



KENT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

SAFEHOMES GUIDE

For safe and responsible disposal of items that SHOULD NOT go in your trash or recycling!



SafeSharps:

Safe disposal of needles, syringes, lancets, epi-pens (empty), & medical sharps for residents



Pick up your **FREE** SafeSharps container today at any Kent County Health Department clinic.



SafeMeds: Safe disposal of medications for residents

Accepted: Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, cold and flu meds, vitamins, antibiotics/steroids, medicated ointments, pet medications, etc.



Visit www.reimaginetrash.org/SafeMeds/ for a **FREE** drop-off location near you.



SafeChem: Safe & **FREE** disposal of household chemicals, auto fluids, & other hazardous waste year-round for residents

Administrative & SafeChem Center

1045 Wealthy St. SW Grand Rapids

Mondays 1:30-5:30pm

Wednesdays 7:30-11:30am

Thursdays 1:30-5:30pm

Second Saturday of the month 8:30-11:00am

Kentwood DPW

5068 Breton Rd. SE Kentwood

Tuesdays 10:30am-1:30pm

North Kent Waste & Recycling Center

2908 Ten Mile Rd. NE Rockford

Fridays 8:30-11:30am

South Kent Waste & Recycling Center

10300 South Kent Dr. SW Byron Center

Mondays 8:30-11:30am

Wyoming Clean Water Plant

2350 Ivanrest Ave. SW Wyoming

Mondays 1:00-3:00pm & Thursdays 7:00-9:00am



NOT ACCEPTED: oil filters/rags, paint brushes, sharps, latex paint, alkaline batteries, medical waste, medications.

Due to State of MI manifesting and shipping requirements, we cannot accept hazardous waste from businesses, schools, farms, non-profits, etc. However, we can help point you towards a commercial contractor who can!

Accepted: oil-based paints and stains, solvents, gas, oil, antifreeze, aerosols (spray paint, inhalers, etc.), pesticides, fertilizers, household cleaners, mercury thermostats/thermometers, 1 lb. propane tanks, CFL & LED bulbs/tubs, rechargeable lithium/cadmium batteries, button batteries, ink cartridges, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, and more! Visit www.reimaginetrash.org/SafeHomes/ for a complete list!

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Recycling & Waste



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Electronics & Appliance Recycling:

Flat-screen TVs and computers, gaming systems, wires, extension/power cords, tablets, small kitchen items (EX: air fryers), fans, phones, and more accepted for **FREE**. CRT devices, appliances, and Freon items (CRT TVs, fridges, AC units, ovens, dehumidifiers, etc.) accepted at North & South sites only and will have a charge.

North Kent Waste & Recycling Center

2907 Ten Mile Rd. Rockford

Mon.-Sat. 7:30am-5:00pm

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Wed. 7:30-11:30am

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South Kent Waste & Recycling Center

10300 S. Kent Dr. Byron Center

Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-5:00pm

Sat. 7:30am-3:30pm



Latex Paint:

If you are unable to use up or give away your leftover latex paint, dry it out and put it in your trash. Tips to dry out your latex paint:

- Open the lid: Kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper can be added to speed up the drying process.
- If you have a large amount of paint, you can line a cardboard box with a garbage bag, add absorbent material and pour paint over it until you reach oatmeal consistency. Once dried, wrap up the dried paint and garbage bag so you can safely place it in the trash.
- Do not dump paint on the ground or down the drain. Empty paint cans can't be recycled.

Not sure if your paint is latex? Latex paint is water-based and non-hazardous, so the clean-up instructions on the label will instruct you to clean your brush with soap and water. Paints that require mineral spirits for clean-up or have the words “alkyd” or “combustible” printed on the label are not latex. These can be brought to any of our SafeChem disposal locations for **FREE**, proper disposal.



Propane & Compressed Gas Tanks:

While many compressed gas tanks (propane, oxygen, helium, etc.) are metal, they hold explosive/flammable fumes and need to be disposed of responsibly, even when empty.

Small, 1 lb. non-refillable tanks: Please recycle these at any of our SafeChem locations or our North Kent/South Kent Waste Centers for **FREE**.

For all other size tanks: Recycling options can be found at www.reimaginetrash.org/material/propane-tanks/



SafeChem Swap Shop

Residents can find a variety of new or like-new household products our resource recovery specialists have examined and approved for **FREE** reuse. Items available could range from wood stains, car care products, weed killer, household cleaners, laundry detergent, aerosol paint, unused motor oil, new light bulbs and so much more!

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Looking for something else?

Check out our online Waste & Recycling Directory for local reuse, recycling, compost, or disposal outlets for a variety of items including but not limited to foam plastics, plastic bags/film/packaging, scrap metal, yard waste, tires, shredded paper, books, flags, and much more!

www.ReimagineTrash.org

QUESTIONS

Find your answers at:

www.ReimagineTrash.org
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616-632-7920