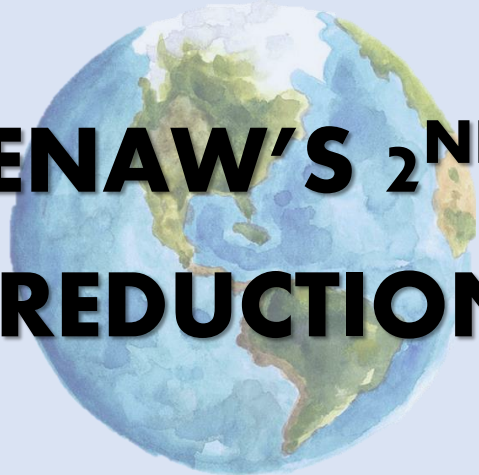


Official Guidebook for

**THE KEWEENAW'S 2ND ANNUAL
WASTE REDUCTION DRIVE**



Created by the MTU Sustainability Demonstration House

RAZORS



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Disposable razors
- Razor blades
- Razor packaging

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All razor brands accepted
- No electric razors or electric razor components

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure all razors, blades, and razor packaging are clean and dry. For safety purposes, please keep the blade guard on your razor.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

MTU Campus

❖ **McNair Hall**
Lobby

❖ **Wadsworth Hall**
Outside dining hall

❖ **Douglas Houghton Hall**
Near mailboxes

DOWNTOWN HOUGHTON

❖ **City Center**
UPS drop-box location

THANK YOU TO TERRA CYCLE FOR RECYCLING OUR RAZORS!

TerraCycle will separate the razors, blades, and plastic packaging by material. Metals will be smelted into ingots for reuse. Plastic will be melted down and used to make park benches and picnic tables.



DENTAL PRODUCTS



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Toothpaste tubes
- Plastic toothbrushes
- Dental floss containers

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All brands accepted
- No electric toothbrushes or electric toothbrush components

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure toothbrushes and dental floss containers are clean and dry. Toothpaste tubes do not need to be cleaned out, but please remove as much excess product as possible.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

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❖ **McNair Hall**
Lobby

❖ **Wadsworth Hall**
Outside dining hall

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THANK YOU TO TERRA CYCLE FOR RECYCLING OUR DENTAL PRODUCTS!

TerraCycle will melt the dental products into hard plastics that can be used for manufacturing.



PLASTIC FILM



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Cereal bags
- Ziplock bags
- Case overwrap
- Produce bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Plastic wrap
- Salt bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure all plastic films are clean, dry, and free of food residue.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

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- ❖ **McNair Hall**
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THANK YOU TO TREX FOR RECYCLING OUR PLASTIC FILM!

Trex will combine our plastic films with reclaimed wood to make composite decking boards. **BONUS:** if we collect 500 lbs of plastic film, Trex will send us a bench made from plastic waste!



PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS & RINGS



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Plastic bottle caps
- Plastic rings

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Caps should not be stamped with a recycling number
- No metal caps

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure all caps and rings are clean, dry, and free of food residue.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

There are no rolling collection bins for this item. Please hold on to your plastic caps and rings until the official drive on Saturday, April 17th. Location TBD.

**THANK YOU TO PRESERVE
GIMME 5 FOR RECYCLING
OUR PLASTIC CAPS &
RINGS!**

Preserve will convert our plastic caps and rings into toothbrushes, cups and plates, cutting boards, and food storage containers.



FOIL-LINED WRAPPERS



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Foil-lined granola bar wrappers
- Foil-lined snack bags

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Wrappers containing other materials such as paper or plastic windows will not be accepted

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure all foil-lined wrappers are clean, dry, and free of food residue.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

There are no rolling collection bins for this item. Please hold on to your foil-lined wrappers until the official drive on Saturday, April 17th. Location TBD.

**THANK YOU TO
TERRACYCLE FOR
RECYCLING OUR PLASTIC
CAPS & RINGS!**

TerraCycle will melt down our foil-lined wrappers into a hard plastic for use in manufacturing.



EGG CARTONS



WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Styrofoam egg cartons
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Plastic egg cartons

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- We will not accept any damaged egg cartons

HOW SHOULD I CLEAN THESE ITEMS?

Please ensure all egg cartons are clean, dry, and free of food residue.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

There are no rolling collection bins for this item. Please hold on to your egg cartons until the official collection drive on Saturday, April 17th. Location TBD.

THANK YOU TO OUR
LOCAL CHICKEN FARMERS
FOR REUSING OUR
COMMUNITY'S EGG
CARTONS!



ITEMS WE ARE NOT COLLECTING THIS YEAR

BATTERIES

- Please recycle all batteries at your local battery recycling center. If you live in the Keweenaw, please take your batteries (lithium and alkaline) to Remy Battery in Houghton.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER

- If you are interested in volunteering with this year's waste reduction drive, please email sdh@mtu.edu.

CHICKEN FARMERS

- If you are interested in receiving egg cartons for reuse, please email sdh@mtu.edu.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Tag us on Instagram @mtu.sdh to show us how you are participating in this year's drive!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

Please email sdh@mtu.edu with any WRD questions, comments, or concerns.

THANK YOU

for putting in the extra effort to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill in the Keweenaw!