Saline**

565 E. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-6100

**Clark Professional Pharmacy**

3075 West Clark Rd.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 434-7333

**Dexter Pharmacy**

2820 Baker Rd.  
Dexter, MI 48130  
(734) 426-1600

**EMU University Health Services**

Snow Health Center  
EMU-Room #219  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 487-1003

**Jensen's Community Pharmacy - Saline**

968 E. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 604-4586

**Pharmacy Solutions, Inc.**

5204 Jackson Rd., Suite C  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
(734) 821-8000

**Saline Pharmacy**

75 E. Bennett St.  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 316-2162

**St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy - Reichert**

5333 McAuley Dr.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(734) 712-2222

**St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy Towers**

5301 E. Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
(734) 712-3333

**ChelseaCare Pharmacy/St. Joseph Mercy - Chelsea**

14650 Old US-12  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-3996

**Village Pharmacy II**

325 N. Maple Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
(734) 668-9600

*\*Walgreens and Kroger both offer medication disposal programs. For \$2.99, customers can purchase a specially designed envelope at any Walgreens or Kroger pharmacy counter to mail in prescription or over-*

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

the-counter medications for safe, eco-friendly disposal. For details, ask your local Walgreens or Kroger store.

Visit [www.dontflushdrugs.com](http://www.dontflushdrugs.com) for more information!

## Mercury

Mercury is a cancer-causing substance that can cause harm through direct contact and from inhalation. It is most commonly found in household thermometers and becomes a hazard when the thermometer, or other mercury containing device, breaks. Due to mercury's volatility and potential for inhalation, spilled mercury should be cleaned up as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Call Washtenaw County Public Works Division at 994-2398 for more information on dealing with a mercury spill. The following organizations will accept mercury-containing devices for proper disposal:

### **Tommark, Inc**

141 Jackson Industrial Dr, Ann Arbor 665-8831  
*Accepts mercury containing household thermostats.*

### **Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950  
Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends),  
December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment

### **Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434  
*Order online or by calling.*  
[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

For information on mercury in Michigan fish visit the Michigan Fish Advisory page:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FishAdvisory03\\_67354\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FishAdvisory03_67354_7.pdf)

For a detailed listing of mercury-containing devices and alternatives and for more information visit the Department of Environmental Quality website at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307-184041--00.html>

## Metal

Metals are the most recycled commodity throughout the world. Most Washtenaw County communities and trash haulers have recycling programs for steel and aluminum cans. Larger metal items, such as aluminum siding, tools, lawn mowers, refrigerators, and cars contain a variety of recyclable metals. Check in the "Scrap Metal" section of the Yellow Pages or try one of the organizations listed below.

### **Hosford and Company**

1204 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor 769-5660  
*Repairs metal objects.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Materials Unlimited**

2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti 483-6980  
*Buys and sells antique and metal household fixtures.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2  
*Accepts metals for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Select Metals Recycling**

5455 S. State St., Ann Arbor 662-0317  
*Accepts all metals.*

**Town and Country Auto Parts**

3127 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor 662-4485  
*Accepts almost anything metal, including scraps, old cars, lawnmowers, bikes, and appliances.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti  
(734) 482-6681  
Hours: April – November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December – March: Sat 9-4  
*Accepts metal for recycling.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor  
(734) 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
*Accepts metal for recycling.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Motor Oil

Used motor oil contains toxic impurities such as lead and cadmium, and can pose serious threats to our environment if disposed of improperly. Oil poured onto the ground or down a sewer introduces toxic substances that could eventually end up in our lakes and streams or drinking water. Therefore, it is important that used motor oil be disposed of properly. Used motor oil can easily be recycled at many local gas and service stations. It is cleaned, filtered, and new additives are added. It has been shown that recycled motor oil performs as well as new oil during vehicle operation. When a service station changes your oil, it recycles the old oil. When changing your own oil, place it into a sturdy, sealed, clear container, and deliver it to one of the facilities listed below for recycling (a small fee may apply):

