

Turning the Tide on Trash

Brooks Township...A Trash-Free Community



It's no surprise that illegal dumping on public lands is a problem in Brooks Township. Between 1999 and 2001, volunteers removed nearly 150 cubic yards of trash from public lands (that's five large dumpsters full of trash, averaging more than one dumpster per year). And there's still more out there! In order to solve our trash problem, we need to clean up existing dump sites and stop future dumping in our forests. You can be a part of the solution by following these disposal guidelines.

Dumping trash on public land...

- ⇒ Creates a safety hazard for recreationists.
- ⇒ Creates an unnecessary fire hazard.
- ⇒ Costs taxpayer money to remove.
- ⇒ Is dangerous for wildlife and damaging to their habitat.
- ⇒ Can get you a big fine if you are caught or reported.
- ⇒ Is unnecessary. Brooks Township residents have many

Disposal Options

Reuse - "One person's trash is another person's treasure." Check with Goodwill or other organizations to find out if your "trash" could be useful to someone else.

Recycle - Do your part for the environment and reduce the amount of trash you produce.

Dispose of large items properly - Public lands are not dumping grounds. If you have large items that your curbside collector won't take, save it for the annual Brooks Township Trash Day or, for a reasonable fee, take it to the Croton Township Trash Transfer Station (652-3330) or to Central Landfill (one mile east of U.S. 131, exit 114 - call Sunset waste at 616-636-4096 for more information).

Disposal of junk cars: If you have a junk car, contact A-1 Towing, 12902 Mason, Grant, MI 49327, 231-834-8514. For a very reasonable fee they will come out and take that junk car off your hands.

Hazardous Household Products: Newaygo County holds a FREE annual disposal day for hazardous household products such as pesticides, cleaning chemicals and more. Call 231-689-7225 for information.

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Many of the items that we throw away can be recycled. To help residents reduce the amount of trash going to landfills, there will be a recycling container at Brooks Township Hall on the third Saturday of each month (call 652-6763 for more information). This *free* service will be available as long as Township residents use it. Please save the following materials to recycle each month.



- * **Newspaper and newsprint material**
- * **Tin and aluminum (clean with lids removed)**
- * **Clear glass**
- * **No. 2 plastic (HDP2) ONLY (no other number plastic)**

If you have items other than these to recycle, please try one of the following places.

Recycall, Inc. Phone: 924-0097
103 E. Cherry St., Fremont, MI 49412
Hours: Tues. - Fri. 8:30am - 2:30pm, Sat. 8:30am - 1:00pm

Materials that can be taken to Recycall:

- Paper** - newsprint, packaging, glossy, office/computer, colored paper, paperboard and cardboard
(Cost: 3¢-4¢ per lb. sorted, 15¢ unsorted)
- Plastic** - #1 through #6 plastics, including styrofoam (Cost: 10¢ per lb. sorted, 15¢ unsorted)
- Glass** - clear, brown, and green (Cost: 5¢-10¢ per lb. sorted, 15¢ unsorted)
- Metal** - steel and aluminum (Cost: 2¢ per lb. sorted, 4¢ unsorted)
- Hazardous Household Products** - antifreeze, oil, and dry cell batteries (call for costs)

CMS Phone: 924-4127
5401 S. Warner, Fremont, MI 49412
Recycling containers are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



You can recycle paper products **FREE OF CHARGE** at CMS. Items include office paper, colored paper, cardboard, paperboard, magazines, and phone books. CMS does not accept waxed cardboard.

Croton Trash Transfer Station and Recycling Center
Phone: 652-3330 Croton Twp. Phone: 625-4301
5800 E. Elm, Newaygo, MI 49337

For varying fees, you can take anything from a pickup full of trash to bulks appliances or furniture. Croton also accepts various materials for recycling, although they do not accept any types of hazardous materials. Please call the transfer station for specific items accepted and current hours.



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