



Recycling Authority May 2024

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Introducing: 2024 Programs & Resources Guide

Whether you're living in a single-family household, an apartment, or even a condominium, every RRRASOC community member has access to our free recycling resources. What was once only available on our website through exploring our various info pages is now also available in an all-in-one printable packet!

The **RRRASOC Programs & Resources Guide** contains information on local tools, programs, and services to best manage your unwanted household items and discards. Need to find a local recycling drop-off site? This guide has you covered! Need a secure location to shred your personal documents without a fee? Look no further! Keeping this essential packet handy makes information regarding our various programs readily available for you and your community.

2024 PROGRAMS & RESOURCES
FOR RRRASOC COMMUNITY MEMBERS

THE RRRASOC PROGRAMS & RESOURCES GUIDE
is designed to inform residents of RRRASOC member communities about local tools, programs, and services to best manage their unwanted household items and discards. Keep this document handy for readily available recycling information.

IN THIS PACKET YOU'LL FIND:

- 1 Recycling Directory
- 2 Drop-Off Sites
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WHY RECYCLE?
Recycling keeps materials that could be reused, repurposed, or donated out of landfills. This reduces air and water pollution, saves energy, and even benefits our economy by creating jobs! Most importantly, recycling helps us conserve our natural resources, which reduces the need to extract resources from our planet.
Feel good by doing your part to keep our community, environment, and planet healthy! Every contribution, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to a circular, sustainable economy.

RECYCLING DIRECTORY
Don't know what to do with an item? Check out the Recycling Directory at RRRASOC.org! Simply type in the material that you have, and learn the best way to dispose of it. This helpful web tool also has a calendar of upcoming events, recycling drop-off sites, and more!

What's included in our new guide? *Read on to find out!*

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The Recycling Directory

Learn functions of the Recycling Directory and how to use them.

2

Recycling Drop-Off Sites

Find locations and how to prepare items for recycling at drop-off sites.

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Recycling Guidelines

Learn what's accepted for recycling in RRRASOC communities.

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2023 Recycling Metrics

See how well we're recycling and its impact on our environment.

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HHW Collection

Find Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events near you.

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Batteries & Bulbs

Read why it's important to properly dispose of your batteries and bulbs.

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Plastic Bags & Meds

Learn where plastic bags, wraps, meds, and sharps can be disposed of.

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Additional Resources

Find clothing recycling, presentations, cleanout solutions, and more!

You can download, share, or print the Programs & Resources Guide by clicking the preview above or by finding it on our [Multifamily Recycling](#) page. We hope you find this guide helpful as you continue to make sustainable decisions for our community and environment!

Keep It Green While Observing Memorial Day

Many who observe Memorial Day include a cookout in their extended weekend plans. By following the **3 R's; Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**; you can keep your cookout eco-friendly while still keeping preparation and cleanup easy.



Reduce

Don't let your food go to waste! Only cook what is needed based on the number of people attending. If you plan on having leftovers, encourage others



Reuse

Always choose reusable! Disposable plastic cups and silverware can be replaced with sustainable, long-lasting varieties instead. Or, better than buying new tableware,



Recycle

Glass, plastic, and aluminum beverage containers are always recyclable! Remember to empty them before adding them to your recycling cart or

to take some home to reduce the chances of any excess going bad before it's eaten.

use your everyday dinner plates for outdoor gatherings.

returning them for the 10-cent deposit.

As a reminder, there will be no curbside trash, recycling, or yard waste collection in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

Collection will be delayed by one day.

Thank you for keeping it green on Memorial Day!

Robots Lend a Helping Hand at Our MRF

RRRASOC is ensuring your recyclables are sorted efficiently at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) with the help of artificial intelligence technology developed by Glacier. More specifically, robotic arms at our facility are utilizing AI in order to optically identify recyclable materials on our conveyor belt and pick them from the sort line - just like a human would! While there are still humans working at the RRRASOC MRF, the robots supplement their efforts by catching the recyclables that didn't get captured in the sorting process.

To see our robot in action, check out the video below:



2024 HHW Collection Event Dates

During the following HHW Collection Events, all residents of RRRASOC member communities are welcome to bring household hazardous waste for an opportunity to safely discard their hazardous items and e-waste. *Simple Recycling* and paper shredding services will also be available*.

May 18, 2024 ☐

Milford Civic Center
1100 Atlantic St., Milford
Enter from West, off Mont Eagle St.

July 13, 2024 ☐

Wixom Dept. of Public Works
2041 Charms Rd., Wixom
9:00am - 2:00pm

October 5, 2024

Novi Dept. of Public Works
26300 Lee BeGole Dr., Novi

October 26, 2024 ☐

RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance
20875 Mapleridge Ave., Southfield

*The T-shirt icon indicates an HHW Collection Event during which clothing, shoes, accessories, and small household items will be accepted by *Simple Recycling*.

For more information about HHW events and how to prepare your items, please visit our [HHW page](#).

HHW Drop-Off at ERG Environmental Services

If you have HHW that you'd like to properly dispose of between collection events, you're in luck! Drop off your HHW without a fee at ERG Environmental Services during the following hours:

Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HHW pickup from your home is also available for a fee of \$135 per stop plus \$0.75 per pound of material collected. This fee is paid directly by the resident to ERG Environmental Services.

To confirm drop-off times and/or to schedule a pickup, please contact:

ERG Environmental Services
13040 Merriman Road, Livonia
(734) 437-9650



For more info, visit the [ERG HHW Drop-Off page](#) or our [HHW page](#).

RRRASOC Recycling Directory

Not sure what to do with stuff?

Visit rrrasoc.org and use the Recycling Directory search bar to type in keywords and get recycling, composting, reuse or disposal instructions.

The searchable, intuitive format of the Recycling Directory provides RRRASOC specific information.

Also Available:

Mobile App

- From your App Store or Google Play, search for "Recycling Authority"

Want more tips, tricks, and updates about recycling? We have a Facebook page where we can reach each other to make recycling easier. You can also reach us via

RRRASOC.org and email at education@rrrasoc.org!



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