

It All Adds Up To Cleaner Air & Water

Lake Michigan Districts Household Waste Collection Program

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2006 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May	06*	Lake	Whiting city Garage 1915 Front Street
	13*	Porter	Kouts High School 302 College Street
	19**	Lake	Gary IUN 3400 Broadway
June	03*	LaPorte	Michigan City Ace Hardware Marquette Mall
	10*	Porter	Porter County Fair Grounds 215 Division Valparaiso
	17*	Lake	Griffith Public Works 134 Colfax
July	24*	Lake	Lowell Middle School 200 Oakley Ave
	01*	Lake	Hobart City Barns 340 S Shelby
	08*	LaPorte	Michigan City Ace Hardware Marquette Mall
Aug	15*	Porter	Westchester Intermed. School 1050 S 5th St Chesterton
	04**	Lake	St John Lake Central High School 8260 Wicker Ave
	05*	LaPorte	LaPorte County Fair Grounds 2581 W SR 2
Sept	19*	Porter	Portage High School 6450 E Route 6
	02*	Lake	Lake County Fair Grounds 889 S Court St Crown Point
	09*	Lake	Highland Public Works 8001 Kennedy Ave
Oct	23*	LaPorte	Michigan City Ace Hardware Marquette Mall
	30*	Porter	Porter County Fair Grounds 215 Division Valparaiso
	20**	Lake	Purdue University Calumet 170th & Wicker Ave Hammond
	21*	LaPorte	LaPorte County Fair Grounds 2581 W SR 2
	28*	Lake	Munster Town Hall 1005 Ridge Road

* Collection time 9:00 am until 2:00 pm ** Collection time 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Make sure to bring your waste to locations in the county in which you reside!

Dates in Red include the Gas Can Exchange Program- bring in your old gas can to exchange for a new, environmentally friendly 2.5 Gallon CARB gas can.

Old leaky gas cans are a major contributor to air pollution, particularly ozone formation.

What can I dispose of?

Aerosols

Automotive Supplies: Antifreeze, Oils and other fluids

Batteries: Automotive and Household

Corrosives

Mercury Containing Products: Fluorescent Tubes, Thermometers -Silver bulbs, thermostats, Other Mercury containing items

Paint and Related Products: Oil based paint, Thinners, Solvents

Pesticides: Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Other Poisons

Waste Fuels: Diesel, Gasoline, Kerosene, Other flammable liquids

What is not Accepted?

Ammunition and Explosives: Contact your local fire department for disposal

Commercial Hazardous Waste

Latex Paint - Remove lid from latex paint cans, allow to dry completely and dispose in regular garbage

Do your Part to Protect our Water Resources

Remember, only Rain in the Drain!

What is storm water runoff?

Storm water is all the water that runs off hard surfaces during rainstorms. This water does not seep into the ground during storms; instead it runs straight into streams, rivers, and lakes.

Why is storm water runoff a problem?

There are many reasons why runoff can be harmful. Storm water should ideally be absorbed into the soil and detoxified by natural processes, including microbial breakdown. However, when soil surfaces are covered with impermeable materials like pavement and housing, the storm water flows along these surfaces, picking up trash, harmful chemicals and sediment along the way and finally dumping them directly into our lakes and streams. This is known as non point pollution. Experts now believe that the biggest form of pollution today is non point source. Most of the pollutants in our water comes from our everyday activities. Non point source pollution can hurt fish, wildlife *and* people.

For more information please visit NIRPC's stormwater community page at www.nirpc.org click on the MS4 Community Partnership logo, or contact NIRPC:



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What you can do to help:

Proper Hazardous Waste Disposal:

Instead of dumping unwanted products at home, transport them to the hazardous waste collection day in your area– check our 2006 collection schedule for the date and location nearest you!

Garden with Care!

Select a lawn fertilizer low in phosphorus (P), do not apply near water bodies or storm drains and sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn. Avoid application of lawn care products before heavy rains. Mow less frequently– longer grass needs less water.

Consider using native plants- they need less water and chemicals to flourish in your garden. Install a rain garden or an old-fashioned rain barrel to collect excess rainwater. This water can be used to water during dry spells. Mulching helps retain water and controls weeds and pests.

Regular Car Maintenance:

Take good care of your car- fix any leaks promptly, and dispose of used oil and other fluids properly. Wash your car on the lawn, or take it to the car wash.

Pick up after your pet:

Not only is it the considerate thing to do, it also keeps harmful bacteria out of our water supply. Dispose of the waste in the toilet or the trash.

Sweep it up!

Use a broom instead of your hose to clean debris off sidewalks and driveways. Sweep it back onto the lawn or pick it up for proper disposal.