**Ann Arbor**

Ann Arbor Shell, 3240 Washtenaw Ave., 973-1350  
BP Colonial, 3550 Plymouth Rd., 761-6513  
Eurotech Motors, Inc., 622 State Cir. 973-6335  
Firestone Huron, 402 E. Huron St., 769-9040  
Illi's Auto Service, 401 W. Huron St., 665-5011  
Jourden's Automotive Service, 2115 S. State St., 761-8006  
O'Reilly Auto Parts, 2182 W. Stadium Blvd., 996-4100  
Town and Country Auto Recycling, 3127 S. Wagner Rd., 662-4485  
True Tech Automotive Repair, 2075 S. Industrial Hwy., 668-4022  
Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe, 3160 Washtenaw Ave., 971-7810  
Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe, 2276 W. Stadium Blvd., 769-2540  
Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station, 2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., 971-7400 ext. 4  
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 1635 Plymouth Rd, 662-7755  
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 2185 W. Stadium Blvd., 995-9700

**Chelsea**

Faist Diesing Chevrolet Olds Buick, 1500 S. Main St., 475-8663  
Side Street Garage, 121 Buchanan St., 475-2278  
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 920 S. Main St., 475-6377  
Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority, 8025 Werkner Rd., 475-6160

**Dexter**

Mark's Auto Service, 8256 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., 426-3163  
 Smith's Service Station, 11453 Jackson Rd., 475-8580

**Manchester**

Wolf's Westside Automotive, 660 W. Main St., 428-9455

**Milan**

Ivan's Amoco Service, 1040 Dexter St., 439-1130

**Saline**

DJ's Auto, Inc., 116 W. Michigan Ave., 429-9680  
 Express Tires- Saline, Inc., 820 W. Michigan Ave., 944-4000  
 M & D Auto Service, 200 E. Michigan Ave., 429-9555  
 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 211 W. Michigan Ave., 944-1001

**Whitmore Lake**

Creative Cars, 6628 Whitmore Lake Rd., 663-9150  
 George's Auto Repair, 8719 Main St., 449-8460

**Willis**

Willis and Bunton Amoco, 10004 Willis Rd., 461-9444

**Ypsilanti**

City of Ypsilanti Drop-Off Center, 651 Rice St. *Thurs-Sat 9-3*  
 O'Reilly Auto Parts, 2165 Washtenaw Ave., 482-2506  
 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 2216 Ellsworth Rd., 572-0590  
 Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 3066 Washtenaw Ave., 434-7722  
 Ypsilanti Township Compost Center, 2600 Clark Rd., 482-6681

**Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950  
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<b>Office Supplies</b>
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<p>Unneeded office supplies are often reusable and in high demand. Non-profit organizations are often strapped for funding and could greatly benefit from an old typewriter, filing cabinet, or mailing envelopes. Contact a local service or charity organization to inquire about donating or contact one of the organizations below:</p>
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**Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155.  
 Accepts office supplies in usable condition.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789  
 Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5  
 Accepts office equipment.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Northfield Human Services**

9101 Main St., Northfield 449-0110  
 Accepts office supplies on an as-needed basis. .

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 222-7800

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **The Scrap Box**

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012

Hours: Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

*Accepts a variety of office supplies. All must be safe for use by children.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5

*Accepts office supplies for recycling and disposal. Please call for more details.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## **Packing Material**

**Reduce:** Avoid non-recyclable packing materials. Try to use newspaper or shredded office paper wherever you can. You can also use real popcorn as packaging and it can be composted when you're finished!

**Reuse:** Many packing stores and other organizations will accept your used packing materials for reuse. You can always save the amount that you need for your own reuse.

**Recycle:** The following organizations will accept some types of packaging materials for reuse and recycling. Call for specific guidelines.

