



Recycling Authority July 2023

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Celebrate Plastic Free July!

WHAT TO AVOID	HOW TO AVOID IT	YOUR IMPACT	YES
Fill your bin with plastics for recycling*	Avoid as much plastic packaging as you can	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-packed fruit and veg	Choose loose products (take the little plastic bag or put in a reusable bag)	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lightweight plastic bags	Remember your reusable shopping bags or use a cardboard box	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-packed meat or fish	Shop at the deli counter or butcher or fishmonger for paper wrapped cuts or BPO reusable container	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Takeaway drink straws	Refuse plastic straws (opt for a paper straw if they have them). BPO reusable straw	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Takeaway coffee cups	Bring your reusable cup or sit and enjoy a meal cup	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Takeaway utensils and containers	Support vendors offering compostable alternatives (bamboo or cork), BPO reusable or sit and enjoy 'sit-in'	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bottled water	Fill a reusable bottle from the tap	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bottled soft drinks	Reduce the amount (helps your health), or make your own with a soda siphon, carbonator or choose glass bottles (and recycle)	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bin liners (or 'heavy' plastic shopping bags)	Have a reusable container for 'wet' (straw, food) compost or freeze until bin day. Line the kitchen bin with paper	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic food wrap for leftovers and sandwiches	Use a reusable lunch box to store food, store food in containers or use beeswax wraps	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Littering cigarette butts, balloons	Dispose of cigarette butts in the bin they are plastic and wash into the ocean environment! Avoid releasing balloons (not just give us, most come down)	Reduce	<input type="checkbox"/>

AVOID LANDFILL WASTE. REDUCE YOUR ECO-FOOTPRINT. PROTECT THE OCEAN. PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG

With over 100 million participants in 190 countries, it's no wonder **Plastic Free July** has become a worldwide sensation! Take this time to educate yourself and others on the benefits of reducing single-use plastic waste at home, work, school, and even at your local café. From cleaner streets and oceans to beautiful communities, your participation brings us one step closer to the solution!

Some ways to go plastic-free this July are to bring your own reusable cups, straws, and eating utensils when going out to eat, bringing reusable shopping and produce bags to the grocery store, choosing sustainable alternatives to plastic cling wrap when storing leftovers, and avoiding pre-packaged foods and instead choosing bulk or loose foods. For more ways to go plastic-free, check out the graphic [here](#).

The best part of **Plastic Free July**? Taking part in this special month will help you to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever!

Creating Reminders for Upcoming HHW Collection Events

Nearly 3,000 reminders have been created for RRRASOC community members looking to attend an HHW Collection Event in the past month! By going on the Recycling Directory at RRRASOC.org and creating an event reminder, you can rest assured the next HHW Collection Event won't slip under your radar. You can receive reminders via email or on the RRRASOC mobile app. Reminders can be sent at a specific time the day before or the day of the event.

The next HHW Collection Event is on **Saturday, July 15 at the Wixom Department of Public Works**. For information on what is accepted and how to prepare for HHW Collection Events, visit our [Event Schedule page](#) or view our [HHW Flyer](#).

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Benefits of Proper HHW Management
Disposing of your HHW at special collection events or HHW facility benefits you, the community and the environment by:

- Keeping toxic chemicals out of landfills
- Reducing the potential for groundwater contamination
- Preventing pollution on our streets from garbage trucks
- Eliminating exposure to toxins for sanitation workers
- Preventing toxic chemicals or water from contamination
- Reducing the incidence of household chemical poisoning of children and pets

Listed below are examples of accepted HHW

Kitchen/Bathroom

- Expired or unused medicines
- Drain cleaners
- Mercury thermometers
- Aerosol cans
- Bleach, ammonia
- Nail polish
- Hairdressing with solvent

Garden

- Pesticides, herbicides
- Fungicides, insecticides
- Weed and feed
- Deck wash and stains

Garage

- Used oil, anti-freeze
- Brake, transmission fluids
- Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, fuel oil
- Car batteries, battery acid

