



# RRRASOC THE RE-SOURCE GUIDE

Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Guidelines from The Recycling Authority

## Welcome to the RE-Source Guide

The Recycling Authority has developed the RE-Source Guide to put important recycling and waste handling information at your fingertips. We hope you'll find the contents interesting and informative and will keep it handy for future reference.

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Search the Recycling Directory. Sign up for the "Recycling Authority" monthly e-newsletter.  <a href="http://www.rrrasoc.org">www.rrrasoc.org</a>	Download the "Recycling Authority" mobile app to use and search the Recycling Directory.  Download on the App Store  GET IT ON Google play	Follow "Recycling Authority" on Facebook.  Like us on Facebook <a href="https://facebook.com/rrrasoc">facebook.com/rrrasoc</a>	 <b>Call RRRASOC:</b> <b>248-208-2270</b>

### Not Sure What to Do With Stuff? Get Answers with the Recycling Directory!

RRRASOC's Recycling Directory is an online, searchable, intuitive tool that provides you with RRRASOC specific information and tips on recycling, composting, reuse or disposal options.

The Recycling Directory can be found on the RRRASOC website, [www.RRRASOC.org](http://www.RRRASOC.org), and is available as a free mobile smartphone app. Search for "Recycling Authority".

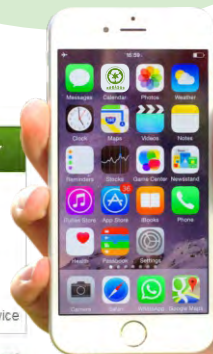


RECYCLING DIRECTORY Need help? Share

Type the name of an item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

List of Materials

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### Who is RRRASOC?

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) is a municipal solid waste authority that helps its member communities provide cost effective, environmentally responsible and convenient waste and recycling programs, including recycling drop-off centers, curbside recycling collection, and household hazardous waste collection events.

We are often referred to as **The Recycling Authority** for short or by the acronym **RRRASOC**.

Member communities include City of Farmington, City of Farmington Hills, Village of Milford, Milford Charter Township, City of Novi, City of South Lyon, City of Southfield, City of Walled Lake, and City of Wixom.

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## SOLID WASTE SERVICES SUMMARY: GARBAGE, BULK ITEMS, YARD WASTE

GARBAGE, RECYCLING, BULK ITEMS AND YARD WASTE ARE COLLECTED WEEKLY BY WASTE MANAGEMENT, YOUR CONTRACTED WASTE HAULER. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE SET OUT ON YOUR DESIGNATED COLLECTION DAY BY 7:00 A.M. CHECK WITH YOUR COMMUNITY FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS FOR ALL SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

### GARBAGE

Garbage is accepted in 35-gallon containers and / or 35-gallon trash bags.

### BULK HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bulk household items are:

Heavier than 30 pounds	More than 4 feet in length	Do not fit into a garbage can or bag
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Examples of bulk household items include appliances, furniture, etc. Bulk items are often collected with a separate truck.

### YARD WASTE

Collected weekly on your designated collection day, April through November. Check directly with your community for yard waste collection start and end dates.

#### Yard waste includes:

- Grass clippings
- Yard vegetation
- Sod
- Twigs less than 2" in diameter
- Leaves, etc.

#### Yard waste must be in:

- Brown paper bags
- Trash cans labeled with a "yard waste" sticker
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

#### Brush and tree trimmings:

- Must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 6" in diameter
- Bundle securely with string or twine or place in paper yard waste bags
- **DO NOT USE WIRE**

### BULK LEAF COLLECTION

Residents of the City of Farmington should contact the Farmington DPW at 248-473-7250 for details on bulk leaf collection.

Bulk leaf collection is NOT available for residents of the City of Farmington Hills.

## Holiday Collection Schedule Changes

The following holidays are observed by the waste haulers:

**New Year's Day - January 1**

**Memorial Day - Last Monday of May**

**Independence Day - July 4**

**Labor Day - First Monday of September**

**Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday of November**

**Christmas Day - December 25**

When a holiday falls on a weekday, refuse, recycling, yard waste, and Simple Recycling clothing collection service will be delayed by one day. Regular collection service will resume the following week.

## HOW TO RECYCLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Single family households in your community have weekly curbside recycling collection provided by the contracted waste hauler, Waste Management. Once collected, recyclable materials are delivered to the RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Southfield to be sorted, separated, baled, and shipped to end markets.