### **Arbor Pack N' Mail**

2370 E Stadium, Ann Arbor 677-4477

*Accepts packing peanuts, boxes in good condition, and bubble wrap for reuse.*

### **Encore Online Resale**

1958 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor 761-6187

*Accepts packing materials for reuse.*

### **John's Pack and Ship**

727 W. Ellsworth #5, Ann Arbor 665-2664

*Accepts foam peanuts, sometimes bubble wrap and small or medium sized cardboard boxes in good condition. Please call for information.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Mail Express Independent Postal Services**

1756 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 747-7900

*Accepts used foam peanuts, Styrofoam sheets, and cardboard boxes. Please call for more information as they sometimes have an excess of these materials.*

### **The Mail Shoppe**

317 S. Division Street, Ann Arbor 665-6676

*Accepts foam peanuts.*

### **The Scrap Box**

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012

Hours: Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

*Accepts bubble wrap for art projects. Please call for information about other household materials that The Scrap Box can accept.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **The UPS Store**

525 E Michigan Ave, Saline, 944-7447

2232 S Main, Ann Arbor 662-7777

4007 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor 677-7877

3588 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 662-6666  
2531 Jackson rd, Ann Arbor 622-8000  
*Accepts clean foam peanuts, bubble wrap and boxes. .*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

#### **Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5  
*Accepts corrugated cardboard boxes and packing peanuts (bagged).*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Paint

Oil based paints and paint thinners contain solvents that are flammable and evaporate quickly, creating fumes that you breathe. Many paints contain heavy metals such as cadmium and oil paints can contain lead. These materials can pose grave threats to human health if disposed of improperly.

**Reuse:** Several organizations and schools will take open paint for art or theater projects.

**Reduce:** Buy only as much as you need to do the job. Try to share leftover paint with neighbors and friends. For paint that must be disposed of, consider the following disposal guidelines:

#### **Habitat for Humanity Restore**

170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, (734) 822-1530  
Hours: Tue – Sat: 9-4pm  
*Accepts new unopened cans of paint, stain, and finishers.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

#### **Performance Network**

120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor 663-0696  
*Accepts paint for reuse. Must be more than half full.*

#### **Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center**

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950  
Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends),  
December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment  
*Accepts oil-based paint only. Latex paint can be disposed of safely in the garbage once it is dried out. In order to dry the latex paint, mix it with saw dust or kitty litter or for small amounts, leave it outside for several days. If there is a large amount, we recommend putting a garbage bag in a box and then pouring the paint in. This will spread the paint out for easier drying. Once dry, simply put the bag in the trash.*

## Pet Supplies

Animal feed, bedding, collars, and leashes can be used by the Michigan Humane Society when you no longer need them. Contact one of the following organizations to make a donation:

#### **Humane Society of Huron Valley**

3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor 662-5585  
*Accepts pet supplies including food, toys, animal care supplies, and clinic supplies*

#### **Pet Supplies Plus - Humane Society Bins**

2224 S. Main, Ann Arbor 994-5432  
2607 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 741-5100  
*Collects cat and dog supplies such as dry food, collars, leashes, and toys to donate to the Humane Society.*

#### **Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
*Accepts non-perishable pet supplies in good condition.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

#### **Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts pet supplies made of recyclable materials (i.e.: metal chains, but not plastic toys or dog beds).*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Photography Supplies

**Reduce:** If you develop your own pictures, try to use all of the chemicals that you buy.

**Reuse:** Do not dump excess photo chemicals down the drain or in your trash. Contact one of the following organizations to see if they can use your leftovers.

**Recycle:** The Home Toxics Reduction Center accepts photographic chemicals for neutralization. Also, urge your photo finisher to recycle the materials and chemicals that he or she deals with.

#### **Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts cameras and camera equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

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#### **Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts usable photography equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

#### **Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

*Accepts digital cameras. Please call for more details.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Propane Tanks

Propane and butane tanks are under pressure and can cause injury to sanitation workers and equipment if they explode.

**Reduce and Reuse:** When purchasing a propane tank, ask if it can be returned for recycling or disposal when empty. When possible, choose a grill or stove that comes equipped with a reusable tank.

