



## Recycling Authority July 2022

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### Proper Disposal of Dangerous Items

Proper recycling practices are not only good for the environment and economy – they're also put in place to protect those who sort your recyclables at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Click the video or click [here](#) to follow along with **Matt Van Benten**, *Operations Supervisor* for the RRRASOC MRF, as he explains what happens when potentially dangerous items are thrown in with your recyclables.



#### What Should I Do with My...?

- **Sharp Objects:** Any sharp objects such as scissors, blades, and needles should not be placed with your recycling, as they can injure workers who are sorting items on the conveyor line. Dispose of sharp objects and medical sharps with your household garbage. Wrap sharp objects with duct tape. For medical sharps, use an FDA-approved sharps container, available at most pharmacies. Otherwise, use a rigid plastic container like a laundry detergent jug that can be sealed and labeled "SHARPS".
- **Electronics:** Devices such as cellphones and laptops are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can cause MRF fires and explosions, putting our workers at risk. Bring your e-waste to an HHW collection event for proper disposal.
- **Batteries:** Batteries create fire hazards at the MRF, so recycle them at an HHW collection event. Automotive and marine batteries can be returned to automotive battery retailers. Check our special options for battery recycling for Farmington and South Lyon residents with the [Recycling Directory](#).



Still have questions about what's accepted in your curbside cart or at the drop-off sites? Try the [Recycling Directory](#) at [rrrasoc.org](http://rrrasoc.org) or download our free App for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) devices!

### Plastic Free July is Here!



If you haven't switched to reusable shopping bags, dinnerware, and water bottles yet, now is the time! *Plastic Free July* is all about becoming a part of the solution – that is, cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities – through education and action. Join over 100 million people worldwide who are taking the challenge this year by refusing single-use plastics, storing leftovers in reusable containers, spreading the word to family and friends, and more!

You can take the pledge to participate in *Plastic Free July* at [PlasticFreeJuly.org](http://PlasticFreeJuly.org), where you can also find tips, tricks, and other resources to get involved in your community. Watch the video [here!](#)

### Have You Recycled at Our Drop-Off Sites?

RRRASOC recycling drop-off sites are open to the public and free to use! Here are some things to remember when using the recycling drop-off sites:

- Flatten all boxes to keep the bins from filling up too quickly.
- Empty recyclables out of bags and boxes into the bins. MRF equipment is designed to sort loose materials.
- Keep plastic bags out. Recycle them at grocery retailers.
- Bins are emptied multiple days each week. If full, please come back another day.

Materials left outside of the bins creates litter problems and makes it difficult for the bins to be serviced.



Stop by during daylight hours to drop off your recyclables.



Save your HHW, e-waste, and **Simple Recycling** for our next HHW collection event on **July 16th!**

### Drop-Off Site Locations



20000 W. Eight Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075  
NE corner of Evergreen & Eight Mile Road



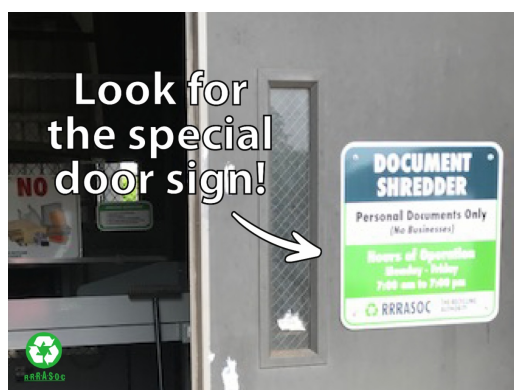
26300 Lee Begole Drive  
Novi, MI 48375  
North off of 11 Mile Road between Town Center and Meadowbrook Roads

For acceptable items, drop-off site hours, and more, click [here!](#)

### Self-Serve Industrial Paper Shredder Now Available!

In June, we opened our self-serve industrial paper shredder to all RRRASOC community members! It has been met with positive reception from residents and will remain open from **7am - 7pm on weekdays**. If you have personal documents in need of shredding, stop by and give it a try!

The shredder can be found at the RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility at 20000 Eight Mile Road in Southfield, near the drop-off containers. To access the shredder, look for the door with the **special sign**.



Look for the special door sign!



Instructions can be found here!

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

### Upcoming HHW Collection Event Dates

**July 16th, 2022** ☐

Wixom Dept. of Public Works  
2041 Charms Rd., Wixom  
9:00am - 2:00pm

**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](#).

## 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!



[Head over to Facebook](#)

## RRRASOC Recycling Directory

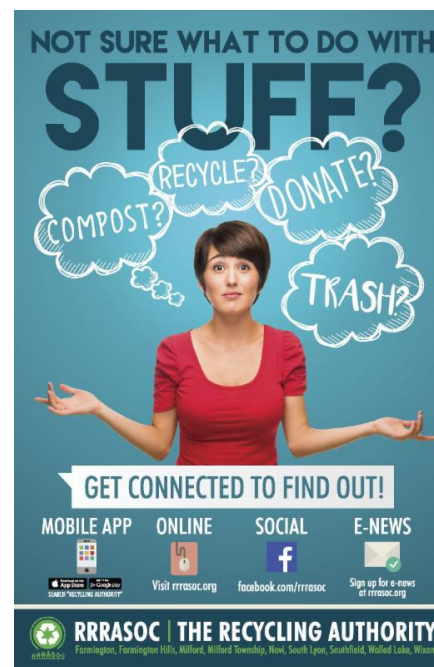
Not sure what to do with stuff?

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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