

HHW REPORTER

1ST QUARTER 2023

NEWS AND PARTICIPATION STATS FROM
THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER

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2023 EXPECTED CLOSURES:

AUGUST 7 - 12
(YOUTH FAIR)

SEPTEMBER 8 - 9
(STREET ROD NATIONALS)

NOVEMBER 7
(ELECTION DAY)

NOVEMBER 10 - 11
(VETERAN'S DAY)

NOVEMBER 23 - 24
(THANKSGIVING BREAK)

2023 SATURDAY
COLLECTIONS
8:00am–12:00pm

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

October 14

November 4

December 9

New EPA Data Show Banning 'Forever Chemicals' in Cosmetics is Overdue (excerpt by Olivia Backhaus, Environmental Working Group)

The Environmental Protection Agency's recent revelation that the fluorinated "[forever chemicals](#)" known as PFAS are [much more toxic](#) than previously believed makes clear it's beyond time to ban their use in cosmetics and other personal care products.

PFAS have been used for decades to make frying pans nonstick and carpets stain-resistant. But the PFAS coating used to make your pan nonstick is also being used to make your skin smooth and your eyes sparkle – even though we know the chemicals cause harm.

EWG has found [hundreds of cosmetics](#) and other personal care products that include PFAS. They're added to [condition the skin or make it look shiny](#), according to the Food and Drug Administration. [Recent tests](#) found that PFAS chemicals were most frequently detected in eye shadow, lipstick, mascara and foundation, especially those advertised as water-resistant or long lasting...

State legislatures in [California](#) and [Maryland](#) have banned some PFAS from cosmetics, and legislatures in [Maine](#) have passed a law banning non-essential uses of PFAS in products like cosmetics. But EWG's research found 13 types of PFAS still used in [hundreds of products](#). The most common PFAS in cosmetics is PTFE, or Teflon.

Even the cosmetics industry recognizes that there's a problem. In a PFTE safety assessment, the sector noted the National Toxicology Program's warning of "[clear evidence of carcinogenic activity](#)" after exposure to rats, while declining to vouch for the safety of most PFAS.

So why are PFAS still in your cosmetics? Federal [cosmetics law is badly broken](#) – it hasn't been updated since 1938. Cosmetics manufacturers can add almost anything to personal care products...

The good news is that's about to change. This year, Sens. [Susan Collins](#) (R-Maine) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and [Reps. Debbie Dingell](#) (D-Mich.) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) introduced the No PFAS in Cosmetics Act to ban all PFAS from cosmetics.

Some companies aren't waiting for Congress to act. [H&M](#) has committed to removing PFAS from their products. [Sephora](#) and [Ulta](#) have updated their clean ingredients programs to prohibit the use of PFAS. The number of cosmetics containing PFAS has been cut in half in recent years...

A ban on PFAS in cosmetics alone will not keep us safe from PFAS. But it will help. We must also ban them from other non-essential everyday products, including food packaging...

1ST QUARTER HHW CENTER PARTICIPATION

Municipality	Jan	Feb	Mar	1st Quarter Total
Alamo Township	5	16	13	34
Almena Township	8	5	9	22
Antwerp Township	16	16	6	38
Augusta Village	1	1	2	4
Berrien County	1	11	12	24
Brady Township	15	8	14	37
Charleston Township	6	5	5	16
Climax Village	1	4	1	6
Comstock Township	67	38	58	163
Cooper Township	39	31	44	114
Galesburg City	3	1	2	6
Kalamazoo City	176	111	191	478
Kalamazoo Township	57	42	62	161
Oshtemo Township	57	71	70	198
Parchment City	2	6	7	15
Pavilion Township	25	18	28	71
Paw Paw Township	NA	NA	NA	0
Portage City	137	114	196	447
Prairie Ronde Township	1	2	7	10
Richland Township	30	35	39	104
Richland Village	4	3	9	16
Ross Township	14	19	15	48
Schoolcraft Township	20	14	9	43
Schoolcraft Village	3	1	0	4
Texas Township	47	40	54	141
Vicksburg Village	5	2	5	12
Wakeshma Township	6	0	1	7
Subtotal	746	614	859	2,219
Regular HHW Paying Customers	49	24	68	141
Electronics Paying Customers	34	21	26	81
Grand Total	829	659	953	2,441
Clean Sweep Customers	2	1	7	10

1ST QUARTER RECYCLING COST SHARE

BILLING PERIOD 1/01/23 - 3/31/23			
CHEMICAL DISPOSAL COSTS			\$17,690.91
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING			\$3,476.70
TOTAL BILLING			\$21,167.61
MUNICIPALITY	HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	PERCENT	TOTAL COST
ALAMO TOWNSHIP	34	1.53	\$324.33
ALMENA TOWNSHIP	22	0.99	\$209.86
ANTWERP TOWNSHIP	38	1.71	\$362.49
AUGUSTA VILLAGE	4	0.18	\$38.16
BERRIEN COUNTY	24	1.08	\$228.94
BRADY TOWNSHIP	37	1.67	\$352.95
CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP	16	0.72	\$152.63
CLIMAX VILLAGE	6	0.27	\$57.24
COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP	163	7.35	\$1,554.90
COOPER TOWNSHIP	114	5.14	\$1,087.48
GALESBURG CITY	6	0.27	\$57.24
KALAMAZOO CITY	478	21.54	\$4,559.76
KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP	161	7.26	\$1,535.82
OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP	198	8.92	\$1,888.77
PARCHMENT CITY	15	0.68	\$143.09
PAVILION TOWNSHIP	71	3.20	\$677.29
PORTAGE CITY	447	20.14	\$4,264.05
PRAIRIE RONDE TOWNSHIP	10	0.45	\$95.39
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP	104	4.69	\$992.08
RICHLAND VILLAGE	16	0.72	\$152.63
ROSS TOWNSHIP	48	2.16	\$457.88
SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP	43	1.94	\$410.19
SCHOOLCRAFT VILLAGE	4	0.18	\$38.16
TEXAS TOWNSHIP	141	6.35	\$1,345.04
VICKSBURG VILLAGE	12	0.54	\$114.47
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP	7	0.32	\$66.77
TOTAL	2,219	100.00	\$21,167.61

* THIS IS NOT A BILL - INVOICE WILL BE MAILED OUT AT A LATER DATE *

1ST QUARTER COLLECTIONS 2023



This computer mouse came in with an attachment at the top filled with water and oil. A small toy from a design company was floating on top of the oil. We were able to remove the attachment and recycle both components of the mouse. Always something new!

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENTS	2,219
NUMBER OF PAYING CUSTOMER EQUIVALENTS	222
NUMBER OF CLEAN SWEEP CUSTOMERS	10
ITEM(S)	
POUNDS	
ELECTRONICS FROM HOMEOWNERS	46,664
ELECTRONICS FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS	3,845
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM HOMEOWNERS *	21,630
CHEMICAL WASTE FROM PAYING CUSTOMERS *	6,074
ANTIFREEZE	1,250
COPPER WIRE	824
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	0
OIL FILTERS	560
PESTICIDES	3,155
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	2,543
SCRAP METAL	768
USED MOTOR OIL	11,800
TOTAL POUNDS COLLECTED	99,113

* acids, aerosols, ammunition, bases, batteries (alkaline & lithium), cleaners, flammable liquids, flares, fluorescent bulbs, mercury, oil based paint, organic peroxides, oxidizers, PCB ballasts, poisons/toxics, 1-lb propane cylinders

If you are upgrading your make up, lotions, shampoos, conditioners or other personal care items, we can recycle those at the HHW Center!

