

Hello, Friends!

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Everyone has items lying around the house that we wish to dispose of the right way. These items are often clogging parts of our garage or basement, and many need to be handled properly for maximum safety and recycling. Here are some examples:

OLD PAINT: Take a look at your paints. Are they from the previous house owners? Are they yours, but perhaps from two painting jobs ago? There are basically two paint types — latex and oil-based.

If they are latex paints, you can simply throw them out with your trash. However, officials want you to dry out the paint cans. To do that, you can use cat litter or shredded newspaper to soak up the old paint. Several Habitat for Humanity locations accept latex paint, but you need to call first and see if your location does. Near me, the Flint location accepts them.

If you have oil-based paints, then these are the cans that you should bring to your local hazardous waste days.

OLD TIRES: Do you have any old tires around? Many hazardous waste sites don't accept them so I googled it and found information at Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality. The website is:

https://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3312_4123_4122-9262--,00.html

USED CAR BATTERIES OR CAR OIL: Do you have unneeded car batteries? Often, they can be taken to an auto parts store to be recycled. Same thing with used car oil — drop it off at your parts store, such as Autozone, O'Reilly or Tractor Supply Store, to name a few.

LIGHT BULBS OR SMALL BATTERIES: Check at hardware store or places such as Home Depot and see what light bulbs they recycle. Even if they don't accept such items, staff members can provide helpful information.

Most counties or communities offer Hazardous Waste Days several times annually. Please check your local county's website or printed directory to learn dates locations. They will explain what items are accepted, plus how and when to do so.

Some items need to be grouped in different boxes to be dropped off properly. You may even have to provide your driver's license so they know that you live in that county or municipality.

Here are several in our surrounding counties:

Washtenaw County – (new website loaded with great information) - https://www.washtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/recycling_home_toxics/hhw/hhw_html

Livingston County - https://www.livgov.com/dpw/Pages/household_hazardous_collection.aspx

Genesee County - http://kgcb.net/?page_id=126

Ingham County - <http://hd.ingham.org/forparents/healthyhomes/hazardoushouseholdwaste.aspx>

Good luck — and good recycling!

Your local professional organizer,

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