

DROP-OFF RECYCLING SITES

District drop-off recycling sites provide you with containers for glass, plastic, metal cans, paper products and cardboard. Find the location nearest you:

- **Boone Grove, just east of Boone Grove Fire Department, 319 W. 550 South**
- **Burns Harbor, 1240 Boo Rd.**
- **Chesterton, 1600 Pioneer Trail (Strack & VanTil)**
- **Hebron, 125 N. Main St.**
- **Kouts, 406 S. Kouts St.**
- **Valparaiso, 2196 W. U.S. 30 (Strack & VanTil)**



Accepted Materials

The District drop-off recycling and most curbside recycling programs in Porter County share some basic, easy-to-follow guidelines:

PAPER AND CARDBOARD

Accepted: Newspapers, catalogs, phone books, file folders, office paper, envelopes, junk mail, glossy paper, magazines, wrapping paper, flattened cardboard boxes, and paper-board boxes, such as cereal, tissue, frozen food boxes.

Not accepted: Self-stick labels, shredded paper, used paper plates, tissue paper, gum/candy wrappers, paper cups, paper towels, pizza boxes.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Accepted: Clear and colored glass containers. Containers should be empty, lightly rinsed and labels can be left on.

Not accepted: Flat glass, window panes, mirrors, light bulbs, flatware, dinnerware, drinkware, ceramics or Pyrex.

CARTONS

Accepted: Milk, juice, soup, broth and other beverage cartons. Lightly rinse and leave caps on.

Not accepted: Ice cream cartons and foam egg cartons.

PLASTIC

Accepted: Bottles, tubs, containers. Nothing larger than 5 gallon buckets. Lightly rinse and place in bins with lids on. Remove spray nozzles (triggers) from household cleaners and throw them in the garbage.

Not accepted: Large storage bins, bubble wrap, plastic wrap, plastic bags, snack bags, hoses, flex packaging, plastic silverware, straws, plastic packaging, CD/DVD cases, Solo cups, prescription bottles, vinyl siding, motor oil containers, clothes hangers, and anything made of Styrofoam or polystyrene.

ALUMINUM, TIN AND OTHER METAL CANS

Accepted: Pop cans, soup cans, vegetable cans, coffee cans, aluminum trays and pie tins, etc. Cans should be empty and lightly rinsed. Leave labels on.

Not accepted: Aerosol cans, hangers, large scrap metal.

The types of accepted materials can change at any time depending on the markets. Questions on the types of accepted materials can be directed to the District.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Education is an essential part of our mission of waste reduction. The District strives to educate ALL residents of Porter County.

Adults and Civic Groups

- The Master Recycler Program offers adults a comprehensive, multi-week waste reduction education and certification.
- Presentations can be made for any interested organizations and civic groups, based on speaker availability.
- The District also offers an e-mailed newsletter that gives residents great information on the environment and helps residents keep up to date on waste reduction events
- Our social media sites offer info on the latest news, guidelines, events and more. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Porter County Schools, grades K-12

FREE interactive presentations that meet Indiana state science and social studies standards are available to all teachers and classrooms in Porter County. Topics include: "The Three R's," "Wonderful Worms," "Garbology," and more!



- **DROP-OFF RECYCLING LOCATIONS**
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- **AND MUCH MORE!**

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MOBILE COLLECTIONS

Household hazardous waste or “HHW” are unwanted products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients that require special care upon disposal. The District sponsors collections around the county each year to help residents safely discard products containing hazardous substances.



Accepted Items Include:

- Aerosols
- Alcohol-based lotions
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Auto body filler
- Bathroom cleaners
- Batteries (household and automotive)
- Corrosives
- Diesel
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Dry cleaning solvents
- Flammable liquids
- Floor care products
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Medications
- Mercury containing products (fluorescent tube lights, CFLs, thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- Metal polish
- Moth balls
- Nail polish and remover
- Oil
- Oven cleaners
- Paint (oil-based and usable latex)
- Photographic chemicals
- Poisons
- Pesticides
- Primer
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Thinners and solvents
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Sharps (needles)

UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Don't wait for a mobile collection; unwanted prescription medications can be taken to these locations any time for proper disposal. No sharps (needles), nasal sprays or liquids.

Visit our website for more locations.

- Chesterton Police Dept., 790 Broadway
- Hebron Police Dept., 611 N. Main St.
- Portage Police Dept., 6260 Central
- Porter County Sheriff's Dept., 2755 S. Ind. 49
- Porter Police Dept., 50 Francis St.
- Valparaiso Police Dept., 355 S. Washington

ELECTRONICS, OLD MEDIA, TONER DROP-OFF SITES

- **Compost sites: Valparaiso and Boone Grove sites, addresses next column.**
- **Portage Street Department: 2302 Hamstrom Rd. Call for hours, 762-4564.**

This is a DROP-OFF program. Anyone dropping off electronics for recycling is responsible for taking their items from the vehicle and placing the items in designated bins. No media with film accepted, i.e.: video/audio cassettes.



The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County is an agency dedicated to improving the environment and quality of life by providing services and educational programs which help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPOST SITES

- Valparaiso: 2150 W. Lincolnway
- Boone Grove: 546 S. 400 West
- Portage: 6451 U.S. Hwy 12

At these locations, Porter County residents can:

- Deposit organic yard waste (leaves, garden clippings, houseplants, brush, limbs, logs, etc.)
- Take as much compost, wood chips and firewood as they can haul themselves.

General site information

- Open April through the first weekend in December. Visit our website for hours.
- Grass accepted at the Boone Grove site only.
- No treated wood or lumber of any kind accepted.

Items also accepted for recycling: (*not available at Portage)

- Household batteries
- Compact or tube fluorescent light bulbs*
- Old media (DVDs, video games, CDs) *
- Electronics, anything run by batteries or electric (no large appliances)*
- Printer/toner cartridges*
- Smoke detectors



HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

The District sponsors more than 40 locations throughout Porter County where residents can drop off household batteries for recycling.

Visit www.PorterCountyRecycling.org to locate a convenient site near you.



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Latex Paint Recycling
- Adopt-A-County-Road Program
- Special Event Recycling Container Loan Program
- Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration
- Smoke Detector Recycling Program



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