

Guide to Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

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.



What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

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

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

Not accepted: latex paint, ammunition, fireworks, medication, needles, propane tanks, and business wastes.

Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?

To dispose of your household hazardous waste, schedule an appointment at one of the four collection centers operated by the Kent County Department of Public Works (DPW).

To schedule an appointment, call the Kent County DPW at 888-217-2850 or 616-336-2570, or visit

www.accesskent.com/YourGovernment/PublicWorks/recycle_household.htm.

Appointments can be made year-round at the centers in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To schedule at the Wyoming center, call 261-3564. You can also stop by one of the 2013 Saturday collections where no appointment is necessary:

Rockford Center, 2908 Ten Mile Road

June 8, 2013	8:30am – noon
August 10, 2013	8:30am – noon
October 12, 2013	8:30am – noon

Grand Rapids Center, 1500 Scribner NW

June 22, 2013	8:30am – noon
August 24, 2013	8:30am – noon
October 26, 2013	8:30am – noon

Kentwood Center, 5068 Breton SE

July 20, 2013	8:30am – noon
September 7, 2013	8:30am – noon



Wyoming Center, 2350 Ivanrest SW

September 21, 2013	8:30am – noon
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Where Can I Take Recyclables?

Kent County DPW also provides three drop-off stations for residential recycling of plastic bottles, paper, glass bottles, metal cans, and cardboard. Stations are located in Rockford, Grand Rapids and Kentwood. Visit www.recycleKent.org for hours, directions, and a list of accepted materials.

