



## Press Release

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### **RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off – March 23, 2017**

Grand Traverse County, MI (March 13, 2017) -- Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to humans and the environment. These items, called household hazardous waste (HHW), will be accepted for safe disposal through the Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart program.

**The first of five HHW drop-off events is scheduled for Thursday March 23, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**

**Appointments are required** for all of the household hazardous waste collection events and can be made by using the online scheduling system at [www.RecycleSmart.info](http://www.RecycleSmart.info) or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555. The HHW drop-off location will be provided upon appointment confirmation.

Grand Traverse County residents may dispose of 150 pounds of hazardous materials at no charge. A \$1.30/pound fee will be charged for quantities greater than 150 pounds.

Household hazardous waste products should be handled with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off event. Keep products in original containers and don't mix products together. Keep containers tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright, stable position. Transport HHW as far away as possible from you in your vehicle, such as in the bed of a pick up or car trunk.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, latex paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and more.

Small businesses, organizations and schools may qualify to dispose of hazardous waste at the Grand Traverse County HHW events. Please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555 to register and make an appointment as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG).

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