



# RecycleSmart

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October 2017

**Last Chance HHW Event**  
(Events will resume in spring 2018)

**Household Hazardous Waste Event**  
**Saturday October 14**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**



## RESIDENTS

Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made:

1. Online using the scheduling system at [www.recyclesmart.info](http://www.recyclesmart.info)
2. By calling the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

## NON-RESIDENTS (businesses, organizations, schools, etc.)

1. Download the [2017 CESQG Registration and Certification](#) form.
2. Download the [2017 CESQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#).
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. **(CESQGs are NOT allowed to make an online appointment).**
4. Not sure if you are a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

What can you bring to a Household Hazardous Waste event? Click [here](#).

Click [here](#) for more information about proper paint disposal.

## Safe Drug Disposal

The safe disposal of unused and expired medicines is both a safety and environmental concern.

Watch this DEQ Minute video to learn about the importance of proper disposal.

Have medicines to get rid of?

- Search the [Take It Back](#)



[Recycling Directory](#) to find a location near you.

- Participate in the National Drug Take Back Program on October 28. Find a location in Grand Traverse County [here](#).



*Watch this DEQ Minute video to learn about open burning laws in Michigan.*

## Fall, Fires & Open Burning

There are currently around 50 large incident fires burning across the U.S.

The devastation wrought by these events is catastrophic for both humans and wildlife. While the cause of some of these fires is that of a natural occurrence, recent studies show that nationwide, 84% of all forest fires are caused by humans.

In 2016, 60,932 human-caused wildfires burned nearly 4 million acres

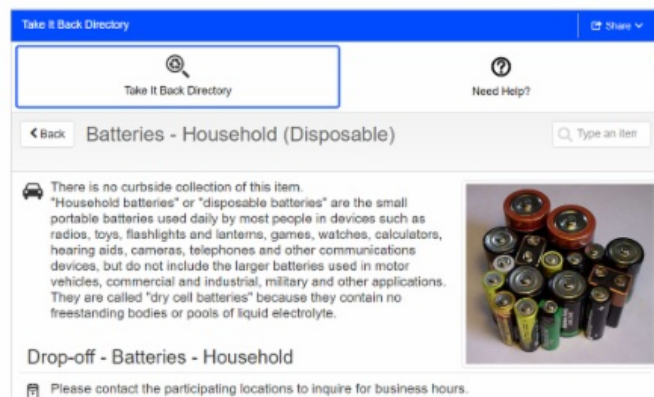
across the U.S. Listen to Smokey Bear when he tells you "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires". Learn more about wildfires, campfire safety, backyard burning and fire prevention [here](#).

With this in mind, please use caution while enjoying your outdoor camp fires this fall and remember that state and local laws prohibit open burning of many materials.

The burning of trees, logs, brush, and stumps may be allowed by first obtaining a burn permit. Many burn permits simply require a short phone call with a DNR or local municipality representative. Visit [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit) for more information and to determine who and when a burn permit is needed.

### Take It Back Directory

Residents of Grand Traverse County...Learn where and how to reuse, recycle, compost or properly dispose of just about anything with the new, easy to use format for the RecycleSmart Take It Back Recycling Directory.



## Not Sure What To Do With Your Stuff?

Use the RecycleSmart Take-It-Back Recycling Directory to learn where to reuse, recycle, return, compost, donate or throw away your unwanted items.

Visit the [RecycleSmart Take It Back Directory](#).

