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New Format for RecycleSmart's online Take-It-Back Recycling Directory

We recently revised the format for our popular "Take It Back Recycling Directory" to make it easier for county residents to learn how to properly handle their unwanted materials.



Typing keywords into the new, intuitive "Take It Back Recycling Directory" provides users with Grand Traverse County specific information and tips on recycling, composting, reuse or disposal.

Searching for "clothing" in the directory provides a list of six resale shops accepting clothes along with maps and contact information. Typing the word "paint" brings up an intuitive list of more specific options for users to choose from, including empty paint cans, latex paint, oil based paint, etc. This function better helps residents to identify the material they are looking to discard, which in turn provides a more accurate response.

Are you a business that accepts material directly from residents for reuse, recycling, composting or other proper disposal options? If the answer is yes, the county invites and encourages you to be listed in the Recycle Smart "Take It Back Directory". Contact the Recycle Smart program at 231-941-5555 or recyclesmart@grandtraverse.org for additional information.

Try out the new "Take It Back Recycling Directory" [here](#).

Recycle More. Recycle Right!

Here are some tips on recycling at Grand Traverse County's drop-off sites:

Please Do This:	It Is Important Because:
Empty recyclables from bags directly into the recycling drop-off containers.	This will help the material settle, maximizing the space in the recycling drop-off containers.
After emptying recyclables from plastic shopping bags, put them together into one bag and place bags inside the container.	This helps to keep the bags from blowing out of the recycling containers and onto neighboring property.

Do NOT leave any material on the ground in the containers are full.	This keeps the area around the recycling containers clean and litter free.
Do NOT put foam products into the recycling containers, even if it is marked with a #6.	Foam products are NOT recyclable with the Grand Traverse County program.
Follow the guidelines linked here on what is acceptable for recycling at the Grand Traverse County recycling drop-off sites.	Putting non-acceptable and non-recyclable items into the bins makes the program less efficient and reduces the value of the recyclable material. When in doubt, throw it out.

Find the locations of the recycling drop-off sites in Grand Traverse County [here](#).



Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Events

We are in the process of finalizing our Household Hazardous Waste event dates for 2017.



The events will be announced in mid-February, at which time residents can begin making appointments online or by phone.

Non-residential participants (businesses, schools, organizations, etc.) will have to make appointments by calling the RecycleSmart hotline AFTER event dates have been announced.



Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart
Earth Day Event - April 22
Medalie Park

A free, family Earth Day event is being planned for
Saturday, April 22 at Medalie Park.
Stay Tuned for More Information!

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