

# CLARE COUNTY

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

# OVERVIEW

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has shifted their focus from disposal as the primary effort towards a circular economy where all waste materials find their highest and best use. Michigan took its first steps towards materials management a few years ago by securing funding to support an economy that reuses and recycles resources. An important component of that funding is for Solid Waste Management Planning – also referred to as Materials Management Planning. Materials management plans form the foundation of the changes the state is preparing to make.

To support this new era of materials management and future planning activities, EGLE initiated a massive data collection project to document and inventory the current state of materials management systems in all municipalities within Michigan's 83 counties. The primary objective of the Michigan Materials Management Infrastructure and Program project, also known as Mega Data, is to provide the baseline of data necessary for counties to develop future materials management plans and provide a roadmap for materials management moving forward. The data collected through the project would also be applied to the Benchmark Recycling Standard analysis developed by EGLE to help understand access to recycling services in the state, where gaps exist, and where EGLE may focus their support to improve access and infrastructure in the state.

EGLE contracted with Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) to support this large undertaking to gather, compile and analyze information from across the state.

## PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY PROFILE

The County Profile was developed for two purposes. First, the profiles provided the opportunity to summarize all the information collected for all 83 counties and their municipalities to date as a project milestone. Second, despite the extensive research and information collection, RRS acknowledges that the information presented here may be incomplete. The County Profiles offered the opportunity for each county to review, edit and add to their county's profile information before finalizing as a deliverable for the Mega Data project. Later in the process, EGLE added the review of the County Profile as a requirement of the Materials Management County Engagement Grants (MMCE).

## COUNTY PROFILE DEVELOPMENT

The County Profiles contain information that reflects research and outreach to understand programs and services available at the county and municipal levels. The information summarized here corresponds to information required in the state's Solid Waste Management Plan format and will assist counties and designated planning agencies with plan development. This profile focuses on residential programs and services. The information for the Profiles was collected from the following sources:

- Approved Solid Waste Management Plans
- EGLE's Waste Data System (WDS)
- EGLE's Recycle Search tool
- EGLE's Recycling Specialist staff
- Interviews with County program coordinators and designated planning agents
- County Run Measurement Program Survey via ReTRAC
- Municipal Measurement Program Survey via ReTRAC
- Information obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests
- Direct outreach through phone calls, emails, and letters to all target audiences and related groups or organizations with access to target audiences

- Web research
- Participation by Counties in the MMCE Grant Program

## DISCLAIMER

This information presented here was gathered and compiled over several years by RRS on behalf of EGLE for the Mega Data project. The profile was originally developed as a tool to summarize information collected and engage counties in review of the information for finalization. The profile is not intended for use as a reference guide for residents or purposes other than to provide counties with information to support future materials management planning. Information, programs, and services can change frequently and therefore information presented here may be out of date. If information has been omitted or requires update, please contact RRS at [alynott@recycle.com](mailto:alynott@recycle.com).

# ACCESS AND COLLECTION

## COUNTY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Clare County provides drop-off recycling services to participating townships and household hazardous waste collection once per year.

## MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND SERVICES OVERVIEW

Programs and services offered or provided by municipalities for their residents are summarized by material type and then in two tables. One table features curbside services, and the other table features drop-off services. Programs and services are offered by a different entity other than the municipality and are noted in the tables.

### TRASH

About 69% of the county's population have access to curbside trash collection through contracted haulers. Several communities have access to drop-off residential trash locations.

### RECYCLING

In Clare County, 16% of the population has access to curbside recycling collection services through contracted haulers. All the population can access permanent drop-off recycling locations, which accept materials such as paper, glass, plastics #1 and #2, and metals.

### YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials, such as brush and leaves, can be collected curbside for 19% of the county's population through contracted haulers. Approximately 21% of the county has access to municipal yard waste drop-off locations.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Clare County hosts household hazardous waste collection events for residents annually. Accepted items include automotive fluids, motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, tires, batteries, oil-based paint, lawn chemicals, household cleaners, electronics, tube televisions, and aerosol cans.

### OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

## LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- American Waste
- GFL Environmental
- Municipal
- Republic Services
- Waste Management

## CURBSIDE SERVICES BY MUNICIPALITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Arthur township	GFL Environmental			
Clare city (part)	Waste Management	City of Clare Curbside Recycling	City of Clare Yard Waste Collection	
Farwell village	Village of Farwell Municipal Garbage Pickup		Village of Farwell Yard & Brush Removal	
Franklin township	Franklin Township Trash Pick-Up			
Freeman township	American Waste			
Frost township				
Garfield township				
Grant township	Subscription			
Greenwood township	GFL Environmental			
Hamilton township	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	
Harrison city	American Waste		City of Harrison	
Hatton township				
Hayes township	Waste Management Inc.		Hayes Township Yard Waste Collection	
Lincoln township	American Waste		American Waste	
Redding township				
Clare County				
Remainder of Surrey township	Surrey Township Curbside			

Sheridan township	Sheridan Township Curbside			
Summerfield township				
Winterfield township				

## DROP-OFF SERVICES BY MUNICIPALITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH DROP-OFF SERVICES (PERMANENT)	RECYCLING DROP-OFF SERVICES (PERMANENT)	YARD WASTE OR OTHER ORGANICS DROP-OFF (PERMANENT)	OTHER PERMANENT DROP-OFF SERVICES	TEMPORARY DROP-OFF SERVICES
Arthur township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Clare city		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Farwell village		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Franklin township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Freeman township	Freeman Township Transfer Station	Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Frost township	Frost Township Transfer Station	Clare County Department of Solid			Clare County Department of

		Waste and Recycling			Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Garfield township</b>	Garfield Township Transfer Station	Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling;  Garfield-Grant-Surrey Drop-off Recycling	Garfield township Drop-off		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Grant township</b>		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling;  Garfield-Grant-Surrey Drop-off Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Greenwood township</b>		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Hamilton township</b>		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Harrison city</b>		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling	City of Harrison Drop-off		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Hatton township</b>	Northern Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility	Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
<b>Hayes township</b>		Clare County Department of Solid			Clare County Department of

		Waste and Recycling			Solid Waste and Recycling
Lincoln township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling	Lincoln township Drop-off		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Redding township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Surrey township	Surrey Township Transfer Facility	Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling; Garfield-Grant-Surrey Drop-off Recycling	Surrey township Drop-off		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Sheridan township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Summerfield township		Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Winterfield township	Winterfield Township Transfer Station	Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling			Clare County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling



