

Frequently Asked Recycling Questions:

(www.allegancounty.org, select Recycling)

Q- What is Allegan County Resource Recovery?

A- Allegan County Resource Recovery is a division of the Allegan County Health Department that coordinates recycling services to several Townships and Cities within the county.

Q- How do I determine if my city or township participates in the Resource Recovery Program?

A- Select **Map of Allegan Communities in Resource Recovery Program**. This map will also give you information of what type of recycling is available in your community.

Q- My community is identified as curbside, how do I get started?

A- To get started with curbside recycling, choose your recycling flyer. The top of the flyer will instruct you how to get started. This flyer will also instruct how, when and what materials are allowed to be recycled.

Q- Do I have to pay for these recycling services for the Resource Recovery Program?

A- No. There is a \$25 recycling surcharge that is located on your winter tax bill for the communities that participate. This surcharge is placed on all single family homes and covers all recycling services provided by the Resource Recovery Program.

Q- My community is identified as drop-off recycling, how do I get started?

A- To get started with drop-off recycling, choose your recycling flyer. The top of the flyer will instruct how to get started. This flyer will also instruct you on materials that are accepted to be recycled.

Q- My curbside recycling was missed; what do I do?

A- If the material was out in time and you were missed, please contact the following haulers: *Winter weather may cause pick-up delays.

City/Township	Hauler Service	Phone
Douglas City	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
Dorr Twp.	Bob's Disposal	616-455-1155
Gun Plain Twp.	Chef Container	616-494-0561
Heath Twp.	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
Leighton Twp.	Bob's Disposal	616-455-1155
Otsego Twp.	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
Otsego City.	Best Way Disposal	269-388-3300
Salem Twp.	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
Saugatuck Twp.	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
Wayland City	Republic Services, Inc.	877-698-7274
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Q- What is a Resource Recovery Card?

A- A Resource Recovery Card is either mailed with your tax information or is available at your city or township hall. This card provides access to two monitored depot stations. This is a good way to recycle appliances, Styrofoam and tires. Select Recycling Depots from the menu for more information.

Q- Is Styrofoam accepted in the curbside program or drop-off stations?

A- No. Residents can place Styrofoam in clear plastic bags and bring to the two monitored depot stations. Select Recycling Depots from the menu for more information. Styrofoam accepted at the monitored depot stations are: cups, meat trays, egg cartons, packing material, etc. (No packaging peanuts or construction foam.) Material must be clean.

Q- I have some old paint and hazardous waste that I do not know what to do with, where can I bring it?

A- The Resource Recovery Program provides Household Hazardous Waste Collection for participating communities. Select Household Hazardous Waste and/or Recycling Events from the menu for more information.

Q- Is Latex Paint accepted as Hazardous Waste?

A-No. Latex Paint is considered non-toxic and is not accepted. Please remove covers off of latex paint and place kitty litter or wood chips in paint. When pain becomes solid, place with covers off in your regular trash service.

Q- I have an old TV or Computer that I want to recycle, where can I bring it?

A- Residents can recycle this type of material by the following:

1. Select Recycling Events from the menu for information on scheduled events.
2. You can use your Resource Recovery Card and go to the Salem Twp Transfer Station or the Allied (Hamilton) Station. Select Recycling Depots on the menu for more information about this service.

Q- I have tires that I want to recycle, where can I bring them?

A- Participating residents can use their Resource Recovery Card to drop off up to four car or light duty tires for free at the two monitored depot sites. Select Recycling Depots for hours of operation.

Q- I have an old appliance I want to recycle, where can I take it?

A- Participating residents can use their Resource Recovery Card to drop off up to two appliances for free at the two monitored depot sites. Appliances accepted are: Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Microwaves, Freezers, Washing Machines and Dryers, Dehumidifiers, and Dishwashers. Select Recycling Depots for hours of operation.

Q- Does the Resource Recovery offer a Sharps disposal program?

A-Yes. Participating residents can drop off sharps in an approved sharps container for free disposal at the Allegan County Health Department. The Health Department is located at 3255 122nd Ave., Suite 200, Allegan MI 49010. Approved sharps containers are available at the Health Department. Select Household Hazardous Waste from the menu for more information.

If your community does not participate in the Resource Recovery Program, there is a sharps card available to purchase for \$30. This card will provide sharps disposal service for 12 months.

Q- Where can I bring unwanted medication for proper disposal?

A- Unwanted medications can now be dropped off at the following law enforcement offices. There is a black drop-off box in the lobby:

- Allegan County Sheriff's Department
- Douglas City Police Department
- Plainwell City Police Department
- Wayland City Police Department

Q- Can businesses utilize services by Resource Recovery?

A- No. Only residential homes and approved multi-unit homes are allowed to participate in the Resource Recovery Program.

Q- Does Resource Recovery provide trash service?

A- No. Resource Recovery does not provide any trash services.

Any other questions please e-mail bwilliams@allegancounty.org.