



## Recycling Authority August 2021

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### Recycle Your Cartons with RRRASOC

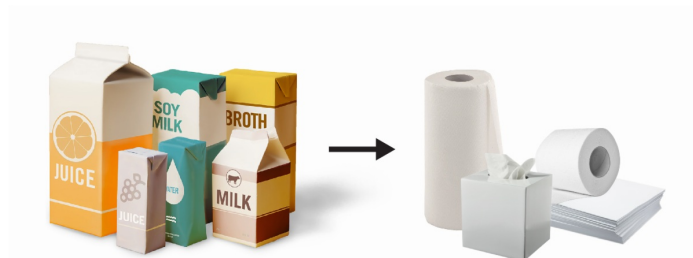
#### A Simple, Easy Solution



Did you know you can recycle food and beverage cartons as part of your curbside recycling program? RRRASOC encourages you to take part in recycling cartons in order to continue our mission to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Recycling cartons helps keep our community greener by reducing landfill waste and saving energy.

This includes food and beverage cartons containing milk, OJ, soup, coconut water, almond milk and more! It's easy and convenient — just toss your clean, dry cartons in the recycling bin with your recyclables. Don't forget to remove and throw away any caps or straws! Once recycled, the cartons become material that can then be used to create new products we use every day, including paper towels, tissue, writing paper, and building materials.



#### Some Common FAQ's About Cartons:

##### What makes cartons recyclable?

- *Cartons are primarily made of paper with a thin layer of polyethylene (plastic) - all recyclable components!*

##### Should I flatten my cartons before recycling them?

- *No, you should not flatten your cartons. They can be sorted more efficiently at the Materials Recovery Facility in their 3D form, as they are more recognizable that way.*

##### Is it really that easy to recycle cartons?

- Yes! Just rinse, dry and drop into your recycling bin! However, remember to remove the caps and straws, and make sure the cartons are loose with the rest of your recyclables.

## Some cartons may deceive you...

Just because they have "carton" in the name, that doesn't mean every carton is recyclable. Some packaging may contain materials that make it non-recyclable. Take ice cream and Goldfish cartons, for example – both have coatings that cannot be separated from the paper by the processors and thus should not be put with other cartons in your recycling bin.



Visit [rrrasoc.org](http://rrrasoc.org) for more information regarding what you should be putting in your recycle bin.

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## Sustainable Holidays in August

### National Book Lover's Day

Do you love books? If so, don't throw them away! While the adhesives in hardcover book bindings don't allow them to be recycled traditionally, there are many other solutions and uses for old hardcover books. To celebrate Book Lover's Day, we have a creative link to share about book recycling [here!](#)



### National Thrift Shop Day

Do you have old clothes, usable electronics, or household objects to get rid of? Try recycling or donating them instead! Thrifting is a conscious choice to reduce the demand for new products and save natural resources. Donate items, time, or money to your local thrift organization to make a positive impact in your community.

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## Want to reduce your use of plastic bags while grocery shopping?

Try reusable produce bags! There are lots of reasons to make the switch to a more sustainable shopping experience:

- They are made of washable mesh, cotton, or canvas, depending on the brand.
- They reduce our reliance on single-use plastic bags, and in turn reduce our environmental impact.
- They can be purchased locally from stores such as Target, Meijer, Bed Bath and Beyond, and more.
- They are also available in larger quantities from websites such as [Amazon](#) - why not share a pack with a family member or friend?



## HHW Events Coming Up

### October 2, 2021 - Novi Department of Public Works

9:00am - 2:00pm

Novi Department of Public Works  
26300 Lee BeGole Drive, Novi

- Bring household hazardous waste
- 3 boxes or up to 100 lbs of shredding
- Electronic waste is also accepted



### October 30, 2021 - RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance

9:00am - 2:00pm

RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance  
20875 Mapleridge Avenue, Southfield

- Bring household hazardous waste
- 3 boxes or up to 100 lbs of shredding
- Clothing, shoes, accessories, and small household items will be accepted by Simple Recycling at this event. Bag items if appropriate. Keep separate from HHW
- Electronic waste is also accepted

[CLICK FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE HHW MATERIALS](#)

## Can't Make It to an HHW Event? Don't Want to Wait? *No Problem!*

Save time and avoid the line by dropping off HHW at ERG Environmental Services in Livonia on non-event days without a fee during the following hours:

### Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM – 7:00 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](#).



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## Follow Us On Facebook

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](http://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"

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