

## FREQUENTLY ASKED RECYCLING QUESTIONS

- 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. From [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org) website 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 you on 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 \$25.00 recycling surcharge that is located on your winter tax statement 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 you on how to get started. This flyer will also instruct you on materials that are accepted as recyclable.
- 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: \*Note that winter weather may cause pick up delays.
- City of Douglas                                      Republic Services, Inc.                                      Ph.# 877-698-7274
- 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 station?  
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 ([www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)) 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 paint 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. Participating residents have two options through Resource Recovery. One option is to select Recycling Events from the menu ([www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)) for information on scheduled events. Another option is to use your resource recovery card and go to the Salem Township Transfer Station where this service is provided. Select Recycling Depots on the menu, then select **View Services Provided by Salem Township Transfer Station**. (At the transfer station there is a \$2.00 fee for computer and TV monitors. All other electronic items are free.)
- 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 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 ([www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)) 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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Suite 200, Allegan Mi 49010. Approved sharps containers are available at the Health Department. Select Household Hazardous Waste from the menu ([www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)) for more information.

**IF YOUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE RESOURCE RECOVERY PROGRAM**, there is a sharps card available to purchase for \$30.00, this card will provide sharps disposal service for 12 months.

- Q. Where can I bring unwanted medication for proper disposal?  
A. Resource Recovery hosts several unwanted medication collections throughout the year. Select Recycling Events ([www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)) for more information on this service. Please do not flush unwanted medication down the sewer drain.

Any controlled prescription medications can be dropped off at the Allegan County Sheriff Department located at 112 N Walnut St., Allegan, Mi 49010 during normal business hours.

- 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 can be e-mailed to [bwilliams@allegancounty.org](mailto:bwilliams@allegancounty.org)**