

# MECOSTA 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

No county run programs or services are available in Mecosta County.

## 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 26% of the population has access to curbside trash collection through contract. The remainder of the county is most likely served by the open market where residents make their own arrangements for trash collection, also known as subscription services.

### RECYCLING

All of Mecosta County can access drop-off recycling service through Recycle of Mecosta County, which accepts paper, cardboard, clear glass bottles, plastics #1, #2, and #6, and metal cans and scrap. Only one community offers its residents with access to contracted curbside recycling services.

### YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials can be collected curbside by contracted haulers for 25% of the county's population. There are currently no yard waste drop-off locations available to the county's residents.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties provides the local population with drop-off services for the collection of automotive fluids, motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, alkaline batteries, oil-based paint, lawn chemicals, household cleaners, pharmaceuticals, and fluorescent bulbs.

### OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

## LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- Republic Services
- Barryton Village DPW

## CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Barryton village	Republic Services Inc.		Barryton Village DPW	
Big Rapids charter township				
Big Rapids city	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services	
Canadian Lakes CDP				
Chippewa township				
Colfax township				
Grant township				
Green charter township				
Hinton township				
Martiny township				
Mecosta village				
Millbrook township				
Morley village				
Aetna township				
Austin township				
Deerfield township				
Fork township				
Mecosta township				
Morton township				
Sheridan township				

Stanwood village				
Wheatland township				

### DROP-OFF SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

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
Barryton village		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Big Rapids charter township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Big Rapids city		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Canadian Lakes CDP		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Chippewa township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties

Colfax township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Grant township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Green charter township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Hinton township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Martiny township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Mecosta village		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Millbrook township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties

Morley village		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Aetna township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Austin township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Deerfield township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Fork township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Mecosta township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Morton township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties



Sheridan township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Stanwood village		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties
Wheatland township		Recycle of Mecosta County			Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties

# FACILITIES

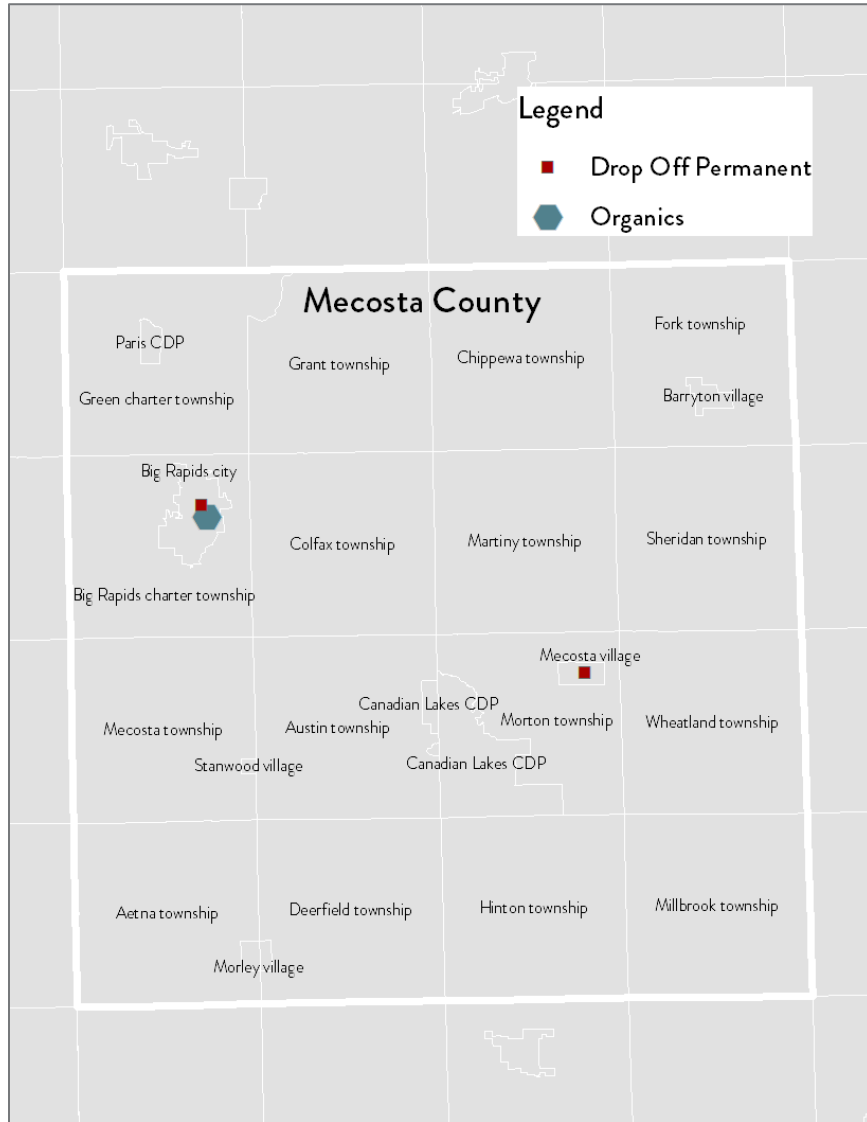
## MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

### FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

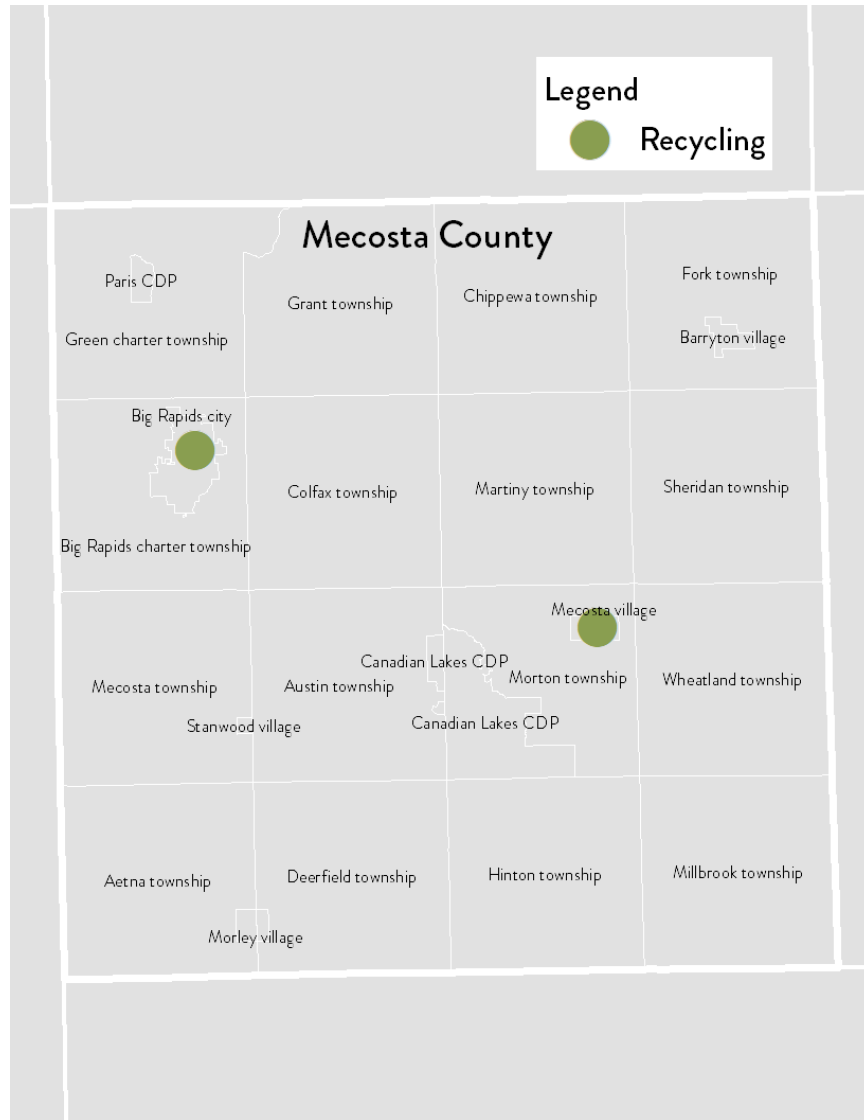
FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Big Rapids Compost Facility	614 S 3RD AVE	Big Rapids	
Drop-off (T, NT)	Morton Township Recycling	290 W Main St	Mecosta	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Recycle of Mecosta County	424 North 4th Avenue	Big Rapids	Permanent Drop-off

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	Description
Big Rapids city	Ordinance	Subscription Recycling Collection

## MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Big Rapids city	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Municipal Utility/Service Fees

## COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances were obtained.

## COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISMS

No funding mechanisms were 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)
Aetna township	1,763	799	57	67	675
Austin township	1,367	620	44	52	523
Barryton village	352	160	11	13	135
Big Rapids charter township	4,815	2,182	156	184	1,842
Big Rapids city	10,358	5,172	814	395	3,963
Canadian Lakes CDP	2,377	1,077	77	91	910
Canadian Lakes CDP	383	174	12	15	147
Chippewa township	1,124	509	36	43	430
Colfax township	2,169	983	70	83	830
Deerfield township	1,896	859	62	72	725
Fork township	1,083	491	35	41	414
Grant township	660	299	21	25	253
Green charter township	3,088	1,400	100	118	1,182
Hinton township	1,232	558	40	47	471
Martiny township	1,724	781	56	66	660
Mecosta township	2,484	1,126	81	95	950
Mecosta village	527	239	17	20	202
Millbrook township	974	441	32	37	373
Morley village	354	160	11	13	135
Morley village	224	102	7	9	86
Morton township	1,473	668	48	56	564
Paris CDP	251	106	0	10	96
Sheridan township	1,298	588	42	49	497
Stanwood village	187	85	6	7	72
Wheatland township	1,318	597	43	50	504
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,481</b>	<b>20,176</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>16,639</b>

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

## COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Mecosta	7,977	11,309	1,357	9,951

## TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) <small>Bookmark not defined.</small>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Mecosta	31,484	4,895	26,589