#### **Hammond Hardware**

1800 Francis Street, Jackson (517)782-8082

*Accepts propane tanks for a \$4 fee per tank.*

#### **Northwest Energy**

3109 Pielemeier Dr., Chelsea 475-8866

*Accepts propane tanks for recycling.*

For more information, please visit [recycle.ewashtenaw.org](http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org)

**Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers**

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

*Accepts propane tanks for recycling.*

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Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Records, Tapes, DVDs and CDs

**Reduce:** Buy used tapes, CDs and records or download your music from the internet.

**Reuse:** Even if it is out of style, every record, tape and CD can probably be reused. Many times, the albums become popular again after some time has passed. There are stores that will either accept your used music as donations, or they will buy them from you. Contact the organizations listed below to find out more information. If these shops are not interested in taking your items, consider donating them to a local library.

**Encore Recordings**

417 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor 662-6776

*Buys tapes, records, and CDs. Please call ahead for buy-back hours.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts CDs, DVDs and Videotapes.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Greendisk Inc.**

Seattle, WA 1-800-305-DISK (3475)

*Call toll free number or visit their website for information on recycling used diskettes, CDs and vidoetapes.*

**Kaleidoscope**

200 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 995-9887

*Buys some records.*

**Ozone House**

1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor 662-2265

*Seeking recent G, PG and PG-13 DVD donations. Please call before donating.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**PJ's Records**

617B Packard St #B, Ann Arbor 663-3441

*Buys records. Make an appointment for large quantities.*

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts used CDs, DVDs, tapes and records in working condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)



**St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store**

1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor 761-1400  
 Hours: Mon 10-3, Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3  
*Accepts DVDs, CDs, and Videos.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**The Scrap Box**

581 State Circle, Ann Arbor 994-0012  
 Hours: Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2  
*Accepts old CDs for art projects.*  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Wazoo Records**

336 1/2 S. State Street, Ann Arbor 761-8686  
*Buys records, tapes and CDs.*

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
 Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
[Click to Access Website](#)

<b>Sharps</b>
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“Sharps” is a broad term used to describe syringes with attached needles and lancets. When disposed of in the regular trash, these items pose threats to sanitation and recycling workers. Over 7 million sharps are used in homes and discarded in Washtenaw County annually. The best way to reduce the danger of sharps is to take them to a sharps collection center. Several pharmacies within Washtenaw County have agreed to serve as depots for used sharps. To participate, sharps must be collected in an approved “Sharps Collection container”. These containers are made from a durable, puncture resistant plastic, and are available for around \$4.00. The following locations supply these containers and accept them for disposal. Check out our site, [DontFlushDrugs.com](http://DontFlushDrugs.com), to learn more about sharps and medicine disposal in Washtenaw County.

**Ann Arbor**

Busch’s Ann Arbor, 2020 Green Rd. 994-7200  
 St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy Towers, 5301 E. Huron River Dr. 712-3333  
 Pharmacy Solutions, 5204 Jackson Rd., 821-8000  
 The Prescription Shop, 2140 E. Ellsworth Rd. 677-7066  
 Village Pharmacy, 325 Maple Rd. N, 668-9600  
 Wenk’s Prescription Shop, 2355 E. Stadium Blvd, 747-8080  
 Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., 222-3950  
*Accepts sharps in the sealed puncture-resistant container only.*  
*Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends), December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment*

**Chelsea**

ChelseaCare Pharmacy/St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, 775 S. Main, 475-3996

**Dexter**

Busch’s Dexter, 7080 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd 426-9600  
 Dexter Pharmacy Inc, 2820 Baker Rd, 426-1600

**Saline**

Busch’s Saline, 565 E. Michigan Ave, 429-6100

**Ypsilanti**

St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy Reichert, 5333 McAuley Dr, 712-2222

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## Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors contain two types of materials that may be hazardous. Older models contain radium sources that are regulated at certain volumes. Newer models contain americium (look for Americium-241 or AM-241), which is exempt from federal nuclear regulations. Manufacturers are no longer required to accept smoke detectors, but you may try and contact the manufacturer and find out about their specific policy. *Homeowners can dispose of smoke detectors in licensed solid waste landfills.* If planning to dispose of a large quantity of smoke detectors (over 25), there may be some safety concerns to consider. A large quantity of smoke detectors, due to the metals in the detectors, may also be characterized as a hazardous waste. It is recommended to contact the landfill in advance of disposal or contact:

**Reduce:** See below for information on how to purchase a smoke detector that does not contain hazardous materials.

**Recycle:** 4 fire stations and the Home Toxics Center will accept smoke detectors for proper disposal.

*For information on the federal requirements or for general questions contact:*

### Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

517-373-0590

Go to [www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-dwrpd-rad-radioactive\\_materials.pdf](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-dwrpd-rad-radioactive_materials.pdf) for pictures and descriptions of the different smoke detectors.

### Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

301-415-8200

*There is a non-radioactive smoke detector available.* These photoelectric smoke detectors use a tiny beam of light to detect smoke particles. Compared with radioactive detectors that rely on ionized air, most photoelectric detectors are less sensitive to humidity and cooking smoke -- which means fewer annoying false alarms, increased sensitivity to larger smoke particles, and faster detection of smoldering fires. These are available by special order at hardware and electrical supply stores that are willing to special-order them. In addition, the following business sells them on a routine basis:

*For disposal of smoke detectors, contact:*

### Ann Arbor Charter Township Fire Station

3792 Pontiac Trail Station 1, Ann Arbor 663-0995

4329 Goss Road Station 2, Ann Arbor 741-5900

[Click to Access Website](#)

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## Sporting Goods

Good condition sporting equipment can be sold or donated to the organizations listed below. Call for detailed guidelines.

### Dawn Farms- Affordable Care for Addictions

6633 Stoney Creek Rd, Ypsilanti 485-8725

502 W Huron St, Ann Arbor 769-7360

544 N. Division Ann Arbor 769-7366  
Call for additional information and drop-off times.

**Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First Street, Ann Arbor 665-0450  
Accepts some sporting goods. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Play It Again Sports - Ann Arbor**

2461 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor 747-6277  
Accepts goods for cash, check, trade or consignment. .  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1  
Accepts sporting goods in good condition.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474  
Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10  
Please call for store and donation hours.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
Accepts metal sporting goods for recycling.  
[Click to Access Website](#)

## Styrofoam

**Reduce and Reuse:** Polystyrene, commonly referred to as Styrofoam, comes in many different forms. Made from a non-renewable resource, polystyrene is also difficult to recycle. Try to avoid buying products packaged in polystyrene, and let your grocer know your preference. Polystyrene packaging materials can be reused many times before disposal. See the "Packaging Supplies" and "Egg Cartons" sections for more information.

**Recycle:** The following locations accept polystyrene for recycling:

**City of Ypsilanti Drop-Off Center**

651 Rice St., Ypsilanti (located north of the Farmer's Market in Depot Town)  
Hours: Thurs-Sat 9-3

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400  
Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6  
Accepts Styrofoam (with no food waste).

## Tires

Michigan residents and businesses generate more than nine million used tires every year. When improperly discarded, piles of old tires can lead to hazardous fires or serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. To dispose of large quantities of tires, please contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

**Reduce:** When you need new tires on your car, leave the old ones with the tire service station. Most tire service centers offer recycling for a nominal fee.

**Reuse:** Whole tires can be reused in several different ways. They can be used for applications such as fencing, playground equipment, erosion control, crash barriers, and dock bumpers.

**Recycle:** The following organizations will accept old tires for recycling:

### Firestone Complete Auto Care

3507 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor (Arborland Mall) 677-0668

500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) 769-1485

402 E. Huron-Downtown, Ann Arbor 769-9040

*Small fee may apply. Please call ahead to ensure that they have space for tires.*

### Gerry's Tire & Alignment

7911 E. Michigan Ave., Saline 429-7370

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Recycle Ann Arbor- Roll-Off Containers

7891 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 426-2280

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-4, Sat 8-2

*Accepts tires for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### Sears

900 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor 998-3880

### Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Toner Cartridges

Toxic chemicals in toner cartridges can pose health and environmental problems if disposed of in a solid waste landfill.

**Reuse & Recycle:** many of the toner cartridge parts can be recycled or reused. The following organizations offer toner cartridge recycling services:

### Cartridge World

1958 South Industrial Highway, Suite C, Ann Arbor 213-1739

[Click to Access Website](#)

### GreenDisk

800-305-3475

Nationwide Mail-back program. Visit their website to order boxes or to find out about how you can use your own box.

