

# SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL OF ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE DONATED!

KENT COUNTY

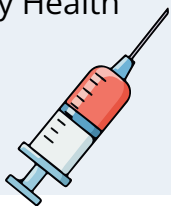


Visit [goodwillgr.org/donated-items/](http://goodwillgr.org/donated-items/) for a list of items we do/do not accept.

## SHARPS

Disposal of needles, syringes, lancets, EpiPens (empty), & medical sharps.

- Pick up your FREE SafeSharps container today at any Kent County Health Department clinic.



## MEDS

Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, cold and flu meds, vitamins, antibiotics/steroids, medicated ointments, pet medications, etc.

- Visit [www.reimaginetrash.org/safemeds/](http://www.reimaginetrash.org/safemeds/) for a FREE drop-off location near you.



## CHEMICALS

Safe & Free disposal of household chemicals, auto fluids, and other hazardous waste year-round for residents.

### Administrative & SafeChem Center

- 1045 Wealthy St. SW, Grand Rapids
  - Mondays 1:30-5:30 pm
  - Wednesdays 7:30-11:30 am
  - Thursdays 1:30-5:30 pm
  - Second Saturday of the month 8:30-11:00 am
- **Kentwood DPW**
  - 5068 Breton Rd. SE, Kentwood
  - Tuesdays 10:30 am-1:30 pm

### North Kent Waste & Recycling Center

- 2908 Ten Mile Rd. NE, Rockford
- Fridays 8:30-11:30 am

### South Kent Waste & Recycling Center

- 10300 South Kent Dr. SW, Byron Center
- Fridays 8:30-11:30 am

### Wyoming Clean Water Plant

- 2350 Ivanrest Ave. SW, Wyoming
- Mondays 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursdays 7:00-9:00 am

**The items listed below are not accepted at Goodwill, but can be taken to the locations listed above for safe disposal.**

Oil-based paints and stains, solvents, gas, oil, antifreeze, aerosols (spray paint, inhalers, etc.), pesticides, fertilizers, household cleaners, mercury thermostats/thermometers, 1 lb. propane tanks, CFL & LED bulbs/tubes, rechargeable lithium/cadmium batteries, button batteries, ink cartridges, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, and more!

Visit [www.reimaginetrash.org/safehomes/](http://www.reimaginetrash.org/safehomes/) for a complete list!

**The above locations for disposal of household chemicals/hazardous waste do NOT accept oil filters/rags, paint brushes, sharps, latex paint, alkaline batteries, medical waste, medications.**

- State of Michigan manifesting and shipping requirements prevent the acceptance of hazardous waste from businesses, schools, farms, and non-profits.

## LATEX PAINT

If you are unable to use up or give away your leftover latex paint, dry it out and put it in the trash.

- To speed drying, open the lid and add cat litter, sawdust, or shredded paper. For large amounts, line a cardboard box with a garbage bag, add absorbent material, and pour the paint in until it reaches an oatmeal-like consistency. Once dried, wrap it and place it in the trash.
- Do not dump paint on the ground or down the drain. Empty latex paint cans cannot be recycled.
- Latex paint is water-based and cleaned up with soap and water. Paints that require mineral spirits or say “alkyd” or “combustible” are not latex and can be taken to any SafeChem disposal location for free, proper disposal.



## PROPANE & COMPRESSED GAS TANKS

While many compressed gas tanks (propane, oxygen, helium, etc.) are metal, they hold explosive/flammable fumes and need to be disposed of responsibly, even when empty.

- Small 1 lb. non-refillable tanks can be recycled for free at SafeChem locations or at the North Kent and South Kent Waste Centers.
- For all other size tanks: Recycling options can be found at [www.reimaginetrash.org/material/propane-tanks/](http://www.reimaginetrash.org/material/propane-tanks/)



## SWAP SHOP

The SafeChem Swap Shop lets Kent County residents pick up free, usable household products that were dropped off at SafeChem hazardous waste sites.

### Items can typically include:

- Automotive: brake fluid, oil, car wash supplies
- Household: drain cleaner, spray paint, stains, varnishes, thinners, adhesives
- Lawn & Garden: weed killer, pool chemicals, insect repellent
- Personal Care: soaps, nail polish, shampoo

All items are inspected and must be gently used or unopened.

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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

Check out SafeHomes online Waste & Recycling Directory for local reuse, recycling, compost, or disposal outlets for a variety of items: [www.reimaginetrash.org](http://www.reimaginetrash.org)

Check out Goodwill’s website to see a full list of items we can and cannot accept: [www.goodwillgr.org/donated-items/](http://www.goodwillgr.org/donated-items/)

