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Kent County Department of Public Works updates online recycling, waste directory

*Easy-to-use searchable guide helps residents properly recycle,
reduce waste*

Grand Rapids, MI – The **Kent County Department of Public Works** (DPW) has updated its online [Recycling & Waste Directory](#) so Kent County residents can easily find how to dispose of, reuse or recycle items.

The Recycling & Waste Directory is a resource that helps residents reduce the materials they throw away and works toward Kent County's goal of diverting material from a landfill. Users can explore the directory via the search bar or click a category to find reuse, recycling or other disposal services provided by the DPW or other community outlets.

"We all have items in our homes and garages that we might not know how to dispose of, and our Recycling & Waste Directory offers an easy way to find that information and properly dispose of the item," said **Steve Faber**, communications and marketing manager with the DPW. "We encourage Kent County residents to consult the guide before placing questionable items in their trash bins so each item can be put to its best use instead of being dumped in the landfill."

The directory includes a wide variety of categories, from single stream recycling to composting to seasonal and household items. The searchable guide is user-friendly and streamlined, offering users multiple disposal options for any given item. Additionally, the updated directory allows users to provide real-time feedback, either to request a change in information, remove a listed community resource or add a community resource to a specific item resource page, allowing for a dynamic directory that highlights the good waste diversion work already being done in the community.

In 2016, the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum's Economic Impact Potential and Characterization study showed 75% of what we call "trash" can be diverted from landfills. The purpose of the directory is to provide Kent County Residents alternative disposal options for many of the items that can be reused or recycled rather than going to the landfill, helping to protect our air, land and water.

The Kent County Department of Public Works provides municipal solid waste disposal services to ensure the effective removal, storage and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste through various facilities and programs, including Waste-to-Energy, the Recycling and Education Center, North Kent Transfer Station and South Kent Landfill.

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