



Recycling Authority August 2025

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Multifamily Recycling is Easy with RRRASOC!

Every RRRASOC community member has access to our free recycling resources, including those living in single-family households, apartments, and condominiums. With our easy-to-navigate website, you can find event announcements and helpful tools to make sure you're on the right track to becoming a master recycler! Check out our wide range of info via RRRASOC.org.

Are you looking for local tools, programs, and services to best manage your unwanted household items and discards? Check out our **2025 Programs & Resources Guide**! Regardless of whether you have curbside recycling where you live, this guide provides handy info all in one convenient packet. For example, you can learn more about our Novi and Southfield recycling drop-off sites (which are open and free to all residents), find dates for this year's **HHW Collection Events**, get quick links to **clothing recycling** resources and our **paper shredder**, and more!



THE RRRASOC PROGRAMS & RESOURCES GUIDE

is designed to inform residents of RRRASOC member communities about local tools, programs, and services to best manage their unwanted household items and discards. Keep this document handy for readily available recycling information.

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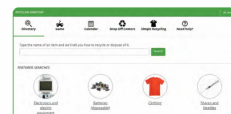
WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling keeps materials that could be reused, repurposed, or donated out of landfills. This reduces air and water pollution, saves energy, and even benefits our economy by creating jobs! Most importantly, recycling helps us conserve our natural resources, which reduces the need to extract resources from our planet.

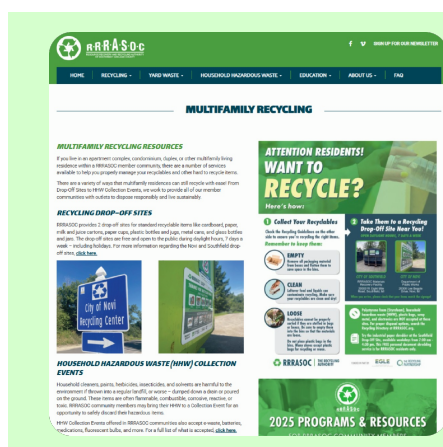
Feel good by doing your part to keep our community, environment, and planet healthy. Every contribution, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to a circular, sustainable economy.

RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Don't know what to do with an item? Check out the Recycling Directory at RRRASOC.org! Simply type in the material that you have, and learn the best way to dispose of it. This helpful web tool also has a calendar of upcoming events, recycling drop-off sites, and more!



For our full webpage of multifamily recycling resources, [click here!](#)



"Are these programs only open to those living in multifamily residences?"

NO!

We encourage all RRRASOC residents to utilize the opportunities listed in our **2025 Programs and Resources Guide**, as these are things that RRRASOC gladly offers to the entire community, often without any fees or appointments required.

View, print, or share the **PDF**, or visit our **Multifamily webpage** to have quick access to important recycling info pertaining specifically to RRRASOC communities. Whether you're looking for more ways to reduce your environmental impact or simply want the most up-to-date info all in one place, this guide has something for everyone!

RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

RRRASOC recycling drop-off sites are conveniently located in both Southfield and Novi, and are open during daylight hours 7 days a week. Upon arrival, feel free to put your vehicle up in a collection lot and recycle your **empty, loose, and clean** recyclables.

When you arrive, please check that your items match the signage. Check the [Recycling Guidelines](#) on the next page to ensure you're recycling the right items.

SOUTHFIELD

RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility
20000 W. Eight Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI

NOVI

Department of Public Works
26300 Lee BeCade Drive
Novi, MI

EMPTY

Remove all packaging material from items and place them in your curbside recycling bin.

CLEAN

Wash food and liquid containers thoroughly before recycling. Rinse out and dry.

LOOSE

Loose items are efficiently processed at the computerized facility. Empty bins, broken and whole.

ON-SITE PAPER SHREDDER

Are your documents adding up? By the industrial all-steel paper shredder at the Southfield Drive-Off, the shreddable weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 1500 personal document shredding service is for RRRASOC community members only.

Acceptable items include loose paper documents and stacks of paper up to 1 1/2 inch thick. For more information, visit [RRRASOC.org/paper-shredder](#). The service is for personal documents only - no businesses.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes a variety of everyday household items, such as cleaners, oil-based paints, herbicides, insecticides, and solvents that are harmful to human health and to the environment if thrown into a regular landfill.

RRRASOC community members may bring HHW, electronics, power for shredding, medications, and more to **HHW Collection Events**, which take place bi-monthly. This program is offered in conjunction with our HHW processing partner, **ERG Environmental Services**. Learn more about ERG's drop-off and pickup services at [www.ergenvironmental.com](#).

