

**Environmental Resource  
Directory  
Mason-Lake Counties**



**West Central Michigan  
Groundwater  
Stewardship  
Program**

**Mason-Lake Conservation District  
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**[www.mason-lakeconservation.org](http://www.mason-lakeconservation.org)**

The Residential Technician for Mason-Lake Conservation District is available to give educational programs to schools, clubs, events, organizations and individual home owners for on-site environmental risk assessments. Call the CD for details.

## **Reduce-Reuse-Recycle**

### **Padnos (Pere Marquette Division)**

**260 W. US-10, Ludington (843-4455)**

- \*Car batteries, newspapers, magazines, cardboard
- \*Anything steel, brass, copper, tin, aluminum (even foil and clean aluminum food trays)
- \*Appliance (clean) (\$20.00 charge for anything with CFC's but will pay for the metal and will subtract what metal is worth from the \$20.00 CFC charge). Freon free

**Will not take** Micro Wave Ovens, Florescent Light Bulbs, Aerosol Cans, Paint cans, Gas Cans, Propane Tanks, Gel -Cel Batteries (mostly marine) and household batteries. (Closed Containers Call for Details).

### **Antifreeze**

Urka Auto Center, Ludington 845-6282  
Bring in 1 gal containers, \$.75 charge.

**Appliances:** Donate useable appliances or trade in. Padnos Irons Metal 843-4455.

### **Car batteries**

Auto Zone, Advanced Auto, James Tire, Padnos, Parts-Plus, and Urka Auto Center will all accept battery without trade-in.

### **Batteries (Alkaline househole)**

Ludington Library drop box 843-8465

### **Batteries (Rechargeable only)**

Radio Shack, Ludington 845-7504  
Home Depot, Ludington 843-9108

**Books and Magazines:** Donate to thrift stores or libraries or look for book exchange stores.

### **Clothing**

ABC Kidz, Consignment Shop Ludington 843-3734  
Goodwill Industries, 5999 W. US 10, Ldt 843-0003  
Salvation Army, 5744 W. U.S. 10, Ludington 843-6210  
Community Thrift Center, 725 10th St., Baldwin 745-2551

### **Ink Jet Cartridges**

Jackpine, Ludington: 845-6231  
Ludington and Scottville Libraries: 843-8465/757-

## **Hydraulic,Transmission Fluids**

Wal-Mart automotive dept.  
Auto Zone

## **Motor oil**

Urka Auto Center, Ludington 845-6282  
bring in 1 gal containers, no charge  
Wal-Mart automotive dept, 845-5787  
Advanced Auto Parts, 843-6699  
Auto Zone, 845-9331  
Mason County Auto Parts, 757-4733

## **Plastic bags**

Salvation Army, 5744 W. U.S. 10, Ludington 843-6210  
Wal-Mart (will recycle Wal-Mart bags) 843-1816  
WIC, Health Department, Baldwin 745-7831

## **Tires**

Wal-Mart, \$1.50/tire with new purchase 845-5787

## **Xerox Copiers & Printers**

Preferred Office Machine in Grand Rapids (call first)  
1-800-422-1980

## **Soil Test**

Before adding fertilizers to your lawn or garden, get your soil tested to determine what nutrients are lacking. Soil tests are inexpensive (\$11.00), can save you money, time and will help you avoid contaminating groundwater. Soil testing is available from the local Michigan State University Extension Office. 757-4789

## **Emergency Numbers**

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791  
Gas/Chemical Emergency: 911 or 723-5156  
MI. Dept. of Agriculture: 1-800-405-0101  
MI. Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Pollution Emergency Alerting (Fuels and Solvents):  
1-800-292-4706  
Environmental Assistance Center: 1-800-662-9278  
Michigan Poison Control Hotline: 1-800-764-7661  
National Pesticide Telecommunication: 1-800-858-

## **Environmental Agencies & Organization**

### **Mason/Lake**

Animal Control: 843-8644/745-3079  
Conservation District: 757-3708 ext. 3  
Farm Service Agency: 757-3708 ext. 2  
Health Department: 845-7381/745-4663  
MI. Dept. of Environmental Quality: 1-800-662-9278  
MI. Dept. of Natural Resources  
Ludington State Park: 843-8671  
Baldwin: 745-4651  
MI. Groundwater Stewardship Program: 757-3708 ext. 3  
Michigan State University Extension:  
757-4789/745-2732  
Natural Resource Conservation Service: 757-3708 ext. 8  
US Forest Service  
Baldwin: 745-4631  
Manistee: 723-2211

### **Water Well Drillers**

Mason County  
Cameron Brothers, Free Soil 464-5801  
Murphy Well Drilling, Ludington 843-3026  
Pump Engineering & Supply, Scottville 757-9950

Lake County  
Peterson's Well Drilling County Line, Irons  
1-800-882-4963

### **Water Test:**

Annual testing for private drinking water wells is recommended. Most contaminants such as nitrates are tasteless, odorless and colorless. Unless frequent testing is done, the homeowner has no guarantee that his water is safe to drink.

MGSP offers FREE water screening for nitrates and pesticides during July for private water wells. Water testing can be done at any time at the following locations. Homeowners are advised to get a bacterial test and a partial chemical test (each around \$15.00) from the County Health Departments.

