

Recycling Update

Midland Volunteers For Recycling, Inc.

Spring, 2006

Spring Schedule



Apr 14 Good Friday. Recycling Center Closed.

Apr 18 First HHM Collection for the year! To make an appointment call 832-6681.

Apr 22 Green Gardening Day Chippewa Nature Center from 10 - 4. Celebrate Earth Day!

Midland Center For
The Arts, Earth Day
event - 10 - 2.

May 11 MVFR Board Meeting*

May 13 Scrap Tire Collection
Call 631-1668 for an
appointment and more
details.

*MVFR Board Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Recycling Center located at the Midland Landfill, 4305 E. Ashman.

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Earth Day Events - April 22, 2006

The Chippewa Nature Center's "GREEN gardening day"

... will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The featured speaker - Dr. Art Cameron, Professor of Horticulture, Michigan State University will present "Landscaping in Tune with Nature - Creating a Natural Look in the Landscape" from 2 - 3:30 p.m. **Kids will have lots to do** from puppet shows to crafts. Hummingbird feeders made from water bottles for example. (Recyclables supplied by MVFR!)

Also on display will be the sculptures created by midland area eighth graders. (Annual competition sponsored by MVFR) MVFR will have an informational booth with fun activities as well. **(Volunteer Opportunity!)**

The Midland Center for the Arts "Earth Day Celebration"

... will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the brick lobby of the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art. Co-sponsored by the American Chemical Society with Free Admission and hands-on family activities. MVFR will have an informational booth with fun activities as well. **(Volunteer Opportunity!)**

What's News in Recycling

Do you ever wonder why MVFR can not accept plastic bottles that are numbered both #7 and #2 compatible? We do not know why they are marked #2 compatible since major plastic recyclers will not accept this type of container. So, in order to figure out why they use this type of bottle, one of our newest Board Members, Alan David, made some calls to Tropicana. (The major brand that uses this type of bottle) They told him

that the containers have an inner lining of nylon that prevents oxygen in the air from degrading the orange juice (not made from concentrate).

In contrast, Minute Maid brand containers are marked only #2 and can be recycled. (This orange juice is made from concentrate). #2 plastic containers (those with a seam across the bottom) are sent to Clean Tech where they are cleaned, ground, melted and formed into pellets that

are shipped all over the country to be made into new detergent and other #2 type bottles.

There are similar issues with #1 plastic. We can only accept #1 plastic bottles and jars that are clear or translucent. The other #1 plastic containers have undesirable properties that will contaminate the recycling process. #1 plastic is commonly recycled into polyester carpet! Questions? Call Esther at 631-1668.

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Director's Message

**It's that time again . . .
Spring Cleaning!**

Business is picking up at the recycling center. We are getting a lot of questions about things people are finding in

their basements and garages. Scrap tire information is on this page and Household Hazardous waste information is on page 3. Please share these programs with your

friends and neighbors. **And remember** that we are accepting vinyl siding (any length), scrap metal, auto/marine, household, and ni-cad batteries, and cell phones.



Tire Recycling Program

Saturday,
May 13th, 2006
8 a.m. – 12 noon

**Sponsored by
Midland Volunteers for Recycling &
Midland County Mosquito Control**

1. **You must have an appointment** to drop off tires. Call **631-1668**. Tell them the number of tires you wish to bring, name, and address. Four (4) tires without rims will be free (size 16.5 and smaller) for those individuals that make an appointment
2. No tractor tires will be accepted.
3. Those without an appointment time will pay per tire. No free tires will be given. Tires will be taken only if there is room and individuals will have to wait for an open time in the schedule to unload.
4. Maximum limit: 20 tires per address/family.
5. **Truck fills up quickly – so call early!**

Tires being accepted are:

- ü Passenger car 16.5 with and without rims
 - o \$1 each (first 4 without rims are free-see #1)
- ü Large truck or Semi Truck
 - o \$2 without rims
 - o \$4 with rims

Year Round Collection Location: (for a small fee)

CM Rubber 989-465-0200

4602 W. Saginaw Rd., Coleman

2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates have been scheduled

April 18

June 6

July 11

August 22

September 19

Household Hazardous materials can lead to contamination of groundwater, surface water, well water, or other water sources when spilled on the ground, poured down the drain, or placed in trash containers. This is your opportunity to safely dispose of most hazardous materials you may have in your home.

You must have an appointment to participate!

Call 989-832-6681 to make an appointment. Have a list ready of the materials you would like to dispose of. Items may include:

Garden Products

Bug Sprays
Ant Poisons
Insecticide Powders
Fertilizers
Weed Killers

Cleaning Products

Drain Cleaners
Floor waxes
Furniture Polishes
Bleach and Ammonia
Oven Cleaners

Personal & Health Care

Hair Sprays, Dyes
Medications
Shoe Polish
Aerosols
Nail Polish/Remover

Paint Products

Paint Thinner
Oil-based Paints & Spray Cans
Brush Cleaners
Lacquers & Varnishes

Automotive Products

Spray Paint
Auto Polish
Auto Waxes
Battery Acid



Recyclable Items you can drop-off

Paper *Keep the following types of paper separate because they are recycled into products using different processes.*

- ***corrugated cardboard**, flattened and paper bags
- ***cereal and boxboard**, flattened
- office paper and mail**, please bag shredded paper
- ***magazines and catalogs**, glossy
- ***newspapers** and what comes in them
- ***phone books**

Remember . . . All the following items must be clean, rinsed out, with lids removed.

- Plastic**
- * **#1 bottles**, clear or translucent
 - * **#2 bottles**, keep milk jugs separate
 - plastic bags**, all types accepted, shrink/bubble wrap
 - loop carriers**
 - vinyl siding**, Any length accepted
 - polystyrene foam**, must be broken up and bagged

- Metal**
- ***steel cans**, including aerosol, no large steel items
 - aluminum**, all sizes and types accepted

- Glass**
- ***clear and lightly tinted green** container glass

Miscellaneous Items

- auto/marine, household and ni-cad batteries**
- ink jet cartridges, cell phones**
- returnable cans and bottles**

***Starred items can also be recycled in your curbside bin.** Other items you can recycle in your curbside bin include green and brown glass, and household batteries. For more information about the curbside program or to get a green bin call the City of Midland, Public Services at 989-837-6900.

Why does MVFR's recycling center take different materials than the curbside program? MVFR is a non-profit organization dedicated to recycling all materials possible, even those that are marginally or not profitable (such as vinyl siding, plastic bags, and polystyrene foam). **MVFR offers volunteer opportunities and free educational programs to people of all ages and abilities.**

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