



# LAKETON TOWNSHIP

2010 Winter Newsletter

## Recycling Available at the Township Hall

### Household batteries, CFL Lightbulbs, and cell phones

(Laketon Township is not receiving any compensation for these recycling activities.)

#### TIDBITS:

- \* **2011 Dog licenses** are now available at the Laketon Township Hall.
- \* **The Yard Waste Site** will be closed for the winter. Residents can pre-purchase their 2011 card—see order form below.
- \* **Township Hall—Holiday Closings:** Dec. 23rd, Dec. 24th, Dec. 30th & Dec. 31st 2010.
- \* **Winter Property Taxes due by 02/14/2011.** Interest of 1% per month on the unpaid balance begins accruing on 02/15/2011.
- \* **NEW THIS YEAR**—The Township Hall will be open until 6:00 pm on 02/14/2011 and 02/28/2011 specifically for tax collection.

Recycling is a great way to save the environment and reuse critical resources. Recycling is easy to do with just a little planning on your part.

Set aside a small area with a few labeled containers. Then, instead of tossing items that can be recycled in the trash, drop them in the appropriate container. When your container is full, drop it off at the Township on your way by the Hall at 2735 W. Giles Rd. The Township Hall is centrally located in the township and is about 5 miles or less from any residence.

We are currently accepting household batteries, CFL lightbulbs and some portable electronic devices. We hope to add other items in the future.

In addition, we will need any cardboard light-

bulb containers (like the kind they come in when you purchase them from the store) or plastic tubes.

Below is a complete list of acceptable materials.

CFL lightbulbs, cell phones/ smart phones, laptops/ netbooks, MP3 players, PDA's and portable tools as well as a variety of typical household battery types:

AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt batteries.

Lead acid (Pb) batteries from emergency lighting.

Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) batteries used in things like cordless phones, cordless tools and two way radios.

Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries used in things like camcorders, scanners and digital cameras.

Lithium Ion (Li Ion) & Lithium Polymer (Li Poly) batteries

used in things like cell phones and laptops.

We will NOT be accepting any automotive batteries. Please take these to either USA-1 Battery (722-0327) or any AutoZone location (1236 Apple Ave, 705 W. Sherman and 1740 Holton Rd) - they are accepted at no cost to the consumer.

Goodwill Industries and Dell have partnered together to reuse/recycle computers. It is a free program to consumers, just take your unwanted computers to any Goodwill donation drop off site—remember this donation is tax deductible—ask for a receipt.

For information on where and how to recycle a variety of other items, go to Muskegon County Environmental Coordinating Council's website: [www.mcecc.org](http://www.mcecc.org)

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### 2011 Laketon Township Yard Waste Site Card—Order Form

Remember, you must be a Laketon Township Resident to purchase a card to use the yard waste site. Also, we will issue up to 2 cards per household. Complete and tear off this remittance and mail to Laketon Township with the \$10.00 annual fee. **Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and we will mail your 2011 yard waste site card back to you.** The card WILL NOT be mailed to you if you do not include the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Number of cards requested: 1 or 2

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together. ~Vesta M. Kelly, author

## Lead: Renovation, repair & painting rules

Federal, State and local governments have made the goal of lead-free housing a priority. The State of Michigan has received \$484 million of Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, which are devoted to the rehab, repair, or demolition of abandoned properties in qualified census tracts. Lead poisoning in children can be a very serious issue, and can result in neuromotor disorders and learning impairments.

It is important to identify where lead is and either remove it (abatement) or ensure it cannot become a hazard (interim controls).

So what does this mean for you, the average homeowner? Folks doing renovation and gut-rehab work on any home or apartment built before 1978 must follow lead-safe work practices, even for small projects. The new EPA Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule went into effect on April 22, 2010 (Earth Day) and applies to even very small jobs. Any disturbance of more than 6 square feet of paint in any room and any disturbance of more than 20 square feet of paint on the house exterior.

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1978 home and are planning a renovation or remodeling project, be safe and check into any potential lead issues prior to starting your project. A Lead-Based Paint Inspection before the work and Clearance Testing after the work can provide a record of compliance with the law.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laketon Township Building Official Rod Siegel 231-744-2454.

If you own or live in a pre-

## The Burning of Leaves & Garbage is Illegal!

Laketon Township received quite a few complaint calls regarding the burning of garbage this year. Open fires are regulated by the Muskegon County Health Department, in compliance with Muskegon County Air Pollution Rules and Regulations.

Small recreational fires or campfires do not require a burning permit provided no nuisance is created. Currently, a burn permit can be obtained by calling 231-724-6237. Burn permits are for the burning of clean brush only—up to 4 inches in diameter. In addition, burn-

ing regulations may be changing in February 2012. For more complete & detailed information, call the burn permit number or go to their website: [www.muskegonhealth.net](http://www.muskegonhealth.net).

Burning leaves and garbage (including household refuse, construction material or building demolition material) is prohibited in Muskegon

County and is punishable by a fine up to \$100 each day the offense occurs or by up to 90 days in county jail. You can report the burning of garbage by calling 231-724-6208 during regular business hours (M-F 8am to 5pm). After regular business hours or on

weekends, call your local fire department or 911.

It is also important to note that Laketon Township has an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance that states in part: "No fuel other than natural wood without additives, wood pellets without additives, and agricultural products or seeds in their natural state may be burned in an outdoor furnace" and "No outdoor furnace shall be utilized in any manner as a waste incinerator."

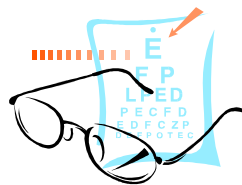
Let's all work together to keep our air clean and safe to breathe. Please don't burn garbage. If you suspect someone is burning garbage, please report it to the proper authorities.

## Laketon Township—Phasing out P.O. Box

Laketon Township has had a post office box for many years, however it has been decided that mail delivery to the actual physical address of the Township Hall building is preferred.

Therefore, Laketon Township has decided to phase out the P. O. Box. Please send all mail to the following address:

Laketon Township Hall  
2735 W. Giles Road  
Muskegon, MI 49445



## Northside Lions

### Eye Glasses Collection Box

In the main entryway of the Laketon Township Hall, the Northside Lions have a collection box to collect used prescription eye glasses.

If you have any gently used prescription eye glasses laying around the house that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Northside Lions.

The collection box is accessible anytime the Laketon Township Offices are open, which is Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm excluding holidays.

To say my fate is not tied to your fate is like saying, "Your end of the boat is sinking". ~Hugh Downs, t.v. broadcaster, producer & author.