

# ALLEGAN 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

Allegan County coordinates curbside recycling, drop-off recycling, regional drop-offs, and household hazardous waste programs for municipalities that partner with the county through their Resource Recovery Program. Services in the county are not county-wide for all residents, but for residents of municipalities that opt in. Partner municipalities pay for these services through property taxes. The funding mechanism utilized in Allegan County is Public Act 138.

## 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

Nine communities in Allegan County provide curbside trash collection service. Approximately 15% of the county's population have access to trash collection through contracted haulers and 4% of the population has access through municipal haulers. The remainder of the communities may be serviced by subscription haulers. Ten communities, covering 25% of the county's population, also own and operate transfer stations that accept residential trash.

### RECYCLING

Recycling is collected curbside in 21 communities. Approximately 53% of the county's population reside in communities serviced by contracted haulers for recycling collection. Residents in participating communities can also utilize the Allegan County Resource Recovery Program drop-off, which collects paper, glass, plastics #1-7, and metal.

### YARD WASTE

In Allegan County, many residents receive curbside collection for common yard waste materials. Several communities provide curbside yard waste pickup through their Departments of Public Works or Public Services, while Holland city contracts with Republic Services for yard waste collection. Yard waste drop-offs are only available in the cities of Allegan and Otsego.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Most of the county can dispose of hazardous waste through the Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service, which hosts both permanent and temporary drop-off locations. These locations accept materials such as alkaline, rechargeable, and automotive batteries, oil-based paint, household cleaners, pharmaceuticals, fluorescent bulbs, and aerosol cans.

### OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

## LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- Republic Services
- Arrowaste
- Best Way Disposal
- City of Otsego
- Municipal yard waste collection

## CURBSIDE SERVICES BY MUNICIPALITY

| MUNICIPALITY NAME         | TRASH COLLECTOR        | RECYCLING COLLECTOR    | YARD WASTE COLLECTOR                            | OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Allegan city</b>       |                        |                        | City of Allegan Spring Spruce Up/Fall Gather Up |                         |
| <b>Allegan township</b>   |                        |                        | Allegan Township Fall Leaf Pick-Up              |                         |
| <b>Casco township</b>     |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Cheshire township</b>  |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Clyde township</b>     |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Dorr township</b>      |                        | Arrowaste              |   |                         |
| <b>Douglas city</b>       | Republic Services Inc. | Republic Services Inc. | City of Douglas                                 |                         |
| <b>Fennville city</b>     | Arrowaste              |                        | Fennville Spring Brush Pickup                   |                         |
| <b>Fillmore township</b>  |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Ganges township</b>    |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Gun Plain township</b> | Republic Services Inc. | Republic Services Inc. |   |                         |
| <b>Heath township</b>     |                        | Republic Services Inc. |   |                         |
| <b>Holland city</b>       | Republic Services Inc. | Republic Services Inc. | Republic Services Inc.                          |                         |
| <b>Hopkins village</b>    |                        | Republic Services Inc. |   |                         |
| <b>Laketown township</b>  |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Lee township</b>       |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Leighton township</b>  |                        | Arrowaste              |   |                         |
| <b>Manlius township</b>   |                        |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Martin village</b>     |                        | Republic Services Inc. | Martin Village DPW                              |                         |

|                                |                             |                        |                             |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Monterey township</b>       |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Otsego city</b>             | City of Otsego Public Works | Best Way Disposal      | City of Otsego Public Works |  |
| <b>Otsego township</b>         | Republic Services Inc.      | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Overisel township</b>       |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Plainwell city</b>          | Republic Services Inc.      | Republic Services Inc. | Plainwell city              |  |
| <b>Hopkins township</b>        |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Martin township</b>         |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Salem township</b>          |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>Saugatuck city</b>          | Republic Services Inc.      | Republic Services Inc. | City of Saugatuck           |  |
| <b>Saugatuck township</b>      |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |
| <b>South Haven city (part)</b> | Republic Services Inc.      | Best Way Disposal      |                             |  |
| <b>Trowbridge township</b>     |                             |                        |                             |  |
| <b>Valley township</b>         | Republic Services Inc.      |                        |                             |  |
| <b>Watson township</b>         |                             |                        |                             |  |
| <b>Wayland city</b>            |                             | Republic Services Inc. | City of Wayland             |  |
| <b>Wayland township</b>        |                             | Republic Services Inc. |                             |  |

