



Recycling News

What to recycle at the Tuscola County Recycling Facility

- All paper products including newspapers, inserts, junk mail, phone books, office, school and computer paper
- #1 & #2 plastic bottles and jugs with screw tops (remove lids rinse out) NO butter tubs, yogurt cups, food trays, bags, etc.
- Clear glass bottles and jars (remove lids and rinse) Please NO Colored glass, light bulbs, window glass, or drinking glasses
- #6 polystyrene—clean egg cartons, cups, plates, packing peanuts
- Corrugated cardboard and boxboard
- Magazines and catalogs
- All types of metals- steel and aluminum (rinse out cans)
- Household batteries including rechargeable batteries and auto batteries
- Electronics: TVs, monitors, all-in-ones, computer towers, stereos, microwaves, VCRs, DVD players
- Rubber covered cords- extension cords, computer cords, etc.
- Ink jet cartridges
- Cell phones
- Motor oil (cannot be mixed with anything)
- Antifreeze (cannot be mixed with anything)
- Tires—a fee will be charged for all tires (a proof of residency is required)
*Limit seven tires at a time *Please call ahead
- Vinyl siding- remove all nails, wood and Styrofoam insulation
- Salvation Army bins to collect usable clothing, shoes and blankets
- Latex paint (fee), herbicides, pesticides collected year round (call ahead)



Recycling today makes sense for their tomorrow

Tuscola County Recycling Facility
1123 Mertz Road (M24)
Caro, MI 48723

Special points of interest:

- ☺ New hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00-4:30
- ☺ Latex paint now collected year round please call for info and pricing
- ☺ Herbicides, and pesticides, collected year round please call ahead for information.

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Please remember to rinse out, remove lids and caps, and sort your recyclables. Thank you



New Information about....

Where, When, and How to recycle at
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Email: recycle@tuscolacounty.org
Website: tuscolacounty.org/recycling

KEEP IT CLEAN KEEP IT SEPARATE

Newspaper/ Junk Mail/ Office Paper/ Telephone and Text Books

This also includes copy paper, lined paper, typing paper, computer paper, file folders, inserts, envelopes, etc. Keep all papers clean and dry. You do not need to remove any staples, paper clips or windows. Any other metal or non paper items should be removed. Paper products can be brought in any type of container. Please keep all magazines separate. Please put boxboard with cardboard

Magazines

Magazines should be kept separate from other paper products. Magazines need to be glossy all the way through.

Corrugated Cardboard/ Boxboard

Includes all cardboard that is constructed with corrugated grooves and boxboard such as cereal and Kleenex boxes. NO wax-coated containers, paper plates, cups, napkins, or paper towels. NO refrigerated food containers such as milk, oleo, ice cream or frozen food containers.

Glass

We accept only clear glass in bottle or jar form. NO colored glass, window glass, auto glass, perfume bottles, pyrex glass, candle jars or drinking glasses. Wash bottles and jars and remove caps.

Steel

Tin cans, jar container lids, and scrap metals are accepted. Wash out all tin cans and keep separate from aluminum.

Aluminum

Tin foil, foil pans, pie plates, non deposit aluminum cans, cat food cans are accepted. Rinse and keep separate from steel cans.

Plastics

We accept plastics #1 and #2 in bottle form only. Rinse out all containers well and leave all caps off.

Examples of accepted plastics:

#1 clear water, soda and juice bottles
#2 milk jugs, colored soap bottles, shampoo, fabric softener, and bleach bottles

No plastic bags.

Polystyrene Foam

Includes clean meat trays, foam cups, clam shells, foam plates and bowls. Keep separate from packing peanuts. Bundle large amounts in clear plastic bags for easy handling.

Tires

Limit seven tires at a time
Call ahead for room availability.
Must be free of mud and debris.

Oil and antifreeze

Cannot be mixed with water or other contaminants. Empty containers will be returned to owners after on site disposal of contents.

Electronics

We accept a wide variety of electronics such as TVs, computers, radios, microwaves, etc.

These items are NOT accepted at this time

No Wax covered cartons



No Plastic Bags of any kind



No Yogurt cups



No Plastic Tubs



No Medical Waste



No Food Trays



No Salt Bags/ Pellet bags



No Plastic Silverware



**No Colored Glass/
Window Glass**



**No Motor Oil
Containers**



Confidential Document Destruction

The Tuscola County Recycling Facility offers confidential document destruction to all businesses and residents. For ten cents per pound you can have your personal files securely shredded for you. Note: there is a \$1 minimum fee for this



Special Events

- Watch for upcoming events for:
- Household Hazardous Waste Collections
- Special Tire collections
- Earth Day Event
- America Recycles Day Event

Thank you for recycling with Tuscola County Recycling

Residential Tire Recycling

<u>Cost per tire</u>	<u>In County/ Out</u>	
Passenger/ Light truck (under 17" rim)	\$2.00	\$4.00
Medium/ Heavy duty (semi) (17" to 22" rim)	\$8.00	\$16.00
Tractor Tires (over 22" rim)	\$20.00	\$40.00

