

AGENDA REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor Joyce & Councilmembers
From: Sarah Dvoracek, City Manager
Date: May 29, 2019
Re: 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

For the Agenda of June 3, 2019

Background. The City of Evert, over the last ten years, has contributed to the Osceola-Lake Conservation District for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This collection service has provided residents with a safe and effective option for disposing of toxic and hazardous waste.

Issues & Questions Specified. Currently, this waste collection is the only option available to residents in Osceola County to safely dispose of toxic and hazardous waste.

Alternatives.

1. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.
2. Do not sign service agreement.

Financial Impact. Contributing \$1,150.00 to 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Recommendation. I recommend the city council vote to approve the service agreement and contribution.

Attachments.

1. Letter and Service Agreement from the Osceola-Lake Conservation District.
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Osceola-Lake Conservation District
138 W. Upton, Suite #2
Reed City, MI 49677
(231) 832-2950
Email: mark.sweppenheiser@macd.org

May 16, 2019

Dear Sarah Dvoracek:

The tri-county consortium of Mecosta, Osceola and Lake counties provides an area-wide program to protect our water from pollution by inappropriately discarded household hazardous waste. First, we would like to thank you for your continued support and let you know that your support is crucial for this important program to continue to serve our area. The 17th Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will be on Saturday, October 12, 2019.

These collections provide residents with a safe and effective means for the disposal of toxic and hazardous waste. Recycling or disposal of these materials is done by companies that specialize in proper procedures. Any other form of disposal (sewer, drain, landfill, dumping on ground) can potentially contaminate our surface water and groundwater. The health and safety of our plants, animals and future generations depend on our doing this right. ***In 2018 we collected a total of 41,776 pounds of household hazardous waste in the three counties, from 690 households. In addition, we collected 9,203 pounds of batteries.*** We have included with this letter statistics of the collection from 2013-2018.

In the last 16 years, we have seen good growth in the numbers of people bringing materials for proper disposal. This combines with inflation to increase program costs, while the level of financial support has remained the same or slightly decreased. ***This collection program cannot continue if the trend of income being less than expenses continues. In order to help alleviate this trend, we are asking townships to review their past level of support and consider a minimum increase of 15%.*** We are constantly seeking ways to reduce costs such as participating in the Clean Sweep program and finding outside entities that will take the used motor oil at no charge. ***Please consider increasing your financial support.***

We hope you see the importance of these collection programs and want to see them continue. In addition to financial support, volunteers are needed to replace lost committee members and to handle the increased collections. If you want to volunteer or suggest contacts, please do so.

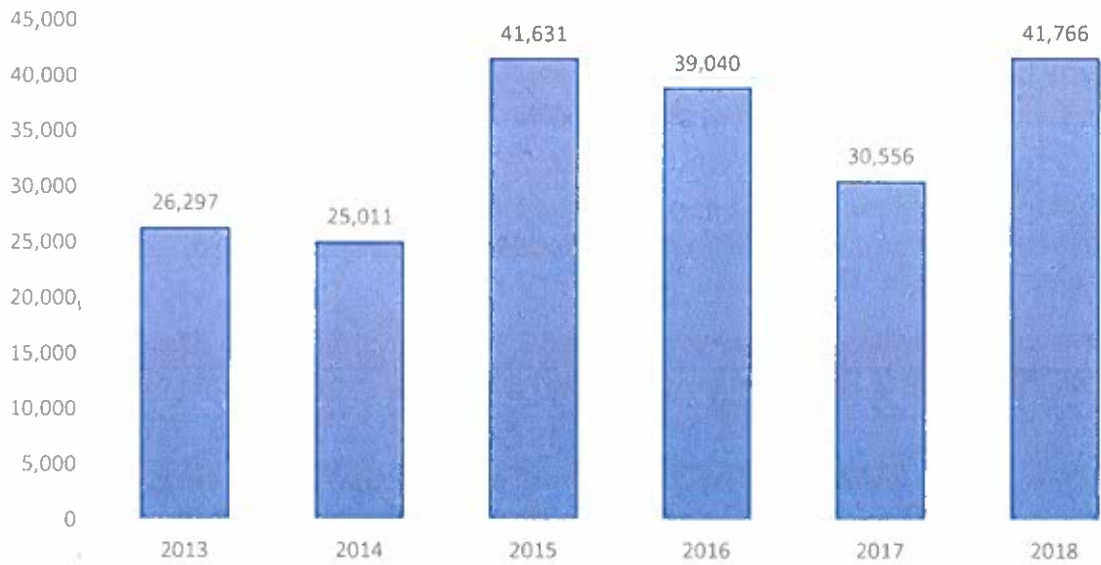
To meet our financial obligations, we ask that checks be mailed within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Make checks payable to Osceola-Lake CD with HHW noted under memo. Mail to Osceola-Lake CD, **Attn: Mark Sweppenheiser**, 138 W. Upton Ave., Suite 2, Reed City, MI, 49677.

