



## Recycling Authority September 2022

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### School Year Earth Friendly Habits

Whether it's college or grade school, most students have already started their Fall semester. Healthy minds and a healthy planet go hand-in-hand as many are getting back into the learning groove. In this month's newsletter, you'll learn how you can lower vehicle emissions, pack a waste-free lunch, and more.



#### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Reduce the amount of waste your household produces during the school year by taking stock of what you already own and reusing what you have. Do you have a notebook that's only partially filled or a backpack that just needs a little bit of cleaning? By reusing these items, you'll not only be making an earth-friendly decision, but you'll be saving on school supplies as well.

If you're finding that you have more backpacks, clothing, and school supplies than you need, donate them to a local charity or secondhand store to help a student in need. For a list of local donation centers, visit our [page!](#)

#### Lower Emissions

**Zero Emissions Day** is right around the corner. If you live near the school, try biking or walking to save on gas and reduce your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. It's healthier, plus it relieves congestion on public transportation and on the roads! If you live far from the school and have friends or classmates who live nearby, consider arranging a carpool so that only one vehicle is used.

If you're one who waits in the drop-off or pick-up line at your child's school, turn the engine off while you wait. Car idling is a major contributor to air pollution and can become costly after some time.



#### Packing a Waste-Free Lunch



Instead of relying on single-use disposable containers and bags, use reusable, long-lasting alternatives for utensils, food containers, beverages, and even straws. Instead of purchasing pre-packaged snacks, buy in bulk quantities to store in large containers at home and in reusable snack pouches when you're away.

Another way to achieve a waste-free lunch is through portion control. U.S. schools waste about 530,000 tons of food per year, but only packing what is needed and safely storing unfinished food is a great way to help tackle this issue.

**Want to go even further and start your own school recycling program? You can! View tips on how to get started [here](#).**

## Attention Teachers!

Are you looking to integrate some local resources and interactive tools into your class curriculum? Look no further than the Waste Sorting Game found at [RRRASOC.org](http://RRRASOC.org)! On our homepage, you'll find this *free* game as part of the Recycling Directory, where it promotes active learning and good recycling habits to kids (and those who are kids at heart) of all ages.



Not a teacher? No worries! The Waste Sorting Game is also an excellent extension of at-home learning and supplemental activities. By sorting the items into the correct categories, users are able to create their own park and even print out a certificate of completion.

See if the Waste Sorting Game is the right fit for your students by trying it out [here](#)!

## Visit our Booth at the Farmington Farmers Market



Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, October 1st**, find our booth at the **Farmington Farmers Market** for a Meet & Greet with informational flyers on composting, recycling, and RRRASOC services! Find out from an industry expert how your recycling is processed and where it goes, the benefits of composting, and more.

There will also be a sign-up sheet at our booth for those who are interested in our *2023 Spring Composting Workshop*. Those who sign up will receive an email in early spring with more details!

### Location & Hours

**Farmington Farmers Market**  
Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion  
George F. Riley Park, Grand River at Grove Street

**9am-2pm on Saturday, October 1st**

# World Cleanup Day



**Saturday, September 17th**

Every year, approximately 8 million tons of plastic finds its way into our oceans. This day marks the world's largest one-day civic action, with over 190 countries and millions of volunteers standing up against global pollution and cleaning up waste in their local communities!

Whether you want to organize your own cleanup on this day or join one nearby, you can find all the information you need at [WorldCleanupDay.org](http://WorldCleanupDay.org). Help implement lasting changes to end the global waste issue once and for all!

## Upcoming HHW Collection Event Dates

**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



## 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!



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## RRRASOC Recycling Directory

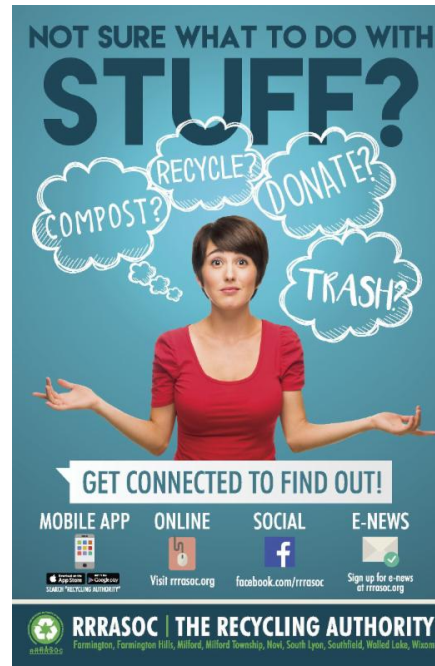
Not sure what to do with stuff?

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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