Miscellaneous

- Mercury
- Meth balls
- Air propane tanks
- Acids
- Pool chemicals
- Fiberglass epoxy
- Lighter fluid
- Photo chemicals

Workshop

- Fluorescent and CFL bulbs
- Glue-solvent based
- Oil-based paint and primer
- Solvents, paint thinner
- Turpentine
- Varnish and wood stain
- Wood preservatives

Home Office

- Used computer equipment (CPU, monitors, mice, keyboards, scanners, printers, modems, TV)

NOT ACCEPTED at HHW Events:

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
- Flammable Liquids
- Flammable Solids
- Compressed Gases
- Fire Extinguishers
- Tires
- Ammunition
- Smoke Detectors
- Needles/Sharps

For Healthy Safe: Dispose of HHW at a RRRASOC Special Collection Event

2023 Events

- April 18th - Wixom 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Wixom DPW 2041 Cherry Road
- July 15th - Wixom 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Wixom DPW 2041 Cherry Road
- May 6th - Farmington Hills 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Oakland Community College Oakland Road, Campus - Lot 8 27050 Oakland Lake Road
- July 15th - Wixom 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Wixom DPW 2041 Cherry Road
- October 19th - Southfield 8:00 am - 2:00 pm RRRASOC 248-208-2270 20875 Mapleidge Avenue

RRRASOC Member Information

Southfield 20000 West Eight Mile Road
Near shopping mall - Lot 3 boxes/100 lbs.
 Questions? Call RRRASOC 248-208-2270
 Sign up for HHW collection events at www.rrrasoc.org

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County
 contact us at www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270



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When looking back on archived e-newsletters, you'll find sustainable gift-wrapping tips, waste-free cookout and dinner party ideas, yard waste tips for spring, summer, and fall, and even ways to observe eco-friendly holidays throughout the year!

If you've been forwarding or sharing the monthly RRRASOC e-newsletters with friends, family, or coworkers, why not have them subscribe directly [here](#)? We're happy to reach and serve as many people from our member communities as possible!

As always, we **thank you** for being a dedicated subscriber to our monthly e-newsletter!

2023 HHW Collection Event Dates

During the following HHW Collection Events, all residents of RRRASOC member communities are welcome to bring household hazardous waste for an opportunity to safely discard their hazardous items and e-waste. *Simple Recycling* and paper shredding services will also be available.

July 15, 2023 ☐

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

October 7, 2023

Novi Dept. of Public Works
26300 Lee BeGole Dr., Novi
9:00am - 2:00pm

October 28, 2023 ☐

RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance

***The T-shirt icon indicates an HHW Collection Event during which clothing, shoes, accessories, and small household items will be accepted by *Simple Recycling*.**

For more information about HHW 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:

Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM - 4:00 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.

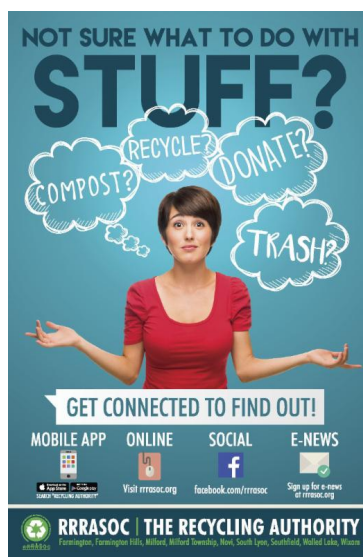
To confirm drop-off times and/or to schedule a pickup, please contact:

ERG Environmental Services
13040 Merriman Road, Livonia
(734) 437-9650



For more info, visit the [ERG HHW Drop-Off page](#) or our [HHW page](#).

RRRASOC Recycling Directory



Not sure what to do with stuff?

Visit 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"

Want more tips, tricks, and updates about recycling? We have a Facebook page where we can reach each other to make recycling easier. You can also reach us via RRRASOC.org and email at education@rrrasoc.org!



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