## 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                                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Allegan city</b>      |                                     |  | City of Allegan Yard Waste Drop Off               |   |   |
| <b>Allegan township</b>  |                                     | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |   | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Casco township</b>    | Casco Township Transfer Station     | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |   | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Cheshire township</b> | Cheshire Township Transfer Station  | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |   | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Clyde township</b>    | Clyde Township Transfer Station     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Dorr township</b>     |                                     | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |   | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Douglas city</b>      |                                     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Fennville city</b>    |                                     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Fillmore township</b> |                                     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Ganges township</b>   | Ganges Township                     |  |   |   |   |

|                            | Regional Transfer Station                  |  |  |   |   |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Gun Plain township</b>  |  |  |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Heath township</b>      |  | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Holland city (part)</b> |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Hopkins village</b>     |  | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Laketown township</b>   |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Lee township</b>        | Lee Township Transfer Station              |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Leighton township</b>   |  | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Manlius township</b>    | Manlius Township Regional Transfer Station | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Martin village</b>      |  | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste                    | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste                    |



|                          |                                    |  |                         |   |   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|---|
|                          |                                    |  |                         | Collection Service  | Collection Service  |
| <b>Monterey township</b> | Monterey Township Transfer Station | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |                         | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Otsego city</b>       | City of Otsego Transfer Station    |  | Otsego Transfer Station | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Otsego township</b>   |                                    | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |                         | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Overisel township</b> | Overisel Township Transfer Station |  |                         | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Plainwell city</b>    |                                    |  |                         |   |   |
| <b>Hopkins township</b>  |                                    | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |                         | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Martin township</b>   |                                    | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |                         | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |

|                                |                                 |  |  |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Salem township</b>          | Salem Township Transfer Station | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Saugatuck city</b>          |                                 |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Saugatuck township</b>      |                                 |  |  |   |   |
| <b>South Haven city (part)</b> |                                 |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Trowbridge township</b>     |                                 | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Valley township</b>         |                                 |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Watson township</b>         |                                 |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Wayland city</b>            |                                 |  |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |
| <b>Wayland township</b>        |                                 | Allegan County Resource Recovery Program |  | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service | Allegan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service |

