



Recycling Authority August 2023

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We Want to Hear from You!



Do you live in a RRRASOC member community? *We want to hear from you!*

We provide a lot of programs to the residents of our nine member communities, and over the past 2 years we've been working on a special project focused on improving participation at the recycling drop-off sites in Novi and Southfield.

We've learned that most people recycling at the drop-off sites live in a multi-family residence such as an apartment, condominium, or senior living community. Following an audit of materials put in the recycling bins at the Novi recycling site in 2020, educational information was sent to multi-family residents in the area to help them understand how to properly recycle. We saw a **40% reduction** in the amount of unacceptable materials coming from that location!

This year you'll find us at the Southfield recycling drop-off site talking with recyclers and taking surveys. We're also giving community presentations and participating in community events looking to survey more residents. It's not easy to reach everyone, so we're asking for a few minutes of your time to complete our recycling survey. The information you provide in the survey will help us to better understand your recycling habits and how we can better serve you. Your responses and information will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purpose of the project. Thanks in advance for taking part in this important initiative!



[Take Recycling Survey](#)

Partial funding for this project has been provided by **Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy** and **The Recycling Partnership**.



Sustainable Summer Activities

Summer ends next month, which means beach days and boating trips may start to come to a close. How have you been spending your summer? Have you been engaging in sustainable summer activities such as biking, hiking, and gardening? Try the following activities before the last day of summer to savor the outdoors before cooler temperatures set in!



Enjoy the weather on your way to work! Biking, walking, and carpooling are greener modes of transportation and can reduce your carbon footprint.



Local, seasonal produce can be bought at farmers markets. Supporting local farmers helps create a circular economy and reduces the environmental impact of transporting food.



Eco-friendly activities and accommodations such as camping and hiking promote the preservation of local and natural ecosystems. Remember to **Leave No Trace** when camping!



Choose reusable water bottles, bags, containers and cutlery when out and about to reduce plastic pollution. Take recyclable items home to dispose of them properly, if necessary.



Strengthen friendships and foster a sense of community by organizing gatherings with friends and families to share meals. Choose local, sustainable ingredients and remember to save your leftovers!



Nature is beautiful! Take time to reflect on your summer endeavors and show your gratitude by sharing your experiences with others or volunteering for a local clean-up project!

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.

October 7, 2023
Novi Dept. of Public Works

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.

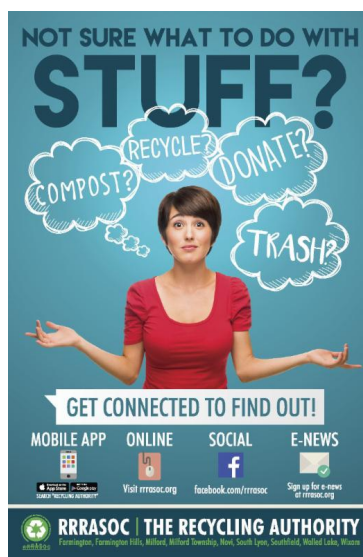
To confirm drop-off times and/or to schedule a pickup, please contact:

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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