Community	Curbside Recycling Container	How to Get a Cart
City of Farmington	Choice of wheeled recycling carts in sizes - 35, 64, or 96-gallon	248-473-7250 (Farmington DPW)
City of Farmington Hills	Choice of wheeled recycling carts in sizes - 35, 64, or 96-gallon	248-871-2850 (Farmington Hills DPW)

**When using a recycling cart, always place the cart with the "street side" imprint towards the street and the handle toward the HOUSE.**

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES ARE AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

<b>RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility Recycling Drop-Off Site</b>  20000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield Northeast corner of Evergreen and Eight Mile Road  Open daylight hours, 7 day a week  <b>Note: Styrofoam and electronics are NOT accepted at this site.</b>	<b>City of Novi Recycling Drop-off Site</b>  DPS Garage, 26300 Lee BeGole Drive, Novi North off of 11 Mile Road between Town Center and Meadowbrook Roads  Open daylight hours, 7 day a week  <b>Note: Styrofoam and electronics are NOT accepted at this site.</b>
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## HAVE QUESTIONS? HERE'S WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT:

	Curbside Collection for Garbage, Bulk Items, Yard Waste, Recycling	Curbside Clothing Recycling	What to Recycle	Household Hazardous Waste
City of Farmington	Farmington DPW 248-473-7250	Simple Recycling, Inc. 866-835-5068	<b>RRRASOC</b> <b>248-208-2270</b> <b>rrrasoc.org</b>	
City of Farmington Hills	Farmington Hills DPW 248-871-2850			

# RRRASOC RECYCLING GUIDELINES

For RRRASOC Member Communities: Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Milford Township, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom



Paper Drink Cartons



File folders, office paper  
& gift wrapping paper

#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers  
(NO Foam/Styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal Cans

Newspapers,  
Magazines,  
Brochures &  
Inserts



Paperboard boxes  
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)

Corrugated cardboard &  
Paper bags



Household scrap metal

## 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



Phonebooks

Greeting cards,  
regular &  
junk mail



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

WONDERING IF SOMETHING  
CAN BE RECYCLED?

Download the "Recycling Authority"  
mobile app for iPhone and Android



**NO MATTER IF IT'S  
A LITTLE OR A LOT,  
RECYCLE RIGHT USING  
A BIN OR A CART.**









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## RECYCLE RIGHT. IT MATTERS. #FightRecyclingContamination

We need your help! Unacceptable items — such as garden hoses, plastic bags, diapers, needles, medical waste, propane tanks, and batteries as well as yard and food waste expose employees at the recycling facility to unsafe materials, lower productivity and reduce the quality of recyclable materials. This increases the costs of recycling operations and lowers the value of your recyclables.

Got This?	Please DO This:	It's Important Because:
 <p><b>Batteries</b></p>	<p>Recycle at Special Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alkaline &amp; rechargeable batteries to free drop-off locations listed on <a href="http://Call2Recycle.org">Call2Recycle.org</a></li> <li>Rechargeable batteries to Best Buy or Batteries Plus Bulbs</li> <li>All battery types accepted at RRRASOC Household Hazardous Waste events</li> </ul>	<p>Batteries are safety hazards for workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All materials are sorted by hand</li> <li>Corrosive acids cause burns to skin and eyes</li> <li>Batteries can cause fires at the Materials Recovery Facility</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Plastic bags</b></p>	<p>Recycle at Special Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobbies and service areas of grocery and big box retailers</li> </ul>	<p>Plastic bags tangle up in equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving gears and parts of the sorting equipment get jammed</li> <li>Facility must shut down equipment for hours of manual removal of the bags each day</li> <li>Plastic bags received in RRRASOC's program are considered contamination and will be landfilled</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Propane Tanks</b></p>	<p>Accepted at RRRASOC Household Hazardous Waste events Return to Retailer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20-pound steel propane tanks accepted by many retailers at no-charge</li> <li>Regardless of condition and functionality</li> <li>Manufacturers refurbish or recycle tanks</li> </ul>	<p>Propane tanks are safety hazards for workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can cause fires, explosions, serious injury or death</li> <li>Do not put in trash cans, recycling bins, or recycling drop-off centers</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Sharps (Lancets, needles, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Prepare and Dispose Properly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store sharps in FDA approved or hard plastic container</li> <li>Seal full containers, label "SHARPS", dispose with household trash</li> <li>Use a mail-in program. Search online for "mail in or mail back sharps"</li> </ul>	<p>Sharps are safety hazards for workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poses puncture risks while sorting material by hand</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Styrofoam (Polystyrene)</b></p>	<p>Recycle at Special Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Dart Container's website for locations: <a href="http://www.dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling/">www.dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling/</a></li> </ul>	<p>Foam products are NOT recyclable with RRRASOC's curbside or drop-off recycling programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered contamination</li> <li>Will be landfilled</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Yard Waste</b></p>	<p>Set Out Separately in Your Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected seasonally at the curbside</li> <li>Check with your community for instructions</li> </ul>	<p>Yard Waste is NOT recyclable with RRRASOC's curbside or drop-off recycling programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected separately by your community</li> <li>Delivered to a compost facility</li> </ul>

**When in Doubt, Keep It Out!**

Quality Matters. Please recycle only acceptable materials.

