

## **Unacceptable Items:**

**Tires**—Call the Osceola-Lake Conservation District (231) 465-8012 or Mecosta Conservation District (989) 309-9229 for scheduled collections

**Electronics** —Call the Osceola-Lake Conservation District (231) 465-8012 or St. Michael School (989) 967-3681 for scheduled collections

**Medication** —Call the Ten 16 Recovery Network for locations of Medical Disposal Boxes (231) 527-1499

**Latex Paint** — Can be put in trash if completely dry. (To dry, leave lids off, add kitty litter or sawdust for speedier drying). Paint hardener products are also available at various businesses.

### **Ammunition or Explosives** —

Call Sheriff - Lake Co. (745-2712) / Mecosta Co. (592-0150) / Osceola Co. (832-2288)

**Radioactive Materials** — Call NRC Hotline at 1-800-233-3497 (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

**Construction/Remodeling Waste** Ex. Drywall, tiles, shingles, insulation, wood/metal scraps, etc.) Call local waste hauler for disposal.

### **Appliances and Furniture** —

The INC Spot (no large appliances) (231) 832-9495

Community Thrift Center — (231) 745-2551  
Mecosta Co. Habitat for Humanity ReStore - (231) 972-2100

M&J New & Used Furniture —must be in working condition (231) 357-9861

Al Leopard-non-working appliances-Osceola Co (231) 734-5287

### **Batteries (see below)**

**Rechargeable Batteries**— Accepted at Lowes in Big Rapids

**Household Batteries** (alkaline, carbon zinc, manganese) can be disposed of with your normal household trash

**Automotive Batteries** — Area auto parts stores or Mecosta County Recycle.

***Above items will NOT be accepted at the collection sites.***

## **Clean Sweep is a simple and easy pesticide and mercury recovery program.**

### **Who can use the program?**

Any Michigan homeowner, farm, green-house, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service, but not dealers or persons who apply pesticides for hire.

### **What can I bring and how much?**

Old, unwanted, out-of-date or unusable pesticides can be dropped off for safe disposal. Pre-registration required for anything over 200 lbs.

### **Tips for safe transport of hazardous materials:**

- Keep items in their original and labeled containers.
- Do not mix contents of unknown/unlabeled containers.
- Make sure that containers are not leaking prior to bringing them to a collection facility.
  - Inspect steel containers for rust, pinholes or deficient seams.
  - Place any leaking container in a clear plastic bag or leak proof container.
- Do not transport containers with open tops.
- Place chemicals in vehicle away from passengers.
- Secure all containers so they cannot slide tip or spill contents.

This collection is a service to the community and it takes many volunteers on the day of the event. We are looking for dedicated participants!

Volunteers are needed to collect surveys, direct traffic, and unload vehicles. If you would like to be involved, please contact us.

#### **Mecosta**

Brook Baumann (989) 309-9229

#### **Osceola/Lake**

Mark Sweppenheiser (231) 465-8012

## **Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties**

**August 7th, 2025**

**2 p.m. – 6 p.m.**



*This project is supported by the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts, MAEAP “Clean Sweep” Program, local units of government, municipalities, businesses, organizations, foundations and individual donations.*

*The community’s continued support and donations are extremely important for the continued success of the HHW event.*

Suggested minimum donation of \$15 per vehicle is appreciated to help offset the cost of disposal.

**NOTE:** Last year we collected 31,827 pounds of household hazardous waste from 355 households. We appreciate everyone who participated. If you would like to volunteer, call (989) 309-9229 or email brook.baumann@macd.org  
Thank You!

## **Household Hazardous Waste**

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are materials that, if disposed incorrectly, can cause environmental damage by contaminating ground and surface waters, threatening human health and wildlife.

Disposing of these products in storm drains allows these materials to enter surface waters untreated. Pouring on the ground leads to potential ground water (drinking water) contamination. These wastes should not be thrown in the trash. Liquid wastes are not allowed in Michigan landfills.

The dangers of such disposal methods may not be immediately obvious, but certain types of household hazardous waste have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers; contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets; and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Please use a product completely, give the remainder to neighbors, or take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site. Empty containers can be disposed of with trash.

### **Watch for the following signal words:**

<b>TOXIC</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
<b>FLAMMABLE</b>	<b>WARNING</b>
<b>CORROSIVE</b>	<b>CAUTION</b>
<b>REACTIVE</b>	<b>BIOHAZARD</b>
<b>POISON</b>	

***Please drop off hazardous waste at collection sites only during scheduled hours. We have no means of disposal at any other time. Thank you.***

## **2025 Collection** **Thursday, August 7th, 2025** **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

### **Collection locations:**

**Residents of Osceola, Lake or Mecosta Counties can bring hazardous waste to either collection site**

**Mecosta County** - Mecosta County Fairgrounds, 540 West Ave., Big Rapids

**Osceola County** - Road Commission South Facility, 4737 Makwa Dr., Hersey

**Pre-registration is required if you have over 200 lbs. of waste for disposal.** To obtain a registration form or for more information contact:

### **Mecosta Conservation District**

18260 Northland Dr., Big Rapids  
Phone: 989-309-9229 M-F 8 - 3 p.m.  
Email: brook.baumann@macd.org  
Web Site: www.mecostacd.org

### **Osceola-Lake Conservation District**

138 W. Upton Ave., Suite #2, Reed City  
Phone: 231-465-8012 M-F 8 to 4  
Email: mark.sweppenheiser@macd.org  
Web Site: www.osceolalakecd.org

**A pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site and must be submitted to any contact above two weeks prior to the collection date.**

All Conservation District programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability.

## **Acceptable materials** **(not all inclusive):**

### **Automotive Products & Fuels**

Antifreeze	Gasoline /Kerosene
Brake Fluid	*Motor Oil - <b>containers must be 5 gallons or less in size – <u>NO DRUMS</u></b>
Car Wax	Oil/Gas Mixtures
Contaminated Oil	Oil Filters
Diesel Fuel	Transmission Fluid
Fuel Oil (no tanks)	

### **Paint Products**

Artists' Paints	Oil Based Paint
Deck Stain	Paint Strippers
Preservatives	Thinners & Solvents
Epoxies	Turpentine
Glue/Adhesives	Varnish & Sealers
Lead Based Paint	

### **Yard & Garden Products**

Insect Repellents	Fungicides
Insect Foggers	Chemical Fertilizers
Insect Killers	Mouse/Rat Poison
Pesticides	Herbicides

### **Cleaners**

Cleaning Solvents	Naval Jelly
Dry Cleaning Solutions	Oven Cleaners
Floor/Furniture Polish	Silver Polish
Muriatic Acid	Metal Polish
Rust Removers	

### **Miscellaneous**

Lithium Batteries	Nail Polish/Remover
Fluorescent -	Pool Chemicals
Light Bulbs	Mercury -
Lighter Fluids	Thermometers
Mercury (elemental)	& Thermostats
Moth Balls	

**\*Used motor oil–No 55 gallon drums - containers must be 5 gallons or less**