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Recycling in Portage, MI

What is Single Stream Recycling?

Portage employs Best Way Disposal, which uses single-stream recycling. A single stream means that customers can place all recyclable items into a single container. Keep in mind that dirty materials can contaminate an entire load of clean recyclable items.

What is accepted? Click [HERE](#) to see the full City of Portage recycling guide

	Accepted	How to Prepare for Recycling	NOT Accepted
Paper/Plastic - Only RIGID plastic with these symbols are accepted 	Newspapers Ex. comics and advertisements Magazines Catalogs Phone books Office paper Unwanted mail Paper bags Paperboard (Ex. cereal boxes, cracker boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.) Corrugated cardboard Plastic bottles (Ex. milk jugs, detergent bottles, personal care bottles, cleaning solution bottles, etc.) Plastic food tubs (Ex. butter, yogurt, deli containers) Plastic bottles	- Place papers directly into the bin, and place shredded paper in a paper bag - Food boxes must be free of food residue - Must be flattened or cut to fit in the bin - Remove caps from all bottles	- Any food containers or boxes with food residue or grease (Ex. pizza boxes, microwave containers) - Plastic grocery bags - Plastic wrap - Wax-coated cardboard, typically used to package meat
Glass, Metal, etc.	- Glass jars and bottles of any color - Aluminum cans, foil pie tins, etc. - Tin or steel food cans or lids	- Remove caps from bottles - Labels are OK - Rinse all containers well	- Aerosols - Batteries - Hazardous materials - Lightbulbs - Motor oil/motor oil containers - Paint/paint cans - Scrap metal - Styrofoam - Wire hangers - Yard waste

When is recycling collected?

Every two weeks. Please wheel the cart to the curb by 6 am on your collection day.



Holiday Schedule Collection will not be made on the following legal holidays:

- ◆ New Year's Day
- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ Fourth of July
- ◆ Christmas Day

If your pickup day occurs during the week of a holiday, collection will take place one day later.

Paper Shredding

When looking to shred important documents to safeguard your confidential information, you can schedule an appointment at the local UPS Store Locations. The link below will take you to their page for contact and scheduling an appointment.

<https://locations.theupsstore.com/mi/portage/6749-s-westnedge-ave/shredding>

UPS Store
6749 S Westnedge Ave Ste K
Portage, MI, 49002
269-327-3166
M-F, 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

*If paper is shredded at home, place shredded paper in a paper bag and then into the recycling bin

Items that should not be shredded

- Wet paper
- Metal or metal products
- Wood or wood products
- Plastics or styrofoam
- Toner cartridges
- Flash drives

What Can I Recycle, and Where Can I Take it?

If ever unsure, take to the Household Hazardous Waste Center (HHW)

Please call before taking bulk items or items you are unsure about to the HHW and be aware that fees may apply.

Item	Recycling Locations (See pg 10 for contacts)
Adhesives	HHW
Aerosols	Can be recycled if completely empty, otherwise take to the HHW
Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ted's Appliance - Nelson's Appliance
Asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Westside Landfill - DeLisle Associates - Wondermakers
Automotive Products - Ex. Motor oil	HHW
Batteries https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/	Rechargeable Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Depot - Lowes - uBreakiFix Single Use Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staples E-Bike Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedal Cellphone Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowe's - uBreakiFix
Bulk Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oil in containers over 5 gallons in size is not accepted at the HHW - Stoddard and Sons
Bulk Trash/Transfer Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Way Disposal - Republic
Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flowers Automotive Recyclers
Cleaners	Consider donating full bottles to homeless shelters, otherwise thoroughly rinse the inside with water and put in the home recycling bin