# FACILITIES

## MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

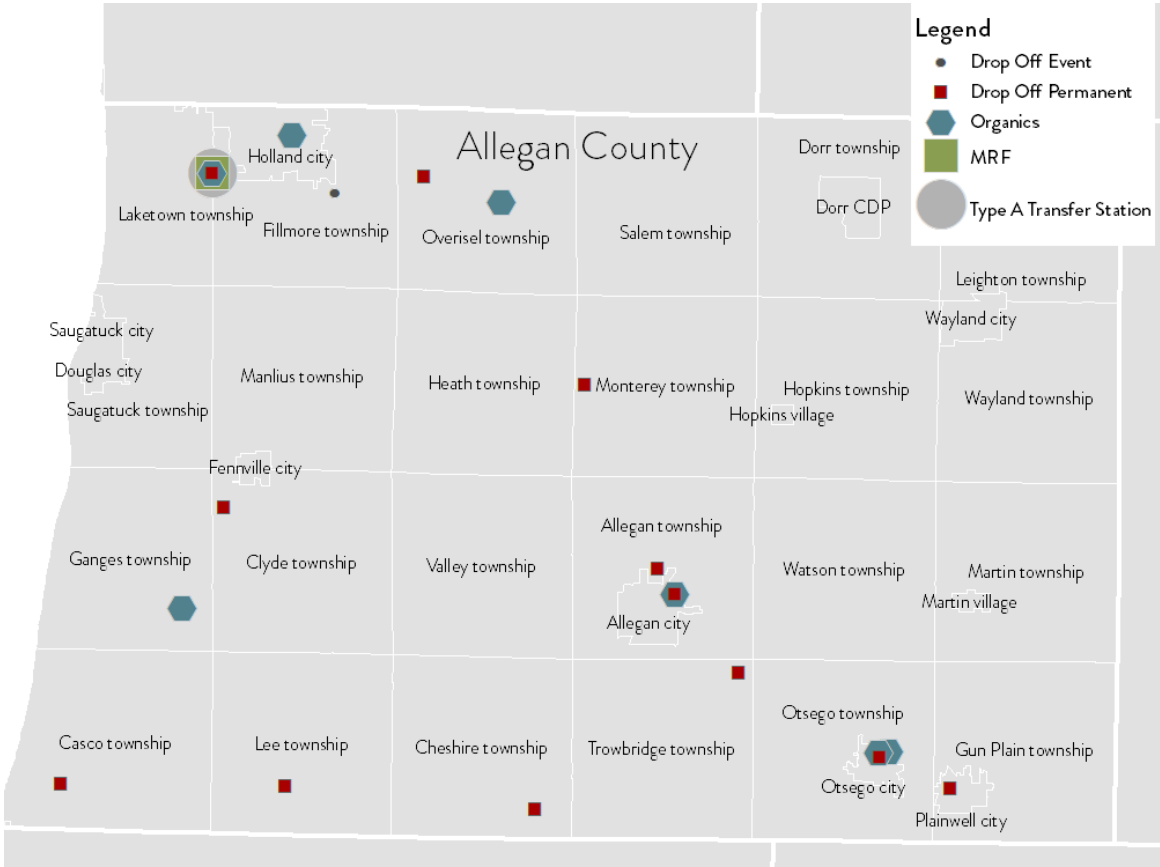
| FACILITY TYPE                 | FACILITY NAME  | FACILITY ADDRESS       | CITY        | PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Anaerobic Digester            | Hillside Farms Overisel                              | 4095 142nd Avenue      | Hamilton    |                        |
| Anaerobic Digester            | Scenic View Dairy - Fennville                        | 1510 62nd Street       | Fennville   |                        |
| Compost Facility (Yard Waste) | Otsego Transfer Station                              | 117 Helen Ave          | Otsego      |                        |
| Compost (Yard Waste)          | Renewed Earth  | 255 E River Street     | Otsego      |                        |
| Compost (Yard Waste)          | Year Round Yard Waste Drop Off - City of Allegan DPW | 691 Airway Drive       | Allegan     |                        |
| Compost (Other)               | City of Holland Board of Water & Light               | 491 E 48th Street      | Holland     |                        |
| Compost (Yard Waste & Other)  | Cocoa Corporation                                    | 4368 60th Street       | Holland     |                        |
| Drop-off (T)                  | Allegan Township Recycling Station                   | 3037 118th Ave.        | Allegan     | Permanent Drop-off     |
| Drop-off (T, NT, WDC)         | Broken Arrow Recycling                               | 1100 Lincoln Rd (M-89) | Allegan     | Permanent Drop-off     |
| Drop-off (B, T, NT, O, WDC)   | Casco Township Transfer Station                      | 6971 103 Rd Avenue     | South Haven | Permanent Drop-off     |
| Drop-off (T)                  | Cheshire Township Recycling and Transfer Station     | 3846 102nd Ave         | Allegan     | Permanent Drop-off     |

