



Recycling Authority April 2022

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Looking for Ways to Celebrate Earth Day?

Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Climate change becomes more evident each year, which means we need to double down our efforts to make a difference in our local communities – and around the world!

RRRASOC offers a variety of different resources when it comes to managing your waste – whether it's **finding your collection provider** or learning how to **prepare your items** for an HHW event, you'll find all the information you need at RRRASOC.org! Find out how you can observe Earth Day by utilizing the following helpful tools and pages:



Master Your Recycling Skills



Take Earth Day as an opportunity to improve your recycling habits and familiarize yourself with what can be recycled in your community. By taking a look at our **Recycling Guidelines** or **Recycling Directory**, you'll find information dedicated to recycling many types of items, including clothing, electronics, and more!

Invest In a Sustainability Plan for Your Workplace

By observing Earth Day in your workplace and creating a plan to reduce waste, it will not only become more Earth friendly, but also help save a significant amount of money in the long run! Visit our **Business Recycling page** to see the steps you can take on April 22 (or now!) to create a greener workspace.



Learn More About the First Two R's



Reduce - Through waste reduction and prevention, you can use less material to get a job done. One of the easiest ways to reduce waste is by cutting back on what you consume daily, including energy, water, and solid waste. Learn how to watch what you buy with our easy guidelines [here](#).

Reuse - By reusing products and packaging, it prolongs the useful life of materials, thus delaying final disposal or recycling. This can include getting creative and reusing what you already have for new, innovative purposes or donating your gently used items to a local charity. For ideas and charity locations, click [here](#).

Educate Friends & Family

We love to share recycling facts and figures with our member communities, and on Earth Day, you should too! The benefits that come with recycling are endless: it reduces air and water pollution, creates jobs, saves on natural resources, and so much more. You can view more recycling facts [here](#). To see our full library of informative resources, click [here](#)!



Hunting for Recyclables on Easter



After the eggs have been found and baskets dispersed, you may be finding that this holiday can generate quite a bit of waste. Foil wrappers, egg cartons, plastic eggs, and decorations: how should they be handled once the festivities are over? We've compiled a short list of common Easter items and how you can dispose of them properly on this fun-filled holiday.

- **Foil Wrappers:** Individually, the foil wrappers that your Easter candy often comes in are too small to be recycled and should be placed with your household garbage, as they would not make it through the sorting process at the facility. However, these small wrappers can be combined with other aluminum foil you may be recycling; combine the individual wrappers together to see what size ball you can make. If it's the size of a golf ball (or larger), toss it in with your recycling.
- **Candy Containers:** If it's only made of paper, it's recyclable. Any rigid plastics that come with a chocolate bunny or other Easter candy are only accepted by RRRASOC if they are marked on the bottom with #1, #2, or #4 - #7. No expanded polystyrene #6 (foam).
- **Egg Cartons:** This depends on the materials it is made from. If made from paper or plastic (for plastic egg cartons, check the numbers [see above] on the bottom to see if it is acceptable), they are generally accepted in your recycling. Expanded polystyrene #6 (foam) egg cartons are not recyclable with RRRASOC and should be placed in the trash.
- **Decorations:** Items such as plastic eggs, Easter grass, and baskets are not recyclable. If your decorations are only gently used, please consider saving them to reuse next year or donate them to a local secondhand store.



Don't Forget!

HHW Events Coming Up Fast

Our first two HHW events of 2022 will be taking place on **April 9th** and **23rd**. During these 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.



More HHW event dates can be found below.

April 9th, 2022

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

April 23rd, 2022

RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance
20875 Mapleridge Ave., Southfield
9:00am - 2:00pm

May 7th, 2022

Oakland Community College
Orchard Ridge Campus Lot 8
27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills
9:00am - 2:00pm

May 21st, 2022

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

July 16th, 2022

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

October 1st, 2022

Novi Dept. of Public Works
26300 Lee BeGole Dr., Novi
9:00am - 2:00pm

October 29th, 2022

RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance
20875 Mapleridge Ave., Southfield
9:00am - 2:00pm

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

To learn more about this year's 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:

Winter Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 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](#).

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Want more tips, tricks, and updates about recycling? We have a Facebook page where we can reach you daily to make recycling easier. Not only that, but you can reach us too - send us a message or comment on one of our posts today!



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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"
- Alexa Enabled Device
 - Simply say, "Alexa, enable Recycling Directory"

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH
STUFF?

COMPOST? RECYCLE? DONATE? TRASH?

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