For further information, contact Charmaine Lucas at (231) 796-0909 Ext. 3.

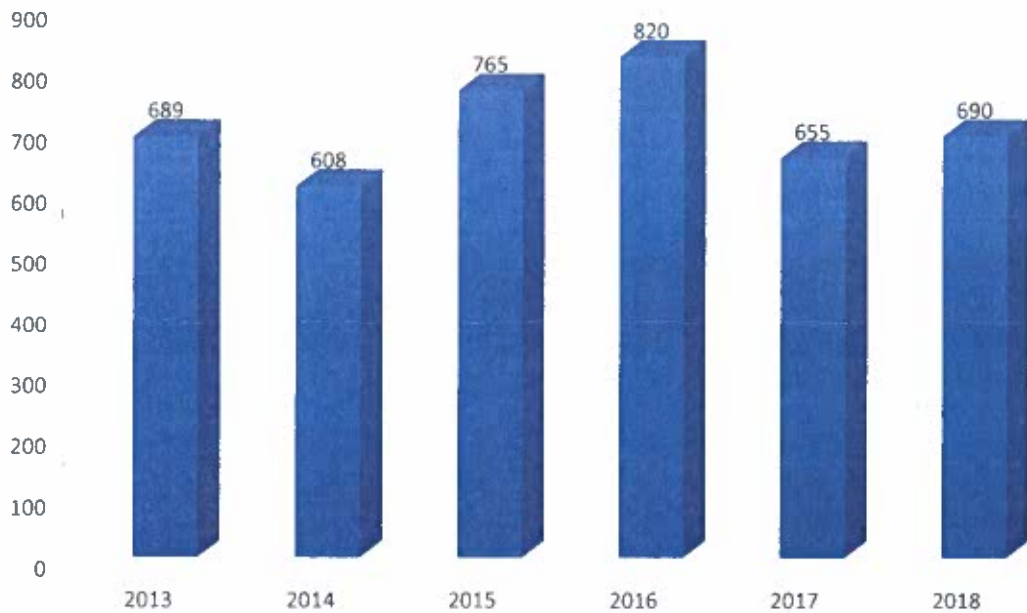
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Charmaine Lucas,
On Behalf of the Household Hazardous Waste Committee

Pounds of Household Hazardous Waste Collected in Osceola, Lake, and Mecosta County



Total Number of Participants



AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
CITY OF EVART
AND
MECOSTA AND OSCEOLA LAKE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Lake Township and the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Districts desire to act cooperatively to provide the proper disposal of household hazardous waste for residents of Lake Township and Lake County. Therefore, Lake Township contracts with Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste in the amount of \$_____. This service agreement will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of Township and County residents.

Date: _____ by: _____
Lake Township Representative

Date: _____ by: _____
Mecosta Conservation District
Representative

Date: _____ by: _____
Osceola-Lake Conservation District
Representative