



Recycling Authority January 2021

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A New Year Recycling Refresher

Resolutions are a great way to set yourself up for success in the new year. Many people make personal health and wealth goals, but we would like to encourage you to set a goal of becoming a better recycler.

With that said, here is a refresher of what can and cannot be recycled at the curb.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The following items are able to be recycled in your community. All items may be placed into your bin or cart without being sorted.

- Plastic Containers with Lids – examples include: all narrow-neck and wide-mouth plastic bottles and containers #1, #2, #4, #5 #6 (NO Styrofoam), #7.
- #2 Bulky Plastics – examples include: cat litter buckets, large plastic pails, and molded kid's furniture.
- Newspaper, Magazines and Catalogs
- Junk Mail, Office Paper and Phonebooks
- Cardboard and Boxboard – examples include: pizza boxes (remove food and soiled portion of the box), shipping boxes, and food boxes. Flatten as needed.
- Paper drink cartons – Empty, plastic-coated paper beverage cartons such as milk and juice cartons. Remove caps and straws. Do not flatten.
- Glass bottles and Jars – all colors are accepted and lids and labels are acceptable
- Household metals – examples include: empty cans, foil, pans and small scrap metal

RRRASOC CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

For RRRASOC Member Communities: Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Milford Township, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom

YES

- Clean garden plastics
- Clean pizza boxes
- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse containers
- Leave caps on plastic bottles
- OK to leave staples, clips, labels, stamps, spiral bindings and metal fasteners on paper products

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Foam containers or products (Styrofoam)
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- Hazardous waste

NO MATTER IF IT'S A LITTLE OR A LOT, RECYCLE RIGHT USING A BIN OR A CART.

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ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINER:

- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene Foam "Styrofoam"
- Plastic and metal clothing and coat hangers
- Plastic cutlery and straws
- Facial tissue, toilet paper, paper towel, napkins
- Batteries
- Shredded paper
- Household trash
- Shipping packaging including bubble wrap, plastic air pillows, padded mailers, plastic envelopes, food delivery packaging
- Disposable masks and gloves

Preparing Your Recyclables

As technology improves, we have been able to require much less preparation of the recyclables for pick-up. No longer must a resident remove labels or caps from food containers.

Here are a few tips on how to make your recycling as easy as possible:

- Please rinse containers. We're not looking for perfection; we just want to keep odors and pest problems at a minimum.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Keep caps on plastic bottles and containers.
- Place all recycling items **loose** into your bin/cart. Please don't place items into plastic bags. Bags are not opened and will end up going to the landfill. This is for the safety of our employees. Don't waste your efforts at recycling right by bagging recyclables. Keep items loose.
- Flatten cardboard or paperboard boxes, to allow for more space in your bin/cart.



Benefits Of Recycling

- Recycling creates nine jobs for every ton of material recycled, while only one job is created if that same ton is landfilled.
- Using recycled paper instead of virgin materials reduces air pollution by 74% and water pollution by 35%.
- Using recycled aluminum instead of virgin ore reduces air pollution by 95% and water pollution by 97%.
- Using recycled iron and steel cuts air pollution by 86%, water pollution by 76%, and mining wastes by 97%.
- For every ton of paper you recycle, you save 17 trees, 464 gallons of oil, 42 gallons of gasoline, and 7,000 of water.
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for four hours.
- Recycling one tin can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours.





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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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