

## **Mid Michigan Waste Authority**

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## **Service Bulletin**

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## 2015 Problem Waste Program Features Six Drop-Off Days

**Saginaw, MI** ----- MMWA announces an expanded, collaborative new Community Toxics Prevention problem wastes program to provide area residents with more opportunities to properly manage three kinds of troublesome residential wastes: household chemicals, certain electronics and unwanted medications. This program offers a schedule of six Problem Waste Drop-Off Days across summer and fall 2015 at a permanent facility, rather than the two or three yearly events previously offered.

Drop-offs are one-stop chemical, electronics and medication recycling days, offered through a partnership between MMWA and Saginaw County Department of Public Health to conduct increased toxics reduction programming. The Community Resource Recovery Center (CRRC/Center), built by community neighbor, Waste Management of Michigan for MMWA, is the new permanent recovery site for residential drop-off of community toxics. Flyers with the schedule of drop-off days and list of allowed materials will be mailed to members this week. A separate press release detailing the problem waste program and schedule was issued last week to the news media.

The CRRC will provide proper management of unwanted household chemicals, computers and TV's at CRRC Problem Waste Drop-Off Days, offered throughout the summer and fall. These problem waste drop-offs are open to residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Twp, Village of Breckenridge and Wheeler Twp only.

Day	Date	Time	
Tuesday	July 21	9 am – 1 pm	
Tuesday	August 4	2 pm – 6 pm	
Saturday	August 22	9 am – 1 pm	
Tuesday	September 1	2 pm – 6 pm	
Tuesday	September 15	9 am – 1 pm	
Saturday	October 3	9 am – 1 pm	

2015 Problem	Waste Dro	p-Off Schedule
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In addition to home toxics and electronics, residents can also drop-off unused, unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal by the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. Only prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted: no needles.

Househol	d Chemicals	Computers / TV's
latex & oil-based paint	asphalt & roofing tar	computers & laptops
used motor oil	glues & adhesives	computer peripherals
anti-freeze	lead-acid batteries	Specific TV's: flatscreen
gasoline	lead & mercury	LCD
lawn & garden chemicals	fluorescent tubes	plasma
pool & hobby chemicals	smoke detectors	rear projection
		No CRT/analog monitors
Medications		or TV's accepted
Prescription medications	Over the counter drugs	

Items accepted at the drop-off days include:

For safe preparation and transport of problem wastes in your vehicle, residents should follow these guidelines:

- Keep chemical products in original containers whenever possible
- Do NOT mix products together
- Tightly seal all containers and place upright in sturdy boxes
- Never transport leaking or open containers
- Mark out personal information from prescription labels and place all medications together in a bag separate from any chemical and electronic items
- Containers up to 5-gallon size will be accepted, but containers are not returned
- Business wastes, explosives, ammunition, tires and asbestos are not accepted

In order to not overwhelm the CRRC site and staff or block the road, cars may not line up off the site onto the road. If the line extends down the site drive to the road, do not stop. Come back later during the drop-off day noted hours or come to a different scheduled drop-off. Law enforcement will be at the events to ensure that cars do not line up on the road. With six events offered this year, there are numerous opportunities for residents to drop off targeted items. The site will be closed promptly at the noted closing time and no more cars allowed on the site.

A complete list of acceptable items and additional program information is available on the MMWA website at www.recyclemotion.org or by calling 989-781-9555.