

HHW REPORTER

1ST QUARTER 2025

NEWS AND PARTICIPATION STATS FROM
THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER

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2025 EXPECTED CLOSURES:

AUGUST 4 - 9
(YOUTH FAIR)

SEPTEMBER 12 - 13
(STREET ROD NATIONALS)

NOVEMBER 4
(ELECTION DAY)

NOVEMBER 11
(VETERAN'S DAY)

NOVEMBER 27 - 28
(THANKSGIVING BREAK)

DECEMBER 24 - 25
(CHRISTMAS BREAK)

DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1
(NEW YEAR'S BREAK)

2025 SATURDAY
COLLECTIONS
8:00am-12:00pm

MAY 10

JUNE 14

JULY 12

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

The Future of Recycling: Initial Survey Results

Late in 2024, Kalamazoo County Planning received grant funding to receive technical assistance for future planning of recycling initiatives of both household hazardous waste (HHW) and other harder to recycle materials. The reasons for this are two-fold. One, the HHW Center opened in 1997 and was designed for approximately half of the materials we are now taking in on an annual basis. The infrastructure is aging, and the facility has been outgrown. Two, the County has a Materials Management Plan that is increasing curbside recycling efforts including hard to recycle materials that could be partnered with a HHW facility.

One of the tasks of this project was to engage the community in a survey. From December to mid-February, 616 complete surveys were collected from residents. A few of the highlights are:

- 88% of the respondents owned their home
- 49009 was the most common zip code
- 16% did not know about the HHW Center
- 49% only knew about the HHW Center because of information from their City, Village, Township
(Please advertise!)
- 73% will travel as far as they have to or up to 20 minutes to recycle
- The top significant hard to recycle items ranked high to low: Styrofoam, latex paint, appliances, plastic bags/boat wrap, tires, secure document shredding, mattresses

Stay tuned for more information!



KALAMAZOO
COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Health & Community Services Department

1ST QUARTER HHW CENTER PARTICIPATION

Municipality	January	February	March	1st Quarter Total
Alamo Township	13	7	16	36
Almena Township	3	9	7	19
Antwerp Township	4	8	13	25
Augusta Village	1	0	0	1
Barry County	0	3	13	16
Berrien County	8	3	6	17
Brady Township	11	9	10	30
Charleston Township	3	8	12	23
Climax Village	0	2	2	4
Comstock Township	78	52	63	193
Cooper Township	36	22	42	100
Galesburg City	11	2	3	16
Kalamazoo City	135	116	184	435
Kalamazoo Township	51	45	67	163
Oshtemo Township	60	37	64	161
Parchment City	5	5	4	14
Pavilion Township	16	16	14	46
Portage City	148	122	208	478
Prairie Ronde Township	2	4	4	10
Richland Township	25	34	24	83
Richland Village	11	0	0	11
Ross Township	14	14	25	53
Schoolcraft Township	18	11	11	40
Schoolcraft Village	0	0	0	0
St. Joseph County	4	0	0	4
Texas Township	46	43	61	150
Vicksburg Village	3	3	12	18
Wakeshma Township	1	0	2	3
Subtotal	707	575	867	2149
Regular HHW Paying Customers	54	71	40	165
Electronics Paying Customers	27	40	11	78
Grand Total	788	686	918	2392
Clean Sweep Customers	3	1	2	6

1ST QUARTER RECYCLING COST SHARE

BILLING PERIOD 1/1/2025 - 3/31/2025				OPERATIONAL COST
CHEMICAL DISPOSAL COSTS	\$17,208.08			
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING	\$479.75			
TOTAL BILLING	\$17,687.83			
MUNICIPALITY	EQUIVALENTS	PERCENT	COST	
Alamo Township	36	1.68%	\$296.31	\$ 573.75
Almena Township	19	0.88%	\$156.38	\$ 741.00
Antwerp Township	25	1.16%	\$205.77	\$ 975.00
Augusta Village	1	0.05%	\$8.23	\$ 82.50
Barry County	16	0.74%	\$131.69	\$ 624.00
Berrien County	17	0.79%	\$139.92	\$ 663.00
Brady Township	30	1.40%	\$246.92	\$ 768.75
Charleston Township	23	1.07%	\$189.31	\$ 386.25
Climax Village	4	0.19%	\$32.92	\$ 86.25
Comstock Township	193	8.98%	\$1,588.53	\$ 3,386.25
Cooper Township	100	4.65%	\$823.07	\$ 1,372.50
Galesburg City	16	0.74%	\$131.69	\$ 97.50
Kalamazoo City	435	20.24%	\$3,580.37	\$ 7,668.75
Kalamazoo Township	163	7.58%	\$1,341.61	\$ 3,071.25
Oshtemo Township	161	7.49%	\$1,325.15	\$ 3,277.50
Parchment City	14	0.65%	\$115.23	\$ 247.50
Pavilion Township	46	2.14%	\$378.61	\$ 1,125.00
Portage City	478	22.24%	\$3,934.29	\$ 8,283.75
Prairie Ronde Township	10	0.47%	\$82.31	\$ 322.50
Richland Township	83	3.86%	\$683.15	\$ 1,792.50
Richland Village	11	0.51%	\$90.54	\$ 273.75
Ross Township	53	2.47%	\$436.23	\$ 986.25
Schoolcraft Township	40	1.86%	\$329.23	\$ 742.50
Schoolcraft Village	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 112.50
St. Joseph County	4	0.19%	\$32.92	\$ 156.00
Texas Township	150	6.98%	\$1,234.61	\$ 2,921.25
Vicksburg Village	18	0.84%	\$148.15	\$ 273.75
Wakeshma Township	3	0.14%	\$24.69	\$ 90.00
TOTAL	2,149	100.00%	\$17,687.83	\$ 41,101.50
Total Municipality Cost 1st Quarter				\$ 58,789.33
Total Kalamazoo County Cost 1st Quarter				\$ 139,328.34

* THIS IS NOT A BILL - INVOICE WILL BE MAILED OUT AT A LATER DATE *

1ST QUARTER COLLECTIONS 2025

Remember to:
Celebrate Earth Day
April 22, 2025 &
Reduce Your Footprint!



ITEM(S)	POUNDS
ELECTRONICS FROM HOMEOWNERS	44,109
ELECTRONICS FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS	3,535
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM HOMEOWNERS *	18,497
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS *	6,858
ANTIFREEZE	3,400
COPPER WIRE	1,241
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	0
OIL FILTERS	560
PESTICIDES	2,056
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	6,383
SCRAP METAL	696
USED MOTOR OIL	12,600
TOTAL POUNDS COLLECTED	99,935

* acids, aerosols, ammunition, bases, batteries (alkaline & lithium), cleaners, flammable liquids, flares, fluorescent bulbs, mercury, oil based paint, organic peroxides, oxidizers, PCB ballasts, poisons/toxics, 1-lb propane cylinders



Vintage Liberty Fire Extinguishers

These tin tubes are about two feet long and were sold by insurance companies in the late 1800's. They cost about \$3.00 and were filled with something similar to baking soda. The end cap had a metal ring so they could be placed on walls throughout barns and homes. Pulling down sharply would pop the end cap off and the baking soda could be sprinkled on a fire. If you have a small grease fire at home, shut off the heat and reach for the baking soda. Do not substitute flour. Flour is flammable!