

RECYCLING AUTHORITY JUST ASK



Spring 2010

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Don't Waste These Resources - Recycle Them!

Did you know that you can recycle ALL of these items now?

Papers –

- office paper
- magazines
- newspaper
- boxboard
- cardboard (cut or folded
no bigger than your recycling bin)
- paperback books
- sticky notes
- junk mail
- shredded paper
- brown paper bags
- phone books



Bottles and cans –

- any plastic bottle (with a narrow neck)
- any glass bottle or jar
- metal cans
- aluminum foil and trays
- small scrap metal
- ceramics
- drink boxes (aka aseptic containers)
- plastic bags





Green Lawns



**Most of us like the look of a green, well-manicured lawn.
However, that doesn't mean that we need to pollute the environment
while trying to achieve that look.**

Here are a few tips to get a beautiful lawn that is really "green" and help save you some green as well:

Fertilizing: Use slow-release fertilizer with low- or no-phosphorus. Choose a fertilizer that is pesticide and herbicide-free. Look for the bright green "earth friendly" sticker in many garden and hardware stores. Autumn is the most important time to fertilize in Michigan, since that is when roots grow. The grass will store the nutrients during winter to use in the springtime. Please be sure to sweep up any fertilizer that falls onto the sidewalk or driveway.

Mowing: Grass-cycle! Let your clips fall back onto the lawn. Use a mulching mower and have the blades sharpened twice/year. Set your mower on the highest setting and leave 3 inches of grass after mowing. The taller blades will help block out weeds, retain soil moisture, and grow more slowly ...so you don't have to mow as often. **Go really green and try a push mower.** Another option is to get rid of grass entirely and try something different, such as a vegetable garden or native perennial garden. The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (www.socwa.org) is a great resource.

Have you ever wondered what grass is made of?

Grass is 85% water, 3-4% Nitrogen (N), 0.5% Phosphorus (P), 2% Potassium (K), and other matter.

So why collect, bag, and discard all of the water and fertilizer (N-P-K) that you have applied to your lawn?

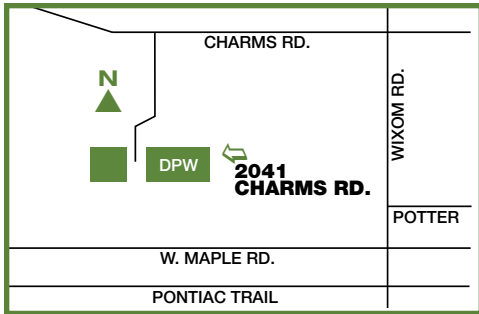
Did you know that:

- Every year 17 million gallons of fuel are spilled while refueling lawn equipment? That's more than the amount of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez.
- Gas powered lawn mowers use about 800 million gallons of gas every year.
- Each gas mower spews 87 lbs of CO₂ and 54 lbs of other pollutants into the air every year.
- Pushing a reel mower burns an average of 408 calories/hour.



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Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule



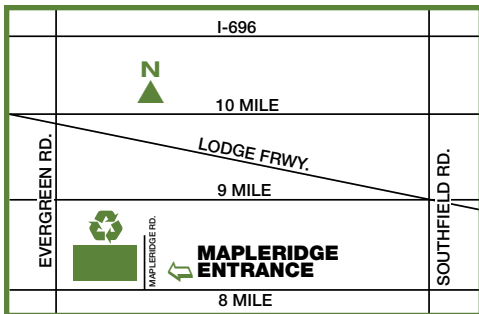
WIXOM

2041 Charms Rd.

April 10, 2010

10am – 1pm

Wixom Department
of Public Works



SOUTHFIELD

20000 W. Eight Mile Rd.

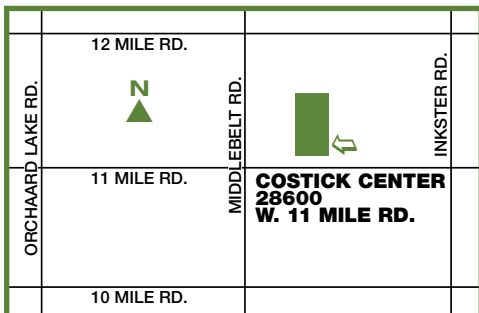
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April 17, 2010

October 2, 2010

9am-2pm

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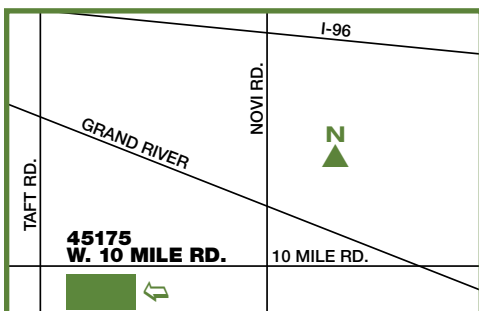
FARMINGTON HILLS

28600 W. 11 Mile Rd.

May 1, 2010

9am-2pm

Costick Center,
Farmington Hills



NOVI

45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

October 9, 2010

9am-2pm

Novi Civic Center

The Household Hazardous Waste Events are open to all RRRASOC residents, including:

- Farmington
- Farmington Hills
- Lyon Township
- Novi
- Southfield
- South Lyon
- Walled Lake
- Wixom

Acceptable Items:

- oil-based paints
- automotive fluids
- expired medicines
- batteries
- pesticides
- computers and peripherals
- televisions
- mercury
- fluorescent bulbs
- propane
- aerosols
- and more

Latex paint
is **NOT**
accepted.

Please
dry out and
throw away.



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City of Southfield

City of Wixom

City of Walled Lake

City of South Lyon



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