# FACILITIES

## MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

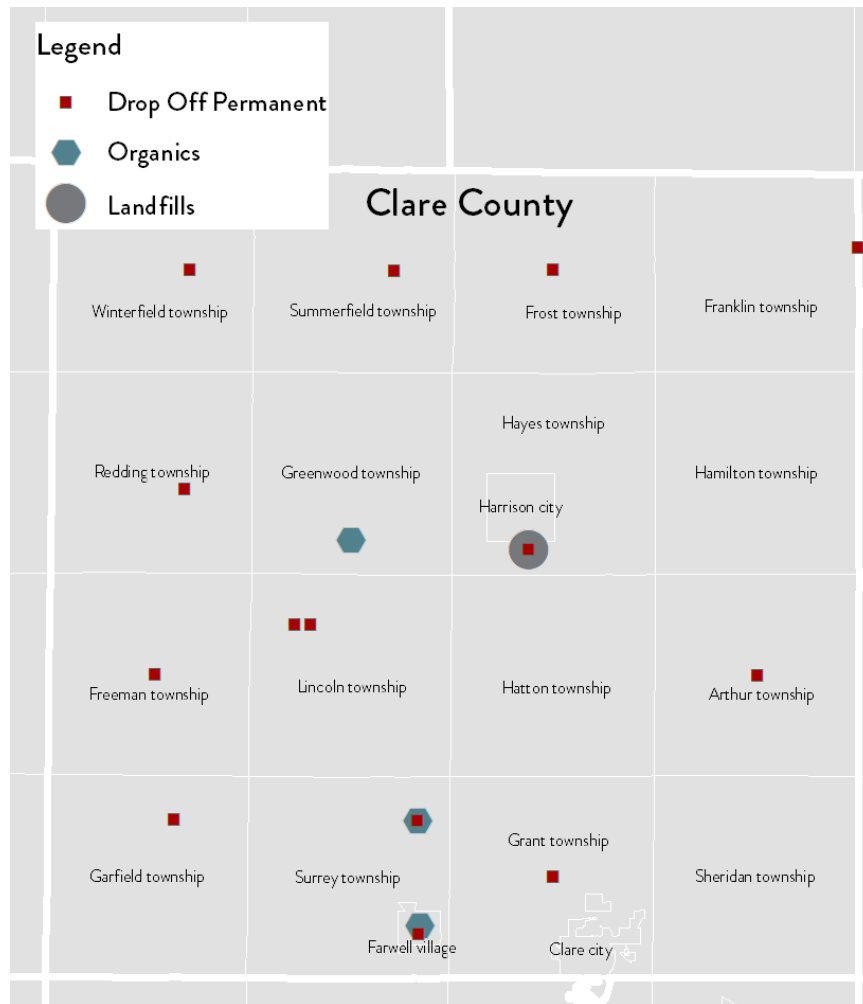
FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Harrison	2998 E Lilly Lake Rd	Harrison	
Compost (Yard Waste)	Lincoln Township Compost Field Lake	4266 W Arthur Rd	Lake George	
Compost (Yard Waste)	Surrey Township Transfer Station			
Drop-off (T, NT)	Arthur Township	3031 S Athey Ave	Clare	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Franklin Township Recycling Drop Off	9809 M-18	Gladwin	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Freeman Township Recycling Bin	8625 W Ashard	Lake	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T)	Frost Township Transfer Station	9031 N Clare Ave	Frost Township	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, NT, C&D, O)	Garfield Township Transfer Station			Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Grant Township Recycling	3022 Surrey Rd	Clare	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	Lincoln Township Compost Field	4266 W Arthur Rd	Lake George	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Lincoln Township Recycling Drop Off	507 Arthur Rd	Lake George	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, C&D, O)	Northern Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility	513 N. County Farm Rd.	Harrison	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T)	Redding Township			Permanent Drop-off