Clothing	Consider donating to second-hand clothing stores or homeless shelters
Concrete	- Consumers Concrete
Electronics - Ex. Laptops, computer towers, cellphones, telecom equipment, network equipment/servers, cable boxes, circuit boards	- Shupan Electronics - Electronics not listed, take to HHW
Explosives	HHW
Fuels - Ex. kerosene, lighter fluid, etc.	Neither fuel nor containers are recyclable, take them to HHW
Fire Extinguishers	Can be recycled if completely empty, otherwise take it to the HHW or local fire department
Foam #6	- Shipping stores - Bee Joyful for packing peanut and polystyrene foam block recycling
Home Heating Oil	- Stoddard and Sons
Lawn Equipment	- Taylor Lawnmower Sales & Service
Light Bulbs	LED Light Bulbs - Lowe's - Home Depot Fluorescent Light Bulbs - Lowe's - Home Depot Incandescent Light Bulbs - Not recyclable, take to HHW
Medications	Can be recycled, see pg 9
Mercury - Ex. barometers, thermometers, etc.	HHW
Microwaves	- Kalamazoo Metal Recycling - Schupan - Throw glass plate in regular garbage

Motor Oil	HHW
Paint Products	HHW
Personal Products	Consider donating full containers to homeless shelters, otherwise thoroughly clean them and put them in the home recycling bin
Pesticides/insecticides/fungicides Ex. DDT, Chlordane, Lindane, Woodlife wood preservatives, Lead Arsenate	Is recycled by the HHW using the Clean Sweep Program, take to the HHW
Photography Chemicals	HHW
Plastic Grocery/Retail Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kohl's - Meijer's - Target - Walmart
Propane Tanks/Cylinders https://bluerhino.com/about/rhino-feed/recycling-tips	Simply place unwanted tanks at a Blue Rhino display, and they will take care of the rest
Railroad Ties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Way Disposal
Scrap Metal including microwaves, washing machines, hair driers, coffee makers, fans, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kalamazoo Metal Recycling - Schupan
Sharps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. syringes and lancets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (No loose sharps or thin plastic containers. Heavy-duty plastic or medical sharps containers only)
Smoke Detectors	Dispose of in regular trash (one per trash pickup)
Swimming Pool Chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex. chlorine, pH reducer 	HHW
Tires	Many tire places accept small quantities (Belle, Discount, Firestone, Kzoo Tire, Pep Boys)
Vinyl Siding	Fryman's Recycling
Yard Waste	Not recyclable, place in yard waste container for pickup

Red Med Box

What does the Red Med Box accept?

Accepted	NOT Accepted
Expired & unused medications Over-the-counter medications Medication samples Pet medications Medicated ointments, lotions, drops Unopened EpiPens Liquid medications	Sharps, needles, lancets Thermometers IV bags Bloody or infectious waste Hydrogen peroxide Business waste (nursing, group home, clinic) Personal care products (shampoo, lotion, cream) Empty containers Aerosolized inhalers (e.g., Ventolin, Albuterol)

Where are Red Med Boxes Located?

Portage Public Safety 7810 Shaver Rd. Portage 269-329-4567 Every day, 8-4	Township of Kalamazoo Police 1720 Riverview Dr. Kalamazoo 269-567-7523 M-F, 8-4:30
Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office 1500 Lamont Ave. Kalamazoo 269-383-8821 M-F, 7-4	Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety 150 E. Crosstown Pkwy. Suite A Kalamazoo 269-337-8101 M-F, 8-4
Schoolcraft Police Department 442 N. Grand St./ US 131 Schoolcraft 269-679-5600 M-F, 8-4	WMU Public Safety 511 Monroe St. Kalamazoo 269-387-5555 M-F, 8-5

