

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

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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

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
[Click to Access Website](#)

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

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

*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

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

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

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, 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

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.
[Click to Access Website](#)

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

*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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Order online or by calling.

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.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Incandescent Light Bulbs</h2>

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

(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

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

Visit 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

For information on mercury in Michigan fish visit the Michigan Fish Advisory page:
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
 Hours: April-November, first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9am-noon (except holiday weekends),
 December-March, open by appointment ONLY, call for appointment

Office Supplies

<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>

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](#)

Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor 222-3950

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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

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.

[Click to Access Website](#)

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Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station

2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor 971-7400

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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](#)

Sharps

“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, 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 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

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.

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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 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.

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