



Recycling Authority August 2022

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Preparing Your Recyclables



Getting your recyclables ready for their journey to the *Materials Recovery Facility* (MRF) is easier than you think! As technology improves, much less preparation is necessary. Whether you have curbside recycling or utilize the Drop-Off sites, the same preparation guidelines apply. Here are a few tips to make sure your recyclables travel through the MRF with ease:

#1: Keep Them Clean

Rinse out any items that contain bits of food and empty containers of all liquid. This not only keeps the rest of the load from being contaminated, but also keeps odors and pest problems at a minimum. Examples of items that could be rinsed out include condiment bottles and jars, plastic containers of leftovers, and beverage containers.

No need to fully wash your recyclables with soap - we're not looking for perfection! If possible, allow your recyclables to dry before placing them in the bin to prevent water from pooling at the bottom.



#2: Keep Them Loose



Please do not bag your recyclables! Bags are not opened at the facility, which means bagged recyclables do not make it to the sorting process. Additionally, plastic bags get caught in the machinery, leading to slower sorting and equipment downtime. By keeping your recyclables loose, you're keeping them easily identifiable and easily sortable.

Keep the caps on your bottles and containers, and plastic/paper labels do not need to be removed. Newspapers and cardboard do not need to be bundled or tied together, but flattening your cardboard boxes does allow for more space in your cart.

Thanks for properly preparing your recyclables! Still have questions about what's accepted

with RRRASOC? [Download our Recycling Guidelines](#), which have both preparation instructions and acceptable/unacceptable items listed.

Prefer to view what's accepted on-the-go? Try the [Recycling Directory](#) at rrrasoc.org or download our free App for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) devices!

Let's Get Shredding!

Did you know our self-serve industrial paper shredder is **free to use** for all RRRASOC community members? If your household has personal documents waiting to be shredded, stop by the RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility at 20000 Eight Mile Road in Southfield from **7am to 7pm on weekdays** to try it out!

The entrance to the shredder is located at the front of the main building, near the Drop-Off site. Look for the door with the *Document Shredder* signage and follow the instructions inside!



Loose personal documents only (no businesses). Limit 3 boxes or 100lbs per visit.

Celebrate National Secondhand Wardrobe Day

Thursday, August 25th

Looking to score some deals while also helping to support your local community and environment? Shop secondhand to update your closet, promote reuse, and save clothing from needlessly going to the landfill! For a list of local charitable organizations to shop or donate to, visit our [page](#).

Or, help someone update their wardrobe by utilizing *Simple Recycling* services right from your own home. Schedule a pickup at rrrasoc.org!



Upcoming HHW Collection Event Dates

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](#).**

For more information about HHW collection 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:

Mon, Wed, Fri:
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tue, Thur:
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](#) or our [HHW page](#).

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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"

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