Not sure what can be recycled? Check the Recycling Guidelines on page 4  
or search the Recycling Directory on-line

## SIMPLE RECYCLING, INC. CURBSIDE CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

The average person throws away 68 pounds of clothing per year. Clothing and housewares account for approximately 10% of what Americans send to the landfill each year. Clothing and textiles are 100% recyclable, but 85% still ends up in landfills.

At curbside each week, residents in all of RRRASOC's member communities can recycle unwanted clothing, shoes, fashion accessories and other household items such as kitchenware, tools, toys and books with Simple Recycling, Inc.

This Simple Recycling clothing and textile recycling program is in addition to your current recycling program. Your recycling cart / bin collection will remain the same.

### HOW DOES THE SIMPLE RECYCLING PROGRAM WORK?

- ✓ Use only special orange Simple Recycling bags available from your municipal office or by calling Simple Recycling directly at 866-835-5068.
- ✓ Place clothing and textiles that you want reused/recycled in the orange "Simple Recycling" bags or use special tags for larger items. Set the bags/items at the curb on the same day as your weekly, recycling and refuse pick-up service.
- ✗ Do NOT put clothing and textiles in your recycling bin or cart.
- ✓ Collection service is provided by Simple Recycling, Inc. separately from garbage and recycling.
- ✓ Replacement bags will be left behind for your next use. You can obtain more orange bags from your municipal office or contact Simple Recycling, Inc. at 866 835-5068.



**simple recycling**

Simple Recycling is focused on clothing and textile recycling, but also accepts small household goods in working condition.

## GOT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes products used in and around your home, garden, and garage that contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to people and the environment.

These products have the following characteristics: **Corrosivity; Toxicity; Flammability; Reactivity**. Warnings on labels such as "poisonous or toxic", "flammable or ignitable", or "corrosive" are indicators that the items should be disposed of as HHW. Cleaners that contain strong acids, bleach or ammonia are also hazardous, as is oil-based paint.

RRRASOC provides household hazardous waste events yearly in several of our member communities to help residents properly and safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials.

**Visit [rrrasoc.org](http://rrrasoc.org) or Recycling Authority mobile app for the current HHW event schedule.**

### CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE HHW EVENTS?

Residents in RRRASOC's nine member communities may take their HHW materials directly to our vendor's Livonia facility, at no-cost. Please call ERG Environmental Services at 734-437-9650.

### FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE RRRASOC.ORG WEBSITE OR RECYCLING AUTHORITY MOBILE APP:



- Household Hazardous Waste Guide
- Paint Disposal Guide
- What to Do with Batteries and Bulbs
- Healthy Lawn and Garden Flyer



## MEDICINE DISPOSAL

*The proper disposal of unused or expired medications protects the environment and human health and safety.*

With the abuse of prescription medicine on the rise, it is important to promptly and properly dispose of unused, expired medications. Use one of the options below to reduce the risk of people improperly consuming or handling medications .



### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH UNWANTED/EXPIRED MEDICATIONS?

#### **Do NOT flush medications down the drain or toilet.**

Medicines flushed down the drain or toilet pass through waste water treatment plants. These facilities do not treat water for such chemicals, which end up directly in our lakes and streams.

#### **Do NOT throw medications in the trash.**

Medicines disposed in landfills can potentially seep into and contaminate surrounding groundwater.

#### **Check with your pharmacy to see if they have a drug take back program.**

#### **Bring unwanted medicine to a RRRASOC Household Hazardous Waste Event.**

#### **Drop off unwanted medicine to your local Police Department:**

City of Farmington Hills Police Department – 31655 W. 11 Mile Road (248-871-2600)

City of Farmington Police Department – 23600 Liberty (248-474-4700)

*\*The above locations accept unused medications in pill form only. No liquid medication or sharps.*

*\*Keep medications in their original container. Make personal information unreadable.  
Do not remove the name of the medication.*



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**STOP – DON'T PITCH THIS!  
It's A Keeper!**

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