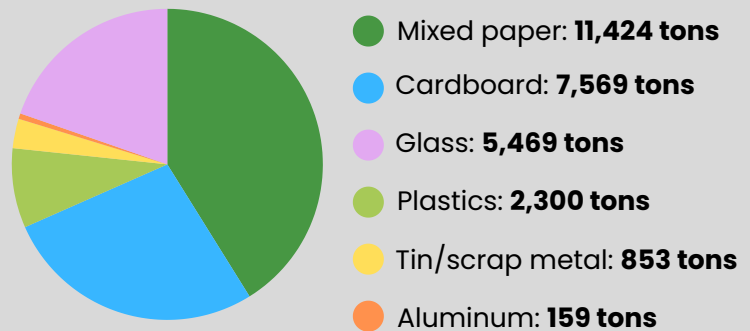


# 2025 Annual Recycling & Waste Report

## In 2025, we recycled:

- **230,000 pounds** of electronics
- **36,994 pounds** of Cathode Ray Tube televisions and monitors
- **1,452** tires
- **1,435** Freon appliances
- **135** propane tanks

## Recycled at Materials Recovery Facility:



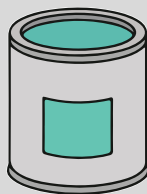
## Materials collected at SafeChem drop-off sites:

Total number of items collected across five locations: **395,860**

### Top Hazardous Materials Collected



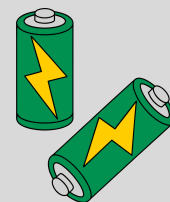
**72,215**  
pounds  
of motor oil



**71,621**  
pounds  
of oil-based  
paint



**23,814**  
pounds  
of fertilizer



**~4,000**  
pounds  
of batteries

### Polystyrene Densifier drop-off:

Our foam polystyrene densifier was opened at the North Kent Transfer Station in May, accepting clean, white polystyrene.

**20,300** pounds of material processed

### Swap Shop collection & distribution:

**24,515** pounds of materials collected

**10,911** pounds of materials distributed

### Education events:

Tours and presentations are guided by knowledgeable staff and are provided for free to our community.

**217** Facility tours

**6,746** Tour participants

**17** Public presentations

### 2025 highlights:

- **Installed Polystyrene (Styrofoam) densifier** at North Kent Recycling & Waste Center allowing for residential drop-off
- **Expanded Recycling & Waste Directory** on [Reimaginetrash.org](https://reimaginetrash.org) to provide more resources to residents
- **Published four recycling guides**, educating residents on safe & proper disposal
- **Began development** of an organics drop-off program
- **Forged a new partnership** with Grand Rapids Fire Department focusing on lithium-ion battery fire prevention
- **Accepted household hazardous waste** from 11,003 participants through SafeChem program

### Waste-to-Energy:

**189,486** tons of refuse processed

**100,528** kilowatt-hours of electricity generated

**5,300** tons of ferrous metals recovered

**610** tons of non-ferrous metals collected

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