|   |  |                         |                |                    |
|---|--|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Drop-off (T, B, NT, WDC)</b>             | Clyde-Manlius-Ganges Township Transfer Station           | 5073 122nd Avenue       | Fennville      | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B, WDC)</b>                    | Fillmore Township Spring Clean-up                        | 4219 52nd St            | Holland        | Temporary Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (WDC, NT)</b>                   | Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan - Plainwell | 1346 Michigan 89        | Plainwell      | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B, T)</b>                      | Lee Township Transfer Station                            | 335 55th Street         | Grand Junction | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B, T, C&amp;D)</b>             | Monterey Township Transfer Station                       | 3521 130th Avenue       | Hopkins        | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B, T, O, NT, C&amp;D, WDC)</b> | Otsego Transfer Station                                  | 224 North Farmer Street | Otsego         | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B)</b>                         | Overisel Township Transfer Station                       |                         |                | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (B)</b>                         | Westshore Recycling And Transfer Station                 | 4368 60th St.           | Holland        | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Drop-off (O)</b>                         | Year Round Yard Waste Drop Off - City of Allegan DPW     | 691 Airway Drive        | Allegan        | Permanent Drop-off |
| <b>Transfer Station – Type A</b>            | Westshore Recycling And Transfer Station                 | 4368 60th St.           | Holland        |                    |
| <b>MRF</b>                                  | Westshore Recycling and Transfer Station                 | 4368 60th St.           | Holland        |                    |
| <b>End Market</b>                           | USG Otsego Paper   | 320 N Farmer St.        | Otsego         |                    |

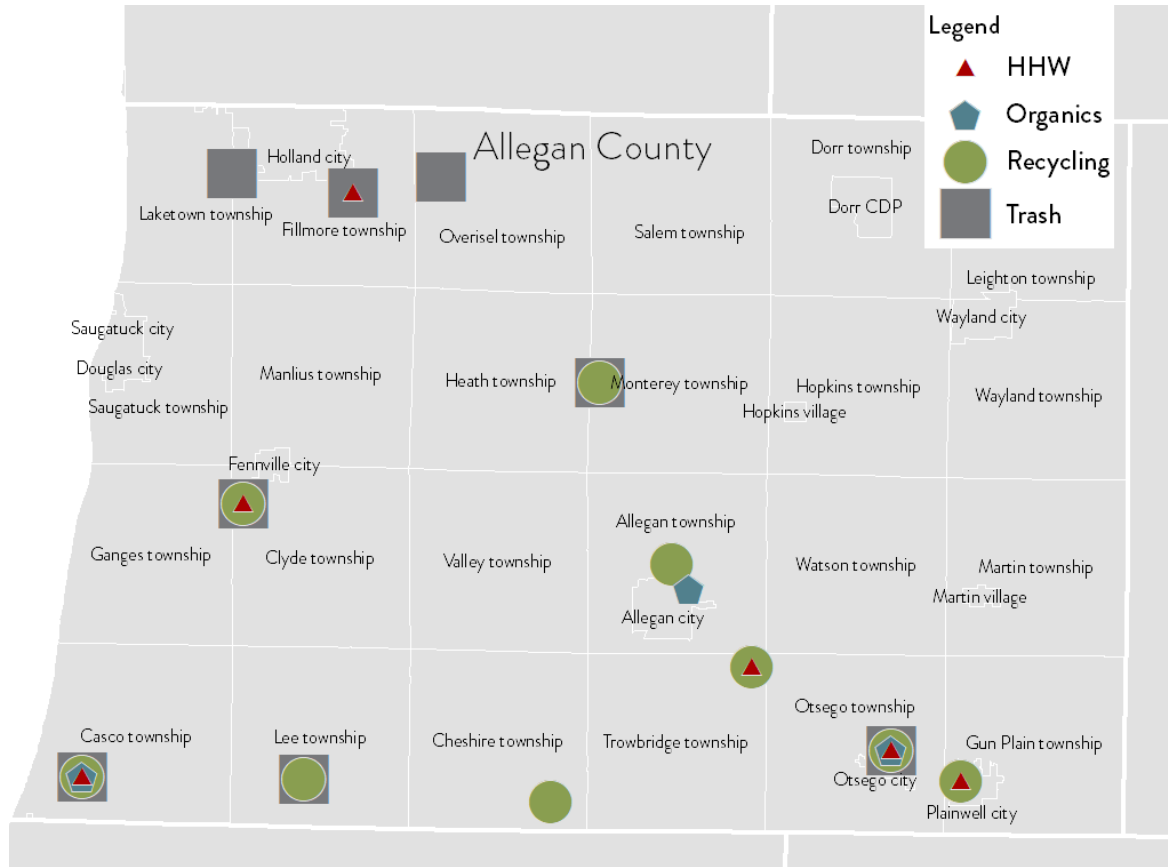
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| <b>End Market</b> | East Jordan Plastics -<br>South Haven | 1600 Stieve Dr. | South Haven |  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|