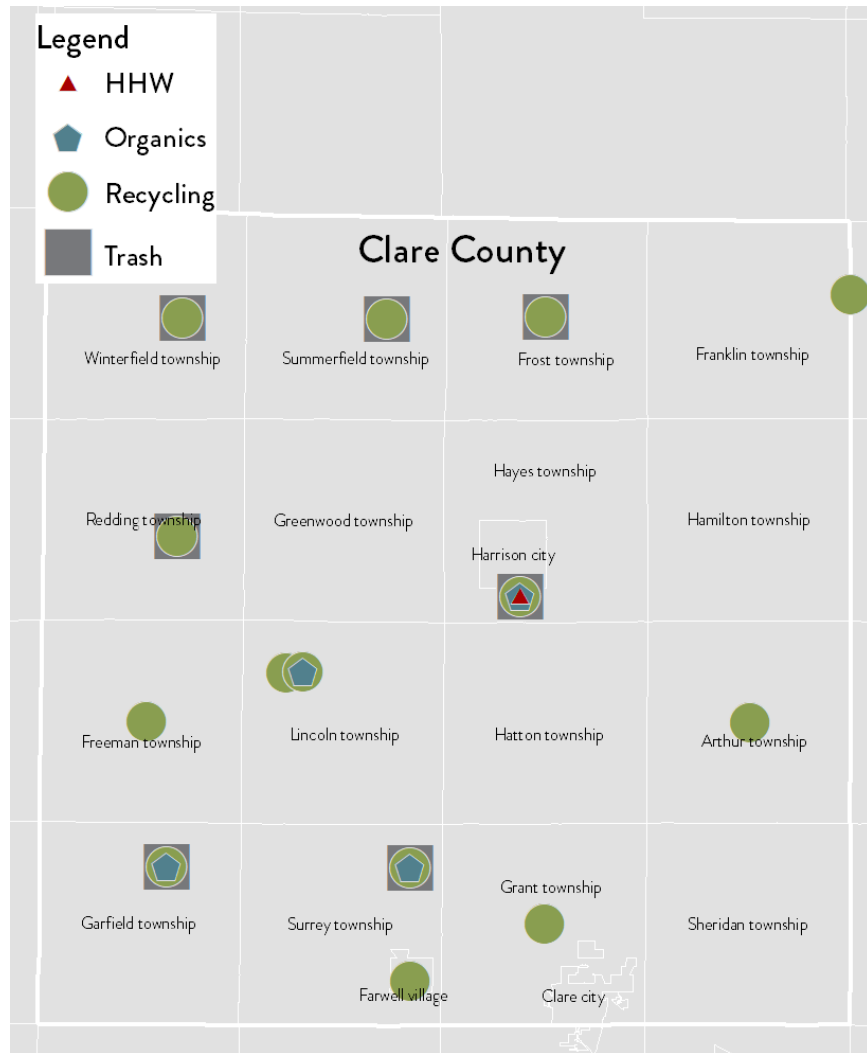
Drop-off (B, T)	Summerfield Township Transfer Station	9971 Finley Lake Rd	Harrison	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT, O)	Surrey Township Transfer Station			Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Village of Farwell Recycling Bin	225 S Hall	Farwell	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T)	Winterfield Township	7900 Haskell Lake Rd	Marion	Permanent Drop-off
Landfill	Northern Oaks Recycling & Disposal Facility	513 N Country Farm Road	Harrison	

Drop-off Facility Types: B = Transfer Station Type B; C&D = Construction & Demolition; NT = Source-Separated Recycling Drop-off Non-Traditional; T = Source-Separated Recycling Traditional; O = Organics; WDC = Waste Diversion Center

### FACILITY SUMMARY MAP



## FACILITY BY MATERIAL TYPE



# POLICY

## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Municipality	Policy type	Requirement
Clare city (part)	Ordinance	Weekly Recycling Collection
Harrison city	Ordinance	Recycling Not Mandated - Weekly Recycling Collection
Freeman Township	Ordinance	Littering, Anti-Blight, Hazardous Waste Disposal

## MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Harrison city	Municipal Utility/Service Fees			
Farwell village	Municipal Utility/Service Fees			
Hamilton township	Special Assessment	Special Assessment	Special Assessment	

## COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

## COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISMS

No county funding mechanisms obtained.

# DATA

## REPORTED DATA

No reported data.

## RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) <sup>1</sup>	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Arthur township	795	360	26	30	304
Clare city	3,052	1,524	240	116	1,168
Farwell village	966	438	31	37	370
Franklin township	866	392	28	33	331
Freeman township	989	448	32	38	378
Frost township	1,230	557	40	47	471
Garfield township	1,963	890	64	75	751
Grant township	3,323	1,506	108	127	1,272
Greenwood township	1,186	538	38	45	454
Hamilton township	1,758	878	138	67	673
Harrison city	2,034	922	66	78	778
Hatton township	877	397	28	33	336
Hayes township	4,620	2,094	150	176	1,768
Lincoln township	1,500	680	49	57	574
Redding township	424	192	14	16	162
Sheridan township	1,849	838	60	70	708
Summerfield township	299	136	10	11	114
Surrey township	2,603	1,180	84	99	996
Winterfield township	383	174	12	15	147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,717</b>	<b>14,144</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>11,755</b>

## COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Clare	4,582	7,291	780	6,511

<sup>1</sup> Due to rounding, total waste generation tonnages may not equal the sum of the total diversion and disposal tonnages.

## TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) <sup>1</sup>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Clare	21,434	3,169	18,265