Greendisk.com

### Mikan Corporation

1271 Industrial Dr. #3, Saline 944-9447

*Remanufactures laser toner cartridges. Buys used laser cartridges.*

**Recycle Free**

Recyclefree.com 866-473-3733

*Accepts virgin ink-jet and laser cartridges only (no copier cartridges).*

*Go on website to order prepaid mailing labels. Place spent cartridges in sealed box and affix provided label. Send in mail.*

**Staples**

2601 Jackson, St, Ann Arbor 994-6437

3120 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti 973-0071

*Accepts ink and toner cartridges. Please call for more details.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts toner cartridges for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Waste Management LampTracker**

Provides containers by mail, 800-664-1434

*Order online or by calling.*

[www.wmlamptracker.com](http://www.wmlamptracker.com)

## Tools and Outdoor Lawn Equipment

**Action Rental Center**

4051 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti 971-8330

*Rents lawn and garden equipment, tables, chairs, dishes, food service equipment and heavy equipment.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Carpenter Bros Hardware Do it Center**

2753 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 663-2111

*Rents lawn and garden equipment.*

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

170 Aprill Drive, 822-1530

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat-Sun 10-4

*Accepts hand and power tools in good working order, lawnmowers, snow blowers, tents and camp stoves.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**McNamara's Rent-All**

1200 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6253

*Rents lawn and garden equipment, automotive tools, tables and chairs. .*

**Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center**

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

*Accepts tools in good conditioning.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

*Accepts all metal tools for recycling.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Toxics

Many items in your home are considered toxic and require special disposal procedures; some of them may surprise you. Washtenaw County has developed a safe, easy and free-of-charge disposal program for home toxics. This program aims to divert toxic household materials from landfills, thus preventing groundwater contamination and harm to animals or trash handlers. Also look at many of the other sections in this publication (ie: Cleaning Supplies, Motor Oil, Mercury, etc.) for information and alternatives to household toxics.

**Home Toxics Collection Center** is located at the Western County Service Center at 705 N. Zeeb Rd. (just north of exit 169 off I-94), Ann Arbor. The Center is a white shed surrounded by a green chainlink fence, on the south side of the parking lot behind the Service Center building.

Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends), December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call 734-222-6874 for appointment

### **Acceptable Items:**

acids and bases  
aerosols (except empty cans), oven cleaners  
artist and hobby paint  
antifreeze  
asphalt and roofing tar  
batteries (including car batteries)  
brake and transmission fluid  
cleaners and polishes  
fertilizers  
fire extinguishers  
flammables (gasoline, starting fluids)  
floor wax/stripper  
fluorescent tubes/bulbs and ballasts  
home repair products (glues, caulking)  
household batteries  
mercury (thermometers and thermostats)  
mothballs  
motor oil  
transmission or brake fluid  
wood preservatives  
smoke detectors

nail polish remover  
paint\* (oil-based paint only)  
pesticides and herbicides  
photography chemicals  
propane/butane tanks  
solvents  
stains and varnish  
sharps (in proper sharps container)  
smoke detectors  
wood preservatives  
**Unacceptable Items:**  
Empty containers  
Explosives and ammunition  
Latex paint \*(dry out with cat litter/saw dust and dispose of in garbage)  
Medication \*\*(visit [www.dontflushdrugs.com](http://www.dontflushdrugs.com) for proper disposal information)  
Radioactive materials  
tires

## Toys and Games

**Reuse:** Most kids seem to outgrow toys quickly. However, this does not mean that they are unusable. Many families cannot afford new toys. Donating old toys and games to one of the following organizations will make them accessible for needy children, as well as keep them out of the landfill.

