

Recycling Authority April 2019

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Happy Earth Day | April 22nd

Nature's gifts to our planet are the species that we know and love, along with the many more that we have yet to discover. Unfortunately, we have upset the balance of nature and the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago.

This year the Earth Day Network is asking people to join their Protect our Species campaign. The goals are to:

- Educate and raise awareness about the accelerating rate of extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this phenomenon.
- Achieve major policy victories that protect broad groups of species as well as individual species and their habitats.
- Build and activate a global movement that embraces nature and its values.
- Encourage individual actions such as adopting plant based diet and stopping pesticide and herbicide use.

For more information on how you can help our species visit **EarthDay.org**.



RRRASOC Earth Day Open House & Tours Saturday, April 20th | 9am - 2pm

Celebrate Earth Day with us!

Join us at our open house and tours of the Recycling Authority's state-of-the-art and

highly automated Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

See first hand how the recyclables you put into your bin/cart are sorted, separated and converted into valuable resources that will be sold and reused to make new products.

For more details refer to your <u>March E-newsletter</u> or visit <u>RRRASOC.org</u>.



Household Hazardous Waste Event Saturday, April 20th 9am - 2pm

After you are done touring the MRF, drive around to the truck entrance and drop off your household hazardous waste (HHW).

The HHW event will be running from 9am - 2pm and is open to all RRRASOC community residents. The truck entrance can be found at 20875 Mapleridge Avenue.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 27th 10am - 2pm

Did you know there is an opioid crisis happening in our country right now. Every day over 130 people in the US die after overdosing on opioids, that's over 47,000 people a year.

Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and many others.

The DEA wants you to help prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by properly disposing of your unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs. That's why they have created the bi-annual National Prescription Take Back Day.

To find participating location near you visit DEATakeBack.com. Treatment information is also available on their website, if you or someone you know is in need.



March's Survey Results

In March's E-newsletter, we asked you how well you know your recyclables. From a list of plastic materials, 80% of you knew that plastic bags are not accepted in your bins/carts.

While plastic bags aren't accepted in your curbside recycling, they are accepted at many big box stores.

Check out these retailers for plastic bag recycling:

- Kroger
- Lowe's
- Meijer
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Kohl's



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