## Recycling Authority March 2019

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## SPRING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS



April 6th – Wixom 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Wixom Dept. of Public Works 2041 Charms Road

April 20th – Southfield

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

RRRASOC MRF – Truck Entrance

20875 Mapleridge Avenue

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#### May 4th - Farmington Hills

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus – Lot 3 27055 Orchard Lake Road

#### May 18th – Milford

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Milford Civic Center 1100 Atlantic Street Enter from west off of Mont Eagle Street

Download our 2019 HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) flyer here.

## Open House and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Tours Saturday April 20

#### 9 am - 2 pm

#### 20000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield

In celebration of Earth Day, join us at our open house for tours of the Recycling Authority's state-of-the-art and highly automated Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). See first hand how the recyclables you put into your bin/cart are sorted, separated and converted into valuable resources that will be sold and reused to make new products.

#### Things to know about touring the MRF:

- Visitors will be taken inside our processing facility, up a flight of stairs and alongside employees and equipment. Therefore, visitors must be able to walk up and down a flight of stairs.
- Long pants and sturdy, closed-toed, closed-heel shoes are required.
- The following personal protective equipment is provided and required to be worn while inside our facility: safety vest, hard hat and safety glasses.

- All visitors will be required to complete and sign a "Site Access Agreement, Waiver of Liability and Release" form.
- The MRF is considered an industrial/manufacturing facility and may not be appropriate for people with medical conditions impacted by dust, noise or airborne allergens. Additionally, the MRF has magnets that may impact medical devices.

#### <u>No appointment necessary! The MRF will be open to the public</u> <u>from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday April 20th.</u>

\*If you are bringing items for the HHW event, drop those off using the truck entrance at 20875 Mapleridge, then drive around to the building entrance on Eight Mile Road to tour the facility.

### Wondering How the MRF Works?

Watch our new MRF video to see how the Recycling Authority's efficient, state-of-the-art and highly automated Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operates to sort and separate the recyclables you put in your bin or cart.



## Your Recyclables ARE Recycled!



When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play and quality matters!

The recyclables from RRRASOC member communities, regardless of the hauler that collects them, are delivered to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Southfield, where they are sorted, separated, baled and shipped to brokers and manufacturers to be made back into new products.

For manufacturers to want and use

recyclables, the material must meet certain quality standards. Unacceptable items—such as garden hoses, plastic bags, diapers, needles, propane tanks, as well as yard and food waste — lower productivity at the MRF, reduce the end-market value of recyclables and most importantly, expose our employees to unsafe material. *In other words, poor quality jeopardizes the usability of recyclables.* 

#### Be sure to RECYCLE RIGHT!

- 1. Know what to recycle clean paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass food and beverage bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, foil, trays, etc. Check our Recycling Guidelines at <u>rrrasoc.org</u>
- 2. Keep containers EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY and free of food and liquids.
- 3. Keep it LOOSE. Do not bag or bundle recyclables.

# Take our Survey Do You Know Your Recyclables?

The correct answer and more information will be posted in April's e-newsletter.

Which one of these items DOES NOT belong in your recycle bin/cart?

Empty laundry soap bottle	Select
Empty water bottle	Select
Empty plastic bag	Select
Empty milk jug	Select
Empty salad dressing bottle	Select
Empty sour cream container	Select
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