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Plastic Free July! Join the Challenge

Have you heard of the Plastic Free July challenge?

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Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

You making a small change will collectively make a massive difference to our communities. You can choose to refuse single-use plastics in July (and beyond!). Best of all, being part of Plastic Free July will help you to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever.

So will you join the challenge?

Learn more at PlasticFreeJuly.org



5 Quick (and sad) Plastic Facts

- 1. It never completely decomposes, it just becomes smaller and smaller pieces called microplastics.
- 2. The average person eats 70,000 microplastics each year.
- 3. Chemicals used to make plastics are known to cause cancer.
- 4. 73% of beach litter worldwide is plastic.
- 5. In the last 10 years alone, we have produced more plastic than over the last 100 years.



Summer Household Hazardous Waste Event

When: July 20, 2019 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Wixom Department of Public Works 2041 Charms Road, Wixom



Results Are In! Reusable Shopping Bag Survey

Yes, all the time ... 35%

Yes, when I remember my bags ... 38%

No, but I want to start ... 13%

No ... 14%

Wow, 73% of you use reusable shopping bags! It can take some planning but cutting out the bad habit of plastic bags is completely doable. Keep it up!

For those who would like to start, we challenge you to make plastic bags your Plastic Free July focus! No better time to start than now.



Can used toner cartridges and printer cartridges go in the recycling bin/cart?

We've had some residents inform us that they have been told that printer/toner cartridges can go in their regular recycling. This is FALSE! Do NOT put any type of cartridge or electronics in with your regular recycling.

Cartridges should be taken back to a retailer who accepts them or put in your household trash. It is very common for manufacturers and product packaging to claim their product or packaging is recyclable when that is not the case.

RECYCLING DIRECTORY RESULTS FOR CARTRIDGES

- Office Depot/Office Max
- Staples
- Target Stores in the recycling kiosks
- Best Buy Stores
- Check with your local office supply retailer for more options

When you're not sure if something is recyclable, visit <u>rrrasoc.org</u> and use the Recycling Directory search bar to type in keywords and get recycling, composting, reuse or disposal instructions.

The Recycling Directory is also available as a mobile app and on Alexa enabled devices.



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