



## Clinton County Department of Waste Management Spring Collection Event Guidance Sheet SPRING 2023

Please review this guidance sheet. It provides examples of the types of materials accepted at each of the collection stations, fees charged if any, and special guidelines for some items. For more information, please call 989-224-5186 or send an email to [conserve@clinton-county.org](mailto:conserve@clinton-county.org).

### **PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN**

Please show the individual at this station your completed confirmation form so they can ensure you have an appointment, that the form is filled in correctly and matches the items you are bringing, and correctly assesses any charges you may owe. **PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.**

### **STATION #1 – RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC WASTE**

*Residents can bring most items for FREE. \$10 fee for each television and computer monitor.*

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Televisions - \$10 fee per television – any size.
- Computer monitors - \$10 fee per monitor – any size.
- Computer peripherals, e.g. CPUs, printers, scanners, laptop, projector, etc. FREE!
- Other consumer electronics e.g. fax machines, desktop copiers, audio/stereo equipment, VCR, DVD, cell phone and other telecommunication devices, video camera, etc. FREE!

#### **DO NOT RECYCLE WITH ELECTRONICS – NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT:**

- Air conditioners
- Microwave ovens
- Major appliances
- Kitchen items such as blenders, toasters, bread makers, etc.
- Anything containing gas or Freon (*propane tanks or gas cylinders go to hazardous waste*).

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### **STATION #2 – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

*Residents and Farmers can drop-off all hazardous wastes and automotive fluids for FREE. Fees are assessed on business waste according to vendor charges to the County, which vary for each material, but are less than those charged by the private sector. Motor oil and antifreeze are free of charge.*

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Agricultural and landscaping chemicals such as herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, etc.
- Automotive fluids such as motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, brake fluid, carburetor and fuel injection cleaners, gasoline starter fluids, etc.
- Cleaners and solvents such as drain openers, oven cleaners, metal cleaners and polishes, grease and rust solvents, etc.
- Building/remodeling materials such as paint thinners, oil based paint, strippers and removers, adhesives, wood preservatives, etc.
- Rechargeable batteries such as Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Lithium, and Small sealed lead batteries, or small “button” batteries as they contain small amounts of mercury and silver.

- Household (alkaline) batteries.
- Compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent lights, PCB light ballasts, transformers, capacitors, electric lamps, etc.
- Spent fuel such as kerosene, propane (cylinders and tanks), etc.
- Unwanted or expired over the counter or prescription medications.
- Smoke Detectors.
- Other miscellaneous substances such as photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, mercury or mercury-containing items, and any known or unknown substances that fall into hazardous material classifications such as acids, bases, flammables, oxidizers, halogenated/non-halogenated solvents; aqueous liquids; liquids containing heavy metals, cyanide, sulfide, and other chemicals that may be corrosive.

**DO NOT BRING LIST:**

- **Car and lawn mower batteries.** Lead acid batteries can not be put in a landfill, but can be easily returned to any service station or retail establishment that sells them, as the law requires any seller of automotive batteries to accept them back from consumers. A small fee of \$3 to \$5 is usually charged. Bee’s Sports in St Johns & the St Johns Lions Club Drop off Recycling Center will accept lead acid batteries for free.
- **Latex paint.** Latex paint is water based, which means it isn’t hazardous. It isn’t accepted through this program in order to control costs as it can be donated or landfilled. For usable paint in quantities of 1 gallon or more, consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity in St Johns (989) 227-0000. It can be disposed of with household waste as long as it is completely dried out. Recommended drying methods are to simply remove the lid and let the can sit. To speed up drying time, mix in cat litter, saw dust or pour paint into a box with either material. Once the paint is dry, throw everything out with household trash.

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**STATION #3 – CAR & LIGHT TRUCK TIRES**

*FREE! Thanks to a grant from the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy. There is a 10 tire per appointment restriction. We are unable to accept any tires over 24 inches in size. Rims & tubes are okay, but NO axles allowed. NO business or agricultural tires allowed per grant! Tires are processed and recycled by a Michigan based company.*

**TROUBLE SHOOTING**

- Aerosol Cans –HAZARDOUS WASTE**
- Expired or Unwanted Medications –HAZARDOUS WASTE**
- Compact Fluorescent Lights - HAZARDOUS WASTE**
- Liquids – to HAZARDOUS WASTE.**
- Pressurized Tanks – to HAZARDOUS WASTE**



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