***Tractor tires must be under 60" in height
and under 14" in width**

***Limit seven tires at a time**

***Proof of residency required**



Tires accepted
year round

- *Cash or check only
- *No tires accepted on any type of axle
- *No more than 7 tires at a time**
- *Tires must be clean, dry and free of mud and other materials
- *Tires accepted

Monday thru Friday
8:00am until 4:00pm

Electronics Recycling Available Year Round for Tuscola County Residents

The following items are accepted from County residents

Proof of residency required

- *Televisions
- *Monitors
- *All-in-ones

- *Telephones
- *Auto Batteries
- *Printers
- *Scanners
- *Keyboards
- *Stereos
- *Rubber Covered Cords
- *Fax Machines



- *Cellular Phones
- *Computer Mouse
- *Rechargeable Batteries
- *DVD Players
- *VCRs
- *Microwaves
- *Speakers
- *Household batteries

Salvation Army Drop Box Guidelines



Tuscola County Recycling Facility accepts the following items for donations to Salvation Army:

*All types of clothing, linens and bedding are acceptable.



All items donated to Salvation Army must be usable items

- * Usable shoes
- * Small household items such as usable dishes, pots & pans.
- *Please have items in bags or boxes for transporting reasons.

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open Monday thru
Friday
8:00am until 4:30pm**

Latex Paint Disposal Guide

Latex paint is a water based paint and according to the E.P.A. not considered a hazardous substance if properly handled. This guide is not for any oil based paints or products.

Allow the paint to dry

Where? Find an area that is protected from children, pets and rain and that has adequate air flow.

How? The easiest way is to remove the lid and allow the liquid to evaporate. Depending on the type and quantity of paint the drying process can take several days to several months. This method works well for smaller quantities. Larger quantities

will take longer to dry and may require a different method.

Speed up the drying process

Solidify partial cans of paint in their original containers by mixing in equal amounts of an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sand, wood chips, or shredded paper and allow it to dry. Stir it occasionally to help in the evaporation process

Other options include repainting the surface it was bought for, paint the excess paint onto cardboard or newspaper, or pour thin layers into a plastic lined cardboard box and allow to dry one layer at a time

Disposal of dried paint

When thoroughly dry put the hardened paint in with your trash making sure to leave the lid off of the can so the waste hauler will accept it.

RECYCLE IT!
Please call ahead for collection and fee instructions. Latex paint can be recycled for reuse thru one of our collections.



Dispose of your oil based paints at one of our hazardous waste collections

Recycling Demonstrations

The recycling demonstrations cover the fundamental ideas of recycling including: reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy. Classes can be scheduled to accommodate small or large groups. We can cover one class or multiple classes over one day or multiple days to fit your schedule. The classes are designed to last approximately one hour .

Highlights

- Recycling demonstrations
- Composting and vermicomposting demonstrations
- Poster contests
- Displays (libraries)
- Tours of the Recycling Facility



Have a recycling demonstration held at your school, church or for small groups

Recycle Your Freon Containing Appliances

Tuscola County Recycling Facility accepts your Freon containing appliances year round for a small fee. Freon depletes the ozone unless it is properly handled. Let us help you dispose of these items in a safe, environmentally friendly manner. We accept items such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. The fee is currently \$15. per item.

Appliances will be accepted during normal business hours.

We will not accept appliances which have had the Freon lines cut or the pump removed.



Recycle your refrigerators, freezers and more.

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We do not close for lunch

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Web site: www.tuscolacounty.org
Check us out on Facebook



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Composting



Composting is a simple, economical way to reduce the amount of trash put into a landfill. To start composting first pick a location for your bin that is away from buildings, but close to a water supply and conveniently placed where you will be likely to use the bin. Next you can either purchase a bin or make one yourself out of pallets, snow fencing, bricks, or even wire fencing. Now you can start to fill your bin with compostable items.

Remember that the best combination is three parts brown (fall leaves, straw, chipped brush, sawdust) to one part green (grass clippings, fruit & vegetable waste, coffee grounds). Mix or layer the materials,

and keep it damp and aerated. In about 6-12 months you will have a generous supply of fresh compost to put on gardens, flower beds & trees.

Earth DAY Every Day

Here are some simple tips that you can do to help make every day earth day!

- *Start or support a recycling program in your school
- *Use both sides of your paper before it is recycled
- *Recycle at home and share recycling information with others
- *Use rechargeable batteries
- *Share clothes, toys, books, games and other unwanted items with friends & family instead of throwing them away
- *Use your local library
- *Have appliances and household items repaired if possible instead of replacing them
- *Use washable/ reusable plates, cups and silverware for lunches, picnics, day trips, parties and get togethers
- *REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE !!!



2015 County Holidays

Tuscola County Recycling Facility will be closed the following weekdays to observe these holidays:
January 1– New Years Day, January 19– Martin Luther King Day, February 16– Presidents Day,
April 3– Good Friday, May 25– Memorial Day, July 3– Independence Day, September 7– Labor Day,
November 11– Veteran's Day, November 26– Thanksgiving Day, November 27– Day after Thanksgiving,
December 24– Christmas Eve, December 25– Christmas Day, December 31– New Years Eve,
January 1, 2016– New Years Day
