



Recycling Authority January 2022

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Live Greener in 2022 with RRRASOC

The New Year brings many new opportunities for self-improvement, learning experiences, and setting up personal goals that will benefit you, your family, your community or maybe even the environment! This year, consider making a commitment to live greener and strive to reduce your impact on our planet. RRRASOC offers a variety of information and services meant to help you reach this goal! Read on to view a refresher of our Recycling Guidelines, to see event dates, and more - available year-round at rrrasoc.org.



Updated Recycling Guidelines Now Available!

Need a refresher on what can be recycled curbside or at the drop-off sites in Southfield and Novi? Check out our newly updated Recycling Guidelines for 2022! With an improved layout and visuals, you can see what is and is not accepted with RRRASOC. Our new Recycling Guidelines can be found on our [Curbside Recycling page](#) or you can [click the image below to download your own copy to print from home](#).

As a quick recap, here is what you can recycle with RRRASOC:

- Paper products such as flattened cardboard, paperboard boxes, paper cups and cartons, office paper and junk mail, newspapers, phone books, and paper gift wrap (see guidelines for specific unacceptable items).
- Plastic jugs, bottles and containers #1, #2, and #4 - #7 (no #6 expanded Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam)).
- Metal such as steel, aluminum, bottles, cans, pots, and pans (no lids from the pots and pans and no paint cans).
- Glass bottles and jars of all colors (see guidelines for specific unacceptable items).



Here are some examples of what's **not** accepted curbside or at the drop-off sites:

- Styrofoam, plastic bags, waxed cardboard and shredded paper.

- Organics and food waste.
- Tanglers such as wire hangers, hoses, string lights, and extension cords.
- E-waste such as batteries, cell phones, and computers (e-waste can be disposed of properly at one of our 2022 HHW events).
- Medical waste such as needles, syringes, and tubing.
- Hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, oil, and cleaners (household hazardous waste can be disposed of properly at one of our 2022 HHW events).



To find disposal instructions for a specific item, check out the [Recycling Directory](#).

Simple Recycling Reminder

Do you have unwanted or unused holiday textiles from 2021 that you would like to donate? Or maybe you're updating your wardrobe for 2022 and have old clothes that you no longer have a need for? Consider taking advantage of *Simple Recycling*! This service makes it convenient for you to donate your textiles responsibly, diverting them from sitting in a landfill.

Here are just a few examples of the items that can be recycled with *Simple Recycling*:

- Holiday outfits and accessories
- Fabric and plastic tablecloths
- Halloween costumes
- Men's, women's, and children's clothing
- Handbags and purses
- Pet beds and clothing
- Shoes, slippers and socks (in pairs)
- Linens and pillows



For more information about *Simple Recycling* and their services, click [here](#).

World Environmental Education Day - Jan. 26th



You can never be too aware of the issues that impact our environment, both locally and globally. This January 26th, make it a goal to identify some of these issues and raise awareness about the need for participation in order to conserve and protect the environment.

Climate change is no joke: when learning about its causes and effects, take a moment to consider what you can do to help mitigate its impacts. For example, you could spread some helpful knowledge about renewable energies and support businesses and organizations that strive for sustainability!

2022 HHW Event Schedule Released

Beginning in April, residents are once again encouraged to bring their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to one (or a couple!) of this year's 7 special drop-off events,

provided by RRRASOC and our member communities. Click the image for a **downloadable copy** of our 2022 event schedule or visit our **HHW page** for more information.

Getting a Head Start - Gathering Your HHW

It's key to know which products in your household are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) before bringing them to a collection event. These products are used in or around your home and may have one of these characteristics on the label: *Corrosive, Toxic, Poisonous, Flammable, or Ignitable.*

Cleaners that contain strong acids, bleach or ammonia are also considered hazardous and can be brought to a collection event.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
Many household products, including cleaning products, contain chemicals that may be toxic to human health and the environment when misused or disposed.

What is Household Hazardous Waste?
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is products used in and around your home that have one or more of the following characteristics: Corrosive, Toxic, Flammable, Reactivity. Read the label to determine which products require special handling. Warnings such as "poisonous or toxic," "flammable or ignitable," or "corrosive" are indicators that the items should be disposed of as HHW. Cleaners that contain strong acids, bleach or ammonia are also hazardous. Paints and paint products that are oil-based and require the use of paint thinner or mineral spirits are hazardous. Water-based paints are not hazardous and can be prepared for safe disposal with household trash. To prepare, allow paint to curdle on paper, mix paint with an absorbent such as cat litter, sawdust, or commercial paint hardener. Once the paint is solidified, place it in a trash bag and set it out on regular collection day. Learn how to reduce and reuse leftover paint on the RRRASOC website.

What to Do With Unwanted HHW
HHW requires special handling and disposal through licensed hazardous waste companies. Residents are encouraged to bring HHW to a special drop-off event, sponsored by RRRASOC and its member communities. The reverse side of the tag lists the date and location of HHW collection events.

RRRASOC residents can drop off HHW at ERG Environmental Services in Livonia on non-event days without a fee. HHW pickup from your home is also available for a fee. For more information on drop-off or pickup services visit the RRRASOC website at rrrasoc.org

Tips for Transporting Household Hazardous Waste

- Keep items in their original and labeled containers.
- Do not mix the contents of unknown or unlabeled containers.
- Make sure that the containers are not leaking prior to bringing them to a collection event.
- Do not transport containers with open lids.
- Place chemicals away from passengers.
- Secure all containers so they cannot slide, tip or spill contents.

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contact us at: www.rrrasoc.org or call [734-437-9650](tel:734-437-9650) or visit www.rrrasoc.org

Look for more tips from RRRASOC as our HHW collection dates grow closer!

HHW Drop-Off at ERG Environmental Services

If you have HHW that you'd like to properly dispose of before this year's 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.

This 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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