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    | Ordinance Description  |
|-----------------|--|
| Fennville city  | Ordinance No. 70 of 1963; Standard ordinance regarding proper collection and disposal of garbage |
| Otsego city     | Can for Waste; Recycling Container Location  |
| Saugatuck city  | Cart for Waste; Bin for Recycling; Recycling Container Location                                  |
| Valley township | Truck Requirements   |

## FUNDING MECHANISMS

| Municipality       | Waste Collection                  | Recycling Collection              | Organics Collection | Bulky Item Collection |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Holland city       | Hauler Collected Fees             |                                   |                     |                       |
| Otsego township    | Legislatively Authorized Millages | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Dorr township      |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Heath township     |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Plainwell city     |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Leighton township  |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Gun Plain township |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |
| Wayland city       |                                   | Legislatively Authorized Millages |                     |                       |

## COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

## COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISM

| County         | Policy type    | Additional Information   |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Allegan County | Public Act 138 | Funds are collected by the local unit of government and transferred to the county in a special revenue fund. |



# DATA

## REPORTED DATA

Allegan County tracks data for programs coordinated by the county including curbside, drop-off site, household hazardous waste, tires and regional collection events.

## RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

| Municipality       | Population    | Total Waste Generation (Tons) <sup>1</sup> | Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons) | Total Organics Diversion (Tons) | Total Requiring Disposal (Tons) |
|--------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Allegan city       | 5,017         | 2,274                                      | 163                               | 191                             | 1,920                           |
| Allegan township   | 4,634         | 2,100                                      | 150                               | 177                             | 1,773                           |
| Casco township     | 3,054         | 1,384                                      | 99                                | 116                             | 1,169                           |
| Cheshire township  | 2,244         | 1,017                                      | 73                                | 86                              | 859                             |
| Clyde township     | 2,468         | 1,119                                      | 80                                | 94                              | 944                             |
| Dorr CDP           | 4,282         | 1,802                                      | 0                                 | 163                             | 1,638                           |
| Dorr township      | 3,548         | 1,686                                      | 193                               | 135                             | 1,358                           |
| Douglas city       | 1,107         | 553  | 87                                | 42                              | 424                             |
| Fennville city     | 1,939         | 816  | 0                                 | 74                              | 742                             |
| Fillmore township  | 2,749         | 1,157                                      | 0                                 | 105                             | 1,052                           |
| Ganges township    | 2,650         | 1,201                                      | 86                                | 101                             | 1,014                           |
| Gun Plain township | 6,093         | 3,042                                      | 479                               | 232                             | 2,331                           |
| Heath township     | 3,619         | 1,719                                      | 197                               | 138                             | 1,385                           |
| Holland city       | 7,494         | 3,153                                      | 342                               | 286                             | 2,868                           |
| Hopkins township   | 1,851         | 879  | 101                               | 71                              | 708                             |
| Hopkins village    | 843           | 401  | 46                                | 32                              | 323                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>53,592</b> | <b>24,303</b>                              | <b>2,096</b>                      | <b>2,043</b>                    | <b>20,508</b>                   |

## COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

| County  | Approximate Number of Employees | Total Waste Generation (Tons) | Total Diversion (Tons) | Total Requiring Disposal (Tons) |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Allegan | 31,749                          | 45,768                        | 5,403                  | 40,365                          |

## TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

| County  | Total Waste Generation (Tons) <sup>1</sup> | Total Diversion (Tons) | Total Requiring Disposal (Tons) |
|---------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Allegan | 100,161                                    | 15,171                 | 85,319                          |

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