


# RECYCLING RIGHT

## A Guide for City's name Multi-Family Recycling

Creating a cleaner community today.
Greener tomorrow.
Stronger together.
**Consider changing to city's own motto**

# WHY WE RECYCLE

Saves energy and water



Preserves natural resources



Reduces pollution and greenhouse gases




Grows local economy and builds stronger communities



**Did you know Southeast Michigan's landfills have less than 20 years of remaining capacity?**

Recycling helps to extend landfills' lifespan, and reduces the need for new disposal sites close to home.

Michigan is recycling more than ever, but we still send hundreds of millions of dollars to the landfill in usable materials every year.

The national recycling rate is about 32%, Michigan's recycling rate is about 26%, up from 14.24 % in 2019. Michigan remains below the U.S. average despite recent gains.

Through this effort you can help the city and state reach the goal of a 30% recycling rate by 2029.



# YES! WE CAN RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

**Clean & empty items only!**

**Rinse quickly!**

**Keep it loose!**

(do not bag recyclables)



## PAPER

Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper




## CARDBOARD

Cereal / shipping boxes, paperboard



## CARTONS

Milk, juice, eggs & soup



## PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS

Bottles, jars, tubs & containers



## METAL CANS

Aluminum, steel & aerosol cans



## GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Bottles & jars of any color

# NO

## DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

Wrong materials like plastic bags, hoses, clothing, and “tanglers” wrap around screens, belts, and bearings, forcing shutdowns while staff cut them out. This increases operational risks for workers and may sometimes cause costly damage.

Don’t let good recyclables go to waste!



### PLASTIC BAGS, PACKAGING, FILM & BUBBLE WRAP



### GREASY CARDBOARD

No pizza box bottoms



### TEXTILES, CLOTHES, TOYS

No diapers either



### POLYSTYRENE & FOAM FOOD CONTAINERS

Plastic cups or cutlery




### HANGERS & TANGLERS

Hoses, wires, cables & string lights

# PREPARE YOUR RECYCLABLES

Simple steps make a big difference!



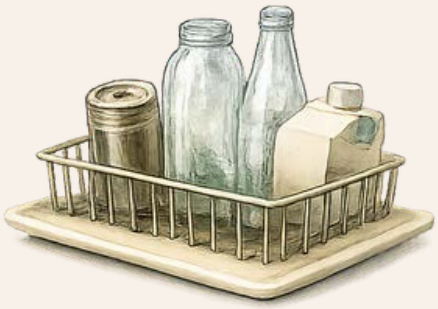
## 1 EMPTY IT

Remove all food & liquid



## 2 RINSE AND CLEAN IT

Quick rinse



## 3 DRY IT

Let it dry to keep recycling stream clean



## 4 DEPOSIT IT

Do not bag recyclables, place them loose in the recycling cart

# SPECIAL ITEMS

These items are not recyclable & shouldn't be disposed of in your garbage either.

## ELECTRONICS

Computers, phones, tablets and others, drop-off at:

**eCycle Opportunities**
29699 Southfield Road, Southfield

**ERG Environmental Services**
13040 Merriman Road, Livonia



## BATTERIES

Considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) as it may be toxic, corrosive, reactive or flammable; drop off at:

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## PAINT & CHEMICALS

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## FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS & TUBES

May release toxic to soil and water if disposed of improperly; drop off at:

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## USED OIL & ANTIFREEZE

Can easily contaminate waterways and water supply when disposed of improperly; drop off at:

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## FURNITURE & MORE

Consider donating gently used goods or using services as Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist.

Otherwise, dispose of on bulky items collection day.



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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) ITEM LIST

- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Oil-Based & Latex Paints / Stains
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Paint Thinners
- ✓ Herbicides
- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Household Cleaners / Solvents
- ✓ Household / Automotive Lubricants
- ✓ Motor Oil
- ✓ Pool & Spa Chemicals
- ✓ Medications / Vitamins / Supplements
- ✓ Ammonia
- ✓ Gasoline
- ✓ Lightbulbs / Fluorescent Tubes
- ✓ Old Nail Polish / Nail Polish Remover
- ✓ Aerosol Cans
- ✓ Wood Stripper
- ✓ Transmission / Brake Fluids
- ✓ Propane / Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Electronics / TVs / VCRs
- ✓ Phones / Tablets / iPads
- ✓ Computers / Monitors / Printers
- ✓ Used Needles / Sharps (must be in rigid container)
- ✓ Mercury / Mercury Devices (thermometers)
- ✓ Liquid Mercury / Quick Silver
- ✓ DIY Insulation Cylinders
- ✓ DIY Home Foam Sealant Cylinders
- ✓ Antifreeze

**Questions?**

**Contact ERG Environmental Services (HHW Drop Off Facility)**

Mon-Fri 9 am to 5 pm
(734) 437-9650 / (855) 459-0021
https://ergenvironmental.com

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# MOVING OUT?

Donate or sell items you no longer want. If disposing of bulky items or appliances,

Contact Madison Height's DPS at

Phone: (248) 589-2294 to ask for guidance.



Drop-off hazardous materials at a HHW facility or use Waste Wizard tool if unsure of where to dispose of item.

**ERG Environmental Services**

13040 Merriman Road, Livonia






Reuse boxes and packaging.



Recycle cardboard and paper.

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# RESOURCES

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## Feedback

Contact property management to provide feedback or ask questions about recycling in your property

Property Management Contact
QR Placeholder

## Plastic Film Recycling

Disposing of plastic bags or film? Use the Plastic Film Recycling tool to find the nearest drop-off center to you.




## Recycling Raccoons

Unsure if an item is recyclable? Use the Recycling Raccoons Search tool to find the drop-off center nearest to you.




## ERG Environmental Services (HHW Drop-Off Facility)

Disposing of HHW? ERG Accepts items for $0.75 per pound, $20 minimum.

13040 Merriman Road, 48150
(Turn at Industrial Road and into parking lot.
Don't use the NORTH driveway).

Mon-Fri 9 am to 5 pm

**Do you have questions about the program?**

**Contact DPS**

801 Ajax Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071 Phone: (248) 589-2294

# NOT TRASH BUT
# A RESOURCE
# IN THE RIGHT PLACE



**Building a cleaner and greener tomorrow for our kids!**

**Thank you for doing your part and helping us build community at City's name.**

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