

City of Gary Solid Waste Disposal Fact Sheet

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The Office of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs

This Proper Waste & Recycling Directory is informational ONLY.

This document is designed to assist residents in locating city services, local businesses and organizations that recycle materials and products.

- Ø It does NOT claim to be an all-inclusive list of available options.
- Ø It is NOT meant to be exclusive or exclusionary in any way.
- Ø It does NOT vouch for the capabilities, trustworthiness, or performance of any individual or business listed.
- Ø It *strongly* recommends contacting businesses before utilizing their services, as policies may be subject to change.

Household Hazardous Waste

Many products used in the home, garden, garage, and hobby shop contain hazardous chemicals that can potentially harm the user or the environment. When discarded, these items become household hazardous waste requiring proper disposal.

Any items marked as follows should be considered hazardous:

- “caution”
- “causes severe burns on contact”
- “danger”
- “do not use near heat or flame”
- “eye and skin irritant”
- “flammable”
- “harmful or fatal if swallowed”
- “hazardous”
- “keep out of reach of children”
- “poison”
- “use in a well-ventilated area”
- “vapor harmful”

Please exercise safety and adhere to precautions when using, storing, or disposing of any hazardous products.

The following items should be disposed of properly. *Most of them should **NEVER** be thrown into household trash:*
Please check Lake Country Solid Waste's website for more information.

- Tires
- Latex Paint
- Household Batteries
- Car Batteries
- Automotive Fluid
- CFL Light Bulbs & Florescent Tubes
- Expired or Unwanted Medication
- Electronic Household Appliances
- Printer Ink Cartridges
- Yard Waste

Latex Paint

- If you have latex paint that can be reused, you may take it to Hobart City Barns to be recycled. They accept gallon paint cans that are at least half full. The lids must be secured.

Hobart City Barns
340 S. Shelby Street, Hobart, IN
(219) 942-6121

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am - 2:45 pm, and Sat. 8:00 am - 11:45 am

- Latex Paint can be disposed of in the trash once it is dried out. Mix your half full cans with dirt or cat litter. Once dry you may throw them away uncovered. Please dispose of the lids separately.

Batteries

Household Batteries

- Household Batteries can be taken to Gary Ace Hardware for proper disposal.

Gary Ace Hardware
2520 Broadway, Gary, IN
(219) 886-3136

Car Batteries

- Large batteries (car, boat, lead acid) are not accepted at any Hazardous Waste Collection Events. You may bring these batteries to the local Auto Zone or O'Reilly's both located on Grant Street.

AutoZone
3656 Grant St.
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 985-2249

O'Reilly's
3717 Grant St.
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 240-2175

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Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
(219) 882-3000

Automotive Fluids can also be taken to O'Reilly's.

Light Bulbs

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

- CFLs can be taken to Home Depot, Lowe's, Menard's, or Office Depot for disposal. *Please call before utilizing this service.*

Fluorescent Tubes

- Gary Residents should bring any fluorescent tubes to our Household Hazardous Waste Collections or any Menard's location. More information can be found [here](#).
- Businesses can take fluorescent tubes to Office Depot.

Incandescent "regular" light bulbs and LED bulbs can be disposed in the garbage.

Medication

- Both of our local pharmacies (CVS & Walgreens) will properly dispose of unwanted and/or expired medication.

CVS
1350 Broadway
Gary, IN
(219) 885-6355

Walgreens
2500 Grant St.
Gary, IN
(219) 949-1055

***Any sharps (needles), uncontrolled substances and medical waste should be reported to the City of Gary using the 311 system.**

***Please do not dump unwanted medication down the drain or flush it down the toilet**

Tires

- ALL businesses operating in Indiana are required by law to properly dispose of their used tires as solid waste. The [Indiana Waste Tire Disposal Code](#) is available for public view at IDEM's Office of Land Quality website.

Electronic Appliances (E-Waste)

- [The City of Gary's Recycling Department](#) will recycle all e-waste for residents. Give them a call at (219) 882-8445 ext. 3
- Large Appliances (refrigerators, washing machines) in working condition can be recycled through [NIPSCO's Appliance Recycling Program](#). They will pick up appliances directly from the home free of charge. They may even give \$50 for your appliance.

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