Resources

Recycling Locations including address, phone number, and hours

It is recommended to call or email before and know that fees may apply

Bee Joyful	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 243 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 779-4406 - Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm - Sun 12 pm-5 pm
Best Way https://bestway-disposal.com/	Customer Service Kalamazoo, MI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2314 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI - (269)-388-3300 - Mon-Fri 7 am-5 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Consumers Concrete https://consumersconcrete.com/	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3506 Lovers Lane, Kalamazoo, MI - (269-384-0977) - Mon-Fri 7 am-4 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Delisle Associates https://delisleassoc.net/	Portage Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5050 South Sprinkle Road, Portage, MI - (269) 373-4500 - Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Flowers Automotive Recyclers	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1110 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 888-2512 - Mon-Sat 8 am-4:30 pm - Sun Closed
Fryman's Recycling https://www.frymansrecycling.com/	Battle Creek Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15160 6 ½ Mile Road, Battle Creek, MI - (269) 963-0082 - Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Home Depot	Portage Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6685 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI - (269) 324-8100 - Mon-Sat 6 am-10 pm - Sun 8 am-8 pm
Household Hazardous Waste	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1301 Lamont Ave, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 373-5211 - Sat-Mon Closed - Tues 8 am-1 pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wed 12 am-6 pm - Thurs Closed - Fri 8 am-1 pm
Kalamazoo County Health and Services Department https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/sharpscollection.htm	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 311 E. Alcott St., Kalamazoo, MI - Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers https://www.kzoometalrecyclers.com/	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1525 King Hwy, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 381-1315 - Mon-Sat 8 am-4:30 pm - Sun Closed
Lowe's	Portage Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5108 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI - (269) 276-0215 - Mon-Sat 6am-10pm - Sun 8am-8pm Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5125 W Main St., Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 345-2110 - Mon-Sat 6am-10pm - Sun 8am-8pm
Nelson's Appliance https://www.nelsonsappliance.net/	Portage Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1807 Vanderbilt Ave, Portage, MI - (269) 323-2254 - Mon-Thurs 8 am-4 pm - Fri-Sun Closed
Pedal	Portage Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 185 Romence Rd, Portage, MI - (269) 324-5555 - Mon-Fri 11 am-7 pm - Sat 10 am-5 pm - Sun Closed Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 611 West Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 567-3325 - Mon 10 am-7 pm - Tues-Fri 10 am-6 pm - Sat 10 am-5 pm - Sun Closed
Republic https://www.republicservices.com/locations/michigan/kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3432 Gembrit Circle, Kalamazoo, MI - (888) 249-5112 - Mon-Fri 8 am-4:30

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sat 8 am-12 pm - Sun Closed
Shupan https://www.schupan.com/	Kalamazoo Location ITEM CONTAINS IRON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2036 Olmstead Road, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 382-0405 - Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm - Sat-Sun Closed Kalamazoo Location ITEM DOES NOT CONTAIN IRON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2225 Glendenning Road, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 382-0000 - Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Shupan Electronics	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2730 Millcork St., Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 382-0000 - Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Staples	Battle Creek Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6128 Beckley Rd, Battle Creek, MI - (269) 979-3929 - Mon-Fri 9 am-8 pm - Sat 9 am-7 pm - Sun 10 am-6 pm
Stoddard and Sons https://www.stoddardoil.com/	Wayland Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3456 12th St., Wayland, MI - (269) 792-6591 - Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm - Sat-Sun Closed
Ted's Appliance https://www.tedsappliance.com/	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2425 East Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 382-1540 - Mon-Fri 8:30 am-6 pm - Sat 8:30-4 - Sun Closed Battle Creek Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 513 West Columbia, Battle Creek, MI - (269) 963-0607 - Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm - Sat 9 am-2 pm - Sun Closed
uBreakiFix	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4510 W Main St., Kalamazoo, MI - (269) 775-1910

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm - Sun 12 pm-5 pm
Westside Landfill https://www.wmsolutions.com/locations/details/id/89	Three Rivers Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14094 M-60 West, Three Rivers, MI - (866) 909-4458 - Mon-Fri 7 am-4:30 pm - Sat 7:30-12 pm - Sun Closed
Wondermakers https://www.wondermakers.com/	Kalamazoo Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2117 Lane Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI - (888) 382-4154 - Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm - Sat-Sun Closed