



# Recycling Authority September 2019

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## Curbside Recycling: What's Accepted?

### Accepted in your curbside recycling container

The following items can be recycled in your community. Place all items into your recycling bin or cart without being sorted.

- Plastic Containers with Caps & Lids On - all narrow-neck and wide-mouth plastic bottles and containers #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 (no Styrofoam), #7
- #2 Bulky Plastics - empty cat litter buckets, large plastic pails, and molded plastic furniture
- Newspaper, Magazines and Catalogs
- Junk Mail, Office Paper and Phonebooks
- Cardboard and Boxboard - clean pizza boxes, 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 Food/Beverage Bottles and Jars - all colors accepted. Lids and labels can be left on.
- Household Metals - empty cans, foil, pots and pans.

### NOT Accepted:

- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam)
- Plastic and metal (clothing and coat) hangers
- Plastic cutlery and straws
- Facial tissue, toilet paper, paper towel, napkins
- Batteries

### How to Prepare your Recyclables:

- Please rinse containers. We're not looking for perfection; we just want to keep odors and pest problems at a minimum.
- Labels can be left on.
- Keep caps on plastic bottles and containers.
- Place all recycling items loose into your bin/cart.
- Please do not bag or bundle recyclables.
- You may wish to flatten cardboard or paperboard boxes, to allow for more space in your bin/cart.

**RRRASOC CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES**  
For RRRASOC Member Communities: Farmington, Farmington Hills, Millard, Millard Township, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Westland

**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
- Greeting cards, ragged & junk mail
- Phonebooks
- Glass bottles & jars (all colors)
- Bulky Rigid Plastic (buckets, chairs, toys)

**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.**

**WONDERING IF SOMETHING CAN BE RECYCLED?**  
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Print your own copy of the curbside recycling guidelines by clicking on the image above.

# Fall Household Hazardous Waste Events

## New Location for Oct. 5th Event

### October 5, 2019 \*NEW LOCATION\*

9:00am - 2:00pm  
Novi DPW Garage  
26300 Lee BeGole Drive, Novi

### October 26, 2019

9:00am - 2:00pm  
RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance  
20875 Mapleridge Avenue, Southfield



## RESULTS ARE IN! Michigan's Recycling Rate Survey

**A. 87%** ... 6.8%

It looks like the majority of you think Michigan's recycling rate is 53%. Sadly, that is far from the truth.

**B. 53%** ... 36.4%

**C. 24%** ... 34.9%

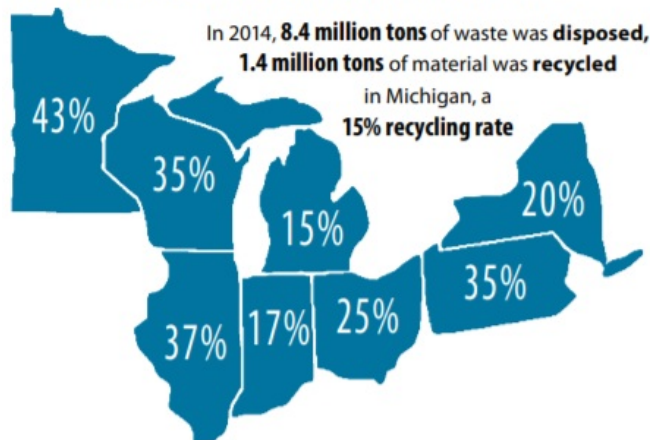
**D. 15%** ... 16%

**E. 9%** ... 5.9%

Michigan's current recycling rate is just 15%, which is well below the national average of nearly 35% and the lowest of the Great Lakes states.

However, the RRRASOC member communities collectively have a recycling rate of 39% and consistently divert more than 35,000 tons annually from landfill disposal through recycling, composting, Simple Recycling textile program and household hazardous waste collection events.

### HOW DOES OUR RECYCLING RATE COMPARE ?



## Sorting Through Recycling Mistakes

Bill Laitner, a Detroit Free Press writer spent a half day sorting recyclables at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Troy. Read about his recycling experience and insights...

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/oakland/2019/09/24/socra-recycling-recyclable-oakland-county-garbage/2226134001/>

## 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."

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH  
**STUFF?**

COMPOST? RECYCLE? DONATE? TRASH?

GET CONNECTED TO FIND OUT!

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