

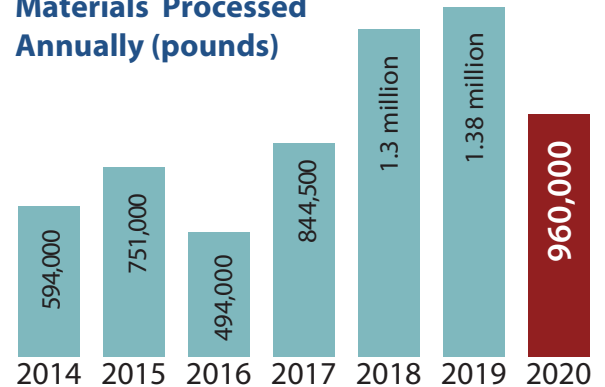
Washtenaw County Public Works Solid Waste Annual Report 2020

Overview

In 2020, the global pandemic impacted not only our day-to-day lives but also our services to residents. With more time at home, people cleaned out their garages and brought us more home toxics than ever before. Our Zero Waste Events and some Clean-Up Days were cancelled.

In response, we moved online with virtual school recycling programs, created online scheduling for Home Toxics Center appointments, and launched an interactive medication disposal map.

Total Amount of
Materials Processed
Annually (pounds)



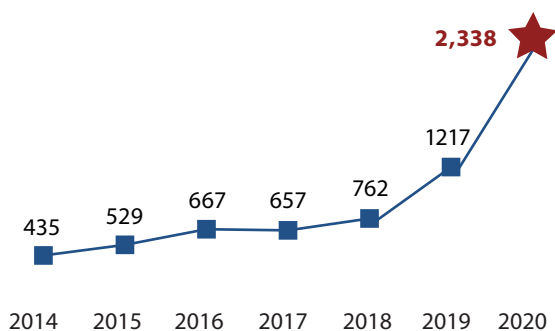
Home Toxics Center



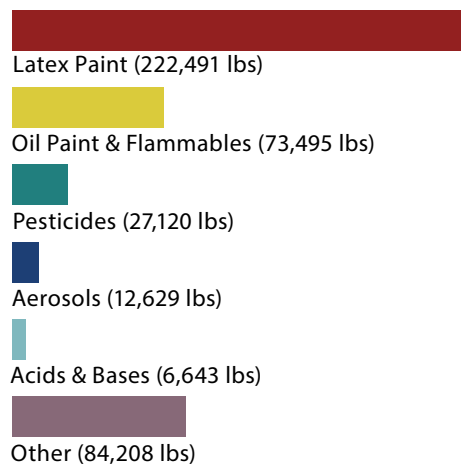
In 2020, the Home Toxics Center launched an online appointment system and nearly doubled the number of appointments served.

In total, 4,975 residents brought us over 425,000 pounds of material, a 92% increase in weekday appointment numbers and a 17% increase in materials (by weight) from 2019. The Home Toxics Center rebranded and updated outreach materials, continuing to increase our reach throughout the County.

Number of Weekday Drop-off Appointments



Material Breakdown



Customer Reviews

"Wonderful fellow checked me in and took all of the materials from my trunk--I didn't even have to get out of my car. He was so nice, friendly and professional. Thank you ALL!"

"Very quick and efficient -- and also polite and friendly. Couldn't ask for more!"

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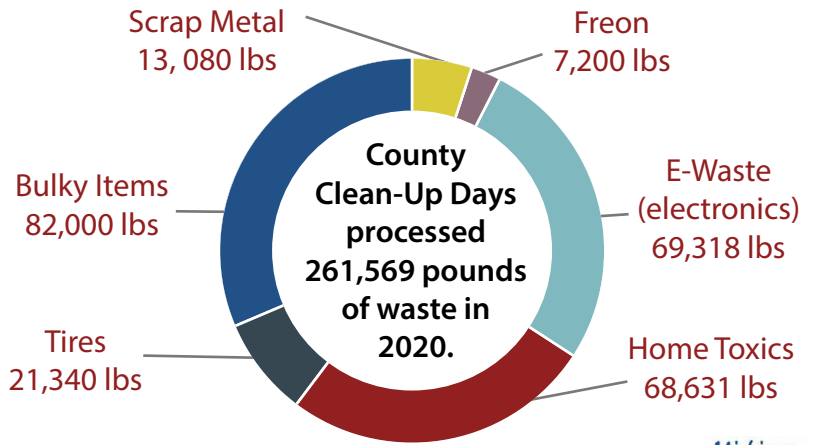
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
washtenaw.org/recycle

County Clean-Up Days

County Clean-Up Days provide opportunities to dispose of a wide variety of items in a safe and responsible manner. In 2020, we held four Clean-Up Day events and served 1,250 residents.



Left: A full container of tires from our Whitmore Lake Clean-Up Day on June 27, 2020.



Clean-Up Day Sponsors



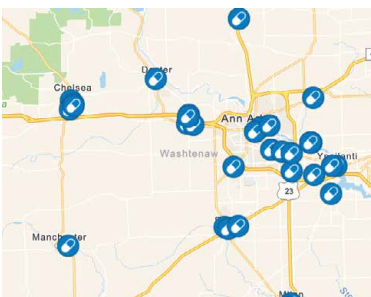
School Recycling Program

We partner with Recycle Ann Arbor, Stevens Disposal, and the Ecology Center to provide schools throughout the county with the infrastructure and education necessary to create and maintain successful recycling programs. Seven of the schools have a population of students of color higher than the County average.

27 participating schools **270,354** lbs recycled



Medication Disposal Network



33 convenient medication disposal locations

Proper medication and sharps disposal is now easier and more accessible than ever. Additional sites were added to our online directory and residents can find their nearest location for disposal through an interactive map.

View the new map at DontFlushDrugs.com.

EGLE awards nearly \$1.6 million in recycling infrastructure grants in Washtenaw County

In 2020, EGLE announced record-setting recycling grants distributed to organizations in Washtenaw County. The funds will not only increase local recycling collection and processing capacity, but also support school recycling and composting programs, improve recycling access, and provide much needed support for education and outreach activities aimed at reducing contamination.

View the press release and learn more about the funded projects at bit.ly/EGLEGrantPR.