### **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**

2280 S. Industrial, 996-9155

*Accepts toys and games. Please call for donation hours.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Children's Orchard**

2244 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor 995-8889

*Buys used toys.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Kaleidoscope**

200 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 995-9887

*Buys toys. Call for more information and business hours.*

### **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor**

200 S. First St., Ann Arbor 665-0450

*Accepts used toys as donations. Please call to arrange pick-up or to notify of drop off.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Faith in Action Inc.**

603 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-3305

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center**

557 E. Michigan Ave, Saline 429-2789

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-8, Sun 12-5

*Accepts Toys.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Once Upon a Child**

4559 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 971-6822

*Pays on the spot for baby, toddler and preschooler toys in good condition.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Purple Heart Service Foundation**

728-4560

*Accepts toy donations. Please call or visit website to schedule a pick up.*

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Salvation Army**

1621 South State Street, Ann Arbor 332-3474

Hours: Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri 9-10, Sat 9-10

[Click to Access Website](#)

### **Woman in the Shoe (Consignment)**

1241 Rosewood St., Ann Arbor 994-1206

*Buys toys.*

## Video Tapes

**Reuse:** Once a video tape has been recorded on doesn't mean that it can't be recorded over. If you don't want your video tapes anymore, donate them for reuse.

**Recycle:** Video tapes can be recycled. The California-based company EcoMedia refurbishes and redistributes several types of video tapes.

### GreenDisk

800-305-3475

Nationwide Mail-back program. Visit their website to order boxes or to find out about how you can use your own box.

Greendisk.com

### Recycle Ann Arbor - ReUse Center

2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor 222-7880

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 10-1

Accepts video tapes in usable condition.

[Click to Access Website](#)

## Yard Waste

Fallen leaves, grass clippings, pruning and trimmings comprise around 25 percent of the waste generated by an average household. Yard waste is not really a waste at all, but a valuable resource. Michigan state law prohibits yard waste from being disposed of in landfills or incinerators, and requires more environmentally-sound handling.

**Reuse:** One of the best ways to decrease yard waste is to "grasscycle"- simply leave grass clippings on the lawn as you mow it. Grass clippings are about 85 percent water, and break down quickly. They do not cause thatch, and provide valuable nutrients to your lawn. Grasscycling eliminates the time and trouble of bagging, and saves on yard waste bags or cans. In addition, grasscycling reduces or eliminates the need for fertilizer- saving more time and money.

**Recycle:** Material that cannot be grasscycled can be composted at home. Composting is a natural decomposition process that transforms yard waste into humus, a valuable soil amendment. Washtenaw County has a wide range of flyers, fact sheets, and workshops on home composting. Call 994-2435 for information, or visit Washtenaw County's webpage. There are several curbside collection and drop-off programs in the County that collect yard waste for composting.

For more information on curbside and drop-off yard waste programs, please see the following:

### Curbside Yard Waste Collection Programs

Most programs offer collection April - November, but specific programs may vary. Call your community for information.

<b>Ann Arbor City</b> .....	994-2807	<b>Pittsfield Township</b> .....	729-8200
<b>Ann Arbor Township</b> .....	663-3418	<b>Saline City</b> .....	429-5624
<b>Chelsea Village</b> .....	475-6160	<b>Superior Township</b> .....	482-6099
<b>Dexter Village</b> .....	426-8530	<b>Ypsilanti City</b> .....	483-1421
<b>Manchester Village</b> .....	475-6160	<b>Ypsilanti Township</b> .....	484-0073
<b>Milan City</b> .....	439-1780		

### Drop Off Yard Waste Programs

*The programs listed below do not accept dirt, rocks, stumps or yard waste in plastic bags. Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter. Most programs charge a nominal fee; please call for specific details.*

#### Arbor Hills Landfill (Veolia Environmental Services)

6 Mile Rd., Northville (248) 305-8377

Mister Rubbish Venture Drive



Off of Whitmore Lake Rd., Whitmore Lake 1-800-971-7490

Hours: Mon-Fri 7-5, Sat 8-12

**Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station**

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor 971-7400

Hours: Tues and Thurs 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-6

**Ypsilanti Township Compost Center**

2600 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti 482-6881

Hours: April – November: Mon-Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-4; December – March: Sat 9-4

Questions, Comments, Additions, Deletions?  
Please call Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program at (734)  
222-6874