

Recycle Ann Arbor Trivia Quiz

The following quiz has been compiled in keeping with the festive spirit of the 10th birthday of Recycle Ann Arbor and the state recognition of Recycle Week in May. The answers are given below.

Questions

1. Name at least three of Recycle Ann Arbor's trucks. Give yourself extra points if you know the names of the two forklifts.
2. What were the geographical boundaries of the first curbside recycling collection program in Ann Arbor?
3. Where would the recycling truck stop to pick up volunteers who had signed up to help crew the truck?
4. What were used as early glass crushers?
5. What paper "treasures" were found in the recycling materials left on the curbside during the first few months?
6. What play was performed at the free concerts sponsored by Recycle Ann Arbor at Liberty Plaza during the early years?
7. When was Recycle Ann Arbor officially founded?
8. When did Recycle Ann Arbor officially merge with the Ecology Center?

Answers

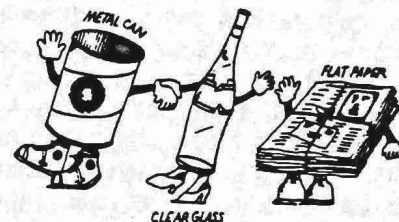
1. The trucks currently in operation are named Caledonia, Lucille, Uncle Bud, and the Cisco Kid. Clare is the forklift at the recycling station; Clark operates at the paper baler. Trucks that are now retired were named Erendira, Spike, and Pequoid.
2. The original Recycle Ann Arbor monthly Saturday pickup area was bordered by Stadium to the south and west, Liberty to the north, and Main Street to the east.
3. The morning shift of volunteers would meet behind the Old Heidelberg on Main Street. The afternoon volunteers would gather at Recycle Ann Arbor's recycling station

storage area on Felch Street.

4. Early glass crushers included baseball bats and iron rods. Volunteers would crush the glass stacked in steel barrels on the truck. Glass is now taken whole to Ellsworth and crushed by a safer conveyer belt system. Drop-off station glass has an automated crusher as well.
5. Especially during the first few months, very old newspapers dating back to pre-1930 were on the curb.
6. Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* was performed by the Recycled Paper Players during the free concerts at Liberty Plaza.
7. Recycle Ann Arbor received its non-profit status in November, 1977.
8. In July 1980 Recycle Ann Arbor lost its Felch Street storage area and began storing their recyclables at the Ecology Center's Recycling Drop-off Station on South Industrial. Soon after, negotiations began to merge the two organizations and were completed in 1982. For several years the Ecology Center's Board of Directors was expanded to accommodate members from Recycle Ann Arbor's board.



**Ann Arbor's
own curbside
recycling service**



Recycle Ann Arbor Year-End Tonnage Report for 1987

Curbside Newspaper	1,251 tons	(up 11%)
Drop-Off Newspaper	571 tons	(up 14%)
Cardboard	105 tons	(up 13%)
High-Grade (Office) Paper	97 tons	(down 13%)
Low-Grade (Mixed) Paper	37 tons	(down 22%)
Glass	343 tons	(up 27%)
Tin and Scrap Steel	68 tons	(up 20%)
Aluminum	4 tons	(up 105%)
Motor Oil	9,450 gals	(up 120%)

Note: Paper products make up 83% of the total tonnage, newspaper 73.5% of total tonnage. These volumes represent the amount of material shipped during 1987 and are fairly close to the volumes collected during the year. During 1987, an effort was made to reduce the amount of low-profit, low-grade mixed paper. The office paper collection paper was reduced due to the breakdown of the collection truck, which was not replaced until December, 1987.