### **Health Departments**

Mason (Ludington) 845-7381  
Lake (Baldwin) 745-4663

## **Septic**

Mason  
Malburg's Sanitation Service, Ludington 843-2007  
Ted Douglas & Sons Sewer & Drain Cleaner 843-8095

## **Lake**

Four Seasons Portable Toilets & Septic 734-9107  
Jackson Sam Septic Tank Co., Brohman 689-6049  
Trapps Septic Service, White Cloud 689-5782  
Tri-County Portable Toilet & Septic Service 796-3146

## **Government & Environmental Websites**

### **AFFEW**

[www.affew.net](http://www.affew.net)

### **Mason-Lake Conservation District**

[www.mason-lakeconservation.org](http://www.mason-lakeconservation.org)

### **Michigan Land Use Institute**

[www.mlui.org](http://www.mlui.org)

### **State of Michigan**

[www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda)

### **Michigan Agricultural Weather Office**

[www.agweather.geo.msu.edu](http://www.agweather.geo.msu.edu)

### **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality**

[www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)

### **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### **Michigan State University Extension**

[www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu)

### **Michigan Recycling Coalition**

[www.michiganrecycles.org](http://www.michiganrecycles.org)

### **Oceana Conservation District**

[www.oceanaconservation.org](http://www.oceanaconservation.org)

## Introduction

Directories are published by the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP) and the Mason-Lake Conservation District to provide information for homeowners about protecting our natural resources, especially groundwater and drinking water.

Please call the Conservation District to add or change information. We will be continually updating this directory.

The MGSP neither recommends nor endorses the services or products of any particular company listed here.

## 10 steps to protecting your drinking water

1. **Know your drinking water source**
2. **Get your well water tested annually**
3. **Plug abandoned wells**  
*Abandoned wells are a direct conduit for contaminants to reach aquifers that supply our drinking water.*
4. **Maintain your septic system**  
*Septic systems are the second most frequently cited source of groundwater contamination.*
5. **Remove any underground tanks**  
*Be careful about storing fuel. Only purchase and store minimal amounts for short periods of time.*
6. **Correctly use fertilizers or pesticides**  
*Improve your yard by planting native trees, bushes and plants that need minimal care and create wildlife habitats.*
7. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**  
*What goes into garbage goes in the ground and into our groundwater.*
8. **Buy recycled products**  
*Paper made from recycled fibers reduces air pollution, conserves water and energy and saves trees.*
9. **Don't dump toxins**  
*Never dump, spill or permit contaminants or toxins to leak on the ground or dump anything hazardous down the drain.*
10. **Become a green consumer**

## Recycling and Composting Services

Recycling: materials generally accepted at sites:  
**MUST BE CLEAN!**

- Metal cans
- Aluminum foil and baking pans
- Newspapers, catalogs, magazines, phone books
- Office paper & boxboard
- Corrugated cardboard
- Clear glass jars and bottles
- Tin
- # 1 PETE clear and colored glass
- # 2 plastic jugs

### **Recycling/Composting**

#### **Scottville: City Manager 757-4729**

- **Recycling Service**– The city provides curbside pick-up on Tuesdays. If you do not have a recycling bin, City Hall will supply one at no charge.
- **Composting Service**–Purchase compost bags for yard waste at City Hall for \$.50 each. Compost bags are picked-up on Mondays April-October. Brush needs to be banded (4 feet long, 12 inches in diameter) and tagged. Purchase tags at City Hall \$.30 each.

#### **Ludington: City Manager 845-6237**

- **Recycling Service**– The city provides curbside pickup weekly on regular garbage day through Allied Waste. If you need a recycling bin call City Hall they will supply one at no charge.
- **Composting Service**– Purchase compost bags for yard waste at City hall for \$1.50/bag. Pickup is every Monday from April through November.

#### **Pere Marquette Township 845-1277**

- **Recycling Service**– The township provides curbside pick-up through Allied Waste. Pick up bin from Township Hall. Call township for more information.

#### **Hamlin Township 845-7801**

- **Recycling Drop-off Service**– Fee for both residents and non-residents is \$15 yearly for car sticker. Purchase stickers at recycling drop-off

**Summit Township 843-8684**

- **Recycling Drop-off Service**– Free drop-off recycling at transfer station on S. Lakeshore Dr. for residents only. Summer hours (5/1-9/30): 9-5 on Wed., Sat., and Sun. Winter hours (10/1-4/30): 9-5 Wed and Sun.

**Pleasant Plains Township 745-4851**

- Recycling truck accepts recyclables from any county resident on the last Saturday of the month from 9am-1pm at the Township Hall.

**Webber Township 745-3471**

- Countywide Transfer Station– only accepts metal for recycling from Padnos.

**Farm Information**

The Conservation District offers a Farm \*A\* Syst (FAS) self assessment to identify potential risks posed by farmstead operations. Fact sheets provide educational information and list reference people to contact if questions arise. FAS worksheets use a simple question-and-answer format to evaluate farmstead practices that may pose a risk to groundwater.

FAS is voluntary and confidential. All FAS materials stay with you on your farm. It is important to recognize that FAS only identifies risk. It does not tell you if you have contaminated water or that you will never have contaminated water.

Technical assistance with completing FAS evaluation is available free of charge from the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program.

All Conservation District programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.