

## A Citizen's Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial products, make sure to dispose of them properly!

### Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?

To drop off your household hazardous waste, schedule an appointment with the Kent County Department of Public Works to participate in the free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Kent County residents. To schedule an appointment, or for additional information, call the Kent County Department of Public Works at 1-888-217-2850 or 616-336-2570. Appointments can be made at the South Kent Landfill or North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station.



### What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

The Kent County Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts the following waste materials:

- Oil based paints and stains
- Paint thinner
- Pool chemicals
- Weed killers
- Insecticides & pesticides
- Cleaners
- Household batteries
- Gasoline & kerosene
- Mercury & acids
- Automobile liquids
- Solvents

### Where Can I Take Recyclables?

In addition to disposal of hazardous waste, the North Kent Recycling & Transfer station also offers residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metals, and cardboard. The site is available to the public Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the station at 616-866-5070.

#### South Kent Landfill

300 100<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapids  
Tuesday afternoon appointments  
available

#### North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station

2908 Ten Mile Road, Rockford  
Friday morning appointments available

### Septic System Maintenance

Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank service contractor a call this spring.

Your septic system should be inspected every 3 years and pumped out every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure.