HOUSEHOLD

Black Oil
Auto Fluids
Antifreeze
Coolants
Drainage
Household
Paints
Solvents

GARAGE

Auto Oil
Auto Fluids
Auto Parts
Auto Tires
Auto Wash
Auto Wax
Auto Care

GARDEN

Acetone
Antifreeze
Coolants
Drainage
Household
Paints
Solvents

WORKSHOP

Auto Parts
Auto Fluids
Auto Tires
Auto Wash
Auto Wax
Auto Care

ELECTRONICS

Cell Phones
Cameras
Computers
Gadgets
Gadgets
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2025 HHW COLLECTION EVENT SCHEDULE

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| April 5 9am-2pm | Wiscom Dept. of Public Works 2041 Chorms Rd, Wiscom |
| April 26 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |
| May 10 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |
| May 17 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |
| July 12 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |
| October 4 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |
| October 25 9am-2pm | RRRASOC MRF - Truck Entrance 20875 Maplebridge Ave, Southfield |

For more information about HHW and accepted items, visit [RRRASOC.org/household-hazardous-waste/what-is-hhw](#).

SIMPLE RECYCLING PICKUP SERVICE

Clothing and linens are 100% recyclable, but RRASOC still needs up to 100% of them. RRASOC community members can recycle unwanted clothing, shoes, linens, towels, and more. Items must be clean, dry, and free of stains. Items must be in good condition. Items must be in good condition. Items must be in good condition.

This service provides an easy, free, and convenient way to keep linens and other reusable items out of landfill. Schedule an at-home curbside pickup by completing the form which can be found on the Simple Recycling tab of the RRRASOC Recycling Directory on our homepage (see page 1). Visit our [Clothing & Linens Recycling](#) page for more instructions and a list of participating items.

PRESENTATIONS

RRRASOC provides interactive recycling presentations for schools, churches, and community groups. Presentations are available for all ages and are tailored to the needs of each group. Presentations are available for all ages and are tailored to the needs of each group. Presentations are available for all ages and are tailored to the needs of each group.

MULTIFAMILY RECYCLING

For recycling info, please visit [RRRASOC.org/multifamily-recycling](#). For more information, visit [RRRASOC.org/multifamily-recycling](#). For more information, visit [RRRASOC.org/multifamily-recycling](#).

MOVING & ESTATE CLEANOUT SOLUTIONS

If you have items you are looking to get rid of during a move, or are cleaning out an estate, consider their reusable value before tossing them in the garbage! Find local professional movers, cleaners, florists, and more who will accept gently used items at [RRRASOC.org/recycling/reuse-reporter](#).

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on Facebook and sign up for our FREE e-newsletter to receive the latest RRRASOC news, tips, and updates right from your email. This includes service interruptions, important event dates, opportunities, and more! Sign up for the e-newsletter at [RRRASOC.org](#) and list us on Facebook @ [Recycling Authority](#).

How to Safely Discard Gas Cylinders

RRRASOC does not accept gas cylinders (such as propane tanks, CO2 tanks, and oxygen tanks) for recycling. Whether it's a small propane canister commonly used for camping or a medium-sized one used for outdoor grilling, their pressurized contents are flammable when released, which can cause a fire or explosion at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), in the collection truck, or even in your curbside cart if not handled properly.

While gas cylinders cannot be recycled at curbside nor at the recycling drop-off sites, they can be brought to an **HHW Collection Event** - the next one will be held on October 4 at the Novi Dept. of Public Works. They can also be brought to a local gas cylinder refill or exchange station. Search "*propane tank*" on the **Recycling Directory at RRRASOC.org** for more info, locations, and dates!

Gas cylinders that are past their expiration date, damaged, rusted, or unusable should always be disposed of properly. When transporting one to an **HHW Collection Event**, keep it in a secure, upright position to avoid falling, shifting, or rolling. And remember to **never** keep a gas cylinder inside a hot vehicle!

"Can I Recycle Books?"

The answer is: **Softcover books can be recycled, but donating them is better!**

If you have books that you no longer wish to keep, the best option is to donate them to a local library, secondhand store, charity, or even a school so that they can continue to be enjoyed for years to come. This includes hardcover/softcover novels, children's books, hobby books, and even textbooks, dictionaries, and magazines.

If you have books that are no longer in reading condition or are unsalvageable, it's important to know that hardcover books cannot be recycled as their binding and outer coatings make them difficult to process. Softcover books, phone books, and magazines can be placed in your curbside recycling cart or in the

containers at our [recycling drop-off sites](#).



Type "books" into the [Recycling Directory at RRRASOC.org](#) to learn more about how you can properly dispose of both hardcover and softcover books!

2025 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 4, 2025

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

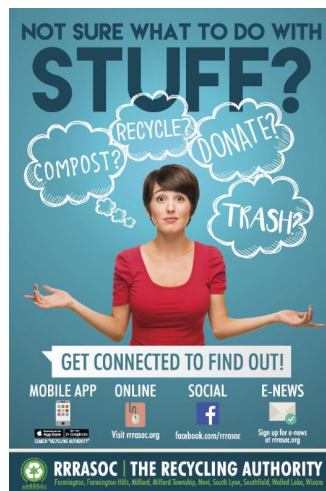
October 25, 2025 ☐

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

*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](#).

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.

Mobile App Available

Search "Recycling Authority" in your [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



Directory



Game



Calendar



Drop-Off Centers



Simple Recycling



Need help?

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

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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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