



MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
600 COUNTY ROAD NP • MARQUETTE, MI 49855
PHONE: (906) 249-4125

August 15, 2023

Constituent Municipalities:

The Authority Board is requesting your assistance through your newsletters, websites, and any other avenues you may use to inform your residents regarding municipality offered services and issues.

In 2020, we had a fire at the landfill caused by a lithium-ion battery that was placed in the solid waste rather than separated and disposed of properly. On August 6, 2023, the landfill had another fire with the suspected cause being a lithium-ion battery that came into the landfill through the waste system rather than being disposed of properly.

The Authority accepts batteries at no cost from Marquette County household residents. Sand Township, Negaunee Township, and the City of Marquette also accept batteries from household residents.

Batteries being disposed of in the regular household waste stream is very costly to the municipalities.

- EGLE violations.
- Overtime for Authority employees including 24/7 staff monitoring on site, until no flame-up threat.
- Authority equipment, fuel, wear, high risk of damage, etc.
- Local fire departments respond, normally four departments.
- Bring in and spread tons of sand.
- Daily reports to EGLE.
- Cost to the Authority for the most recent fire is \$66,144.

The cost of dealing with this type of emergency comes from the Authority tipping fees.

If your municipality does not accept batteries, please contact the Authority and request to be added to this free program. Amy will be happy to assist you to receive pail(s) to store the old batteries in.

The Authority has and is still advertising this battery issue in the Mining Journal, TV-6, and radio. Information about battery disposal is also found on our website and social media platforms.

Thank You for your assistance in the issue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall L. Yelle".

Randall L. Yelle
MCSWMA Chairperson

REMINDER,

PREPARE YOUR BATTERIES PROPERLY!

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT TYPE OF BATTERY YOU MAY HAVE, PLEASE
CALL MCSWMA AT: (906) 249-4125**

Marquette County Community Battery Drop Off Locations

- Goodwill - 3125 US 41, Marquette, Michigan 49855 - (715) 732-0563
- Marquette Food Co-op - 502 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 225-0671
- Messiah Lutheran Church - 305 W Magnetic St, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 225-1119
- Peter White Public Library - 217 N Front St, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 228-9510
- St. Michael Catholic Church - 401 W Kaye Ave, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 228-8180
- St. Vincent de Paul, Ishpeming - 322 Cleveland Ave, Ishpeming, MI 49849 - (906) 486-4237
- St. Vincent de Paul, Marquette - 2119 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 226-3721
- St. Vincent de Paul, Republic - 316 Kloman Ave, Republic, MI 49879 - (906) 376-2400
- Superior Watershed - 2 Peter White Dr, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 228-6095
- United Presbyterian Church - 112 E Euclid St, Ishpeming, MI 49849 - (906) 485-5111
- Yellow Dog Watershed - 308 Bensinger St, Big Bay, MI 49808 - (906) 345-9223

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Marquette County Municipality Battery Drop Off Locations

- Chocolay Township Hall - 5010 US-41 South, Marquette, MI 49855 - (906) 249-1448
- Ely Township Hall - 1555 Co Rd 496, Ishpeming, MI 49849 - (906) 486-6802
- Humboldt Township Hall - 244 Co Rd FAF, Champion, MI 49814 - (906) 339-2927
- Michigamme Township Hall - 202 Main St., Michigamme 49861 - (906) 323-6608
- Negaunee Township Hall - 42 East M-35 Negaunee, MI 49866 - (906) 475-7869
- Powell Township Hall - 101 Bensinger St. Big Bay, MI 49808 - (906) 345-9345
- Richmond Township Hall - 100 Smith St, Palmer, MI 49871 - (906) 475-4180
- Sands Township Hall - 987 South, M-553, Gwinn, MI 49841 - (906) 249-9169
- Skandia Township Hall - 224 Kreiger Dr, Skandia, MI 49885 - (906) 942-7404

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