

# RECYCLING

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## THE RESOURCE SAVER

Recycle Ann Arbor

Free Curbside  
Recycling Service



# PREPARATION

Materials must be on your driveway curb by 8:00 a.m.

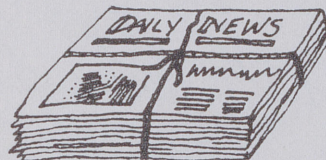
Place materials 8 to 10 feet away from regular trash and label "For Recycle Ann Arbor."

Please use durable containers: cardboard boxes, small trash cans or milk crates.

**NOTE:** If you live in an area where there is a choice between an alley and a street, please place your recyclables on the street.

## NEWSPAPERS

- Please bundle tightly with strong string, 6" to 8" thick.
- Please, no magazines, white paper, grocery bags, advertising circulars, or mailed advertising.
- No wet newspapers.



## GLASS CONTAINERS

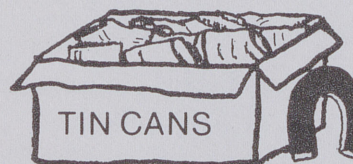
- Separate by color and remove lids.
- Food and beverage containers only.
- Steel lids can be recycled with the tin cans and aluminum caps with aluminum.



## TIN CANS

*Tin attracts a magnet*

- Rinse cans, remove paper and both ends, and flatten completely.
- Sorry, no bi-metal cans (aluminum tops and tin bodies).



## ALUMINUM

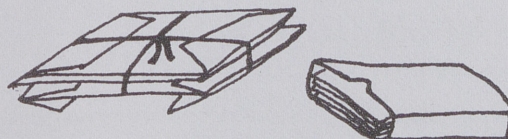
*Aluminum does not attract a magnet.*

- Flatten aluminum cans, foil, pie and T.V. dinner trays, and scrap aluminum.



## CARDBOARD AND BAGS

- Please bundle cardboard 2 x 3 x 1 ft.
- Bundle or bag grocery bags.
- Please, no waxed, aluminized or grey cardboard: milk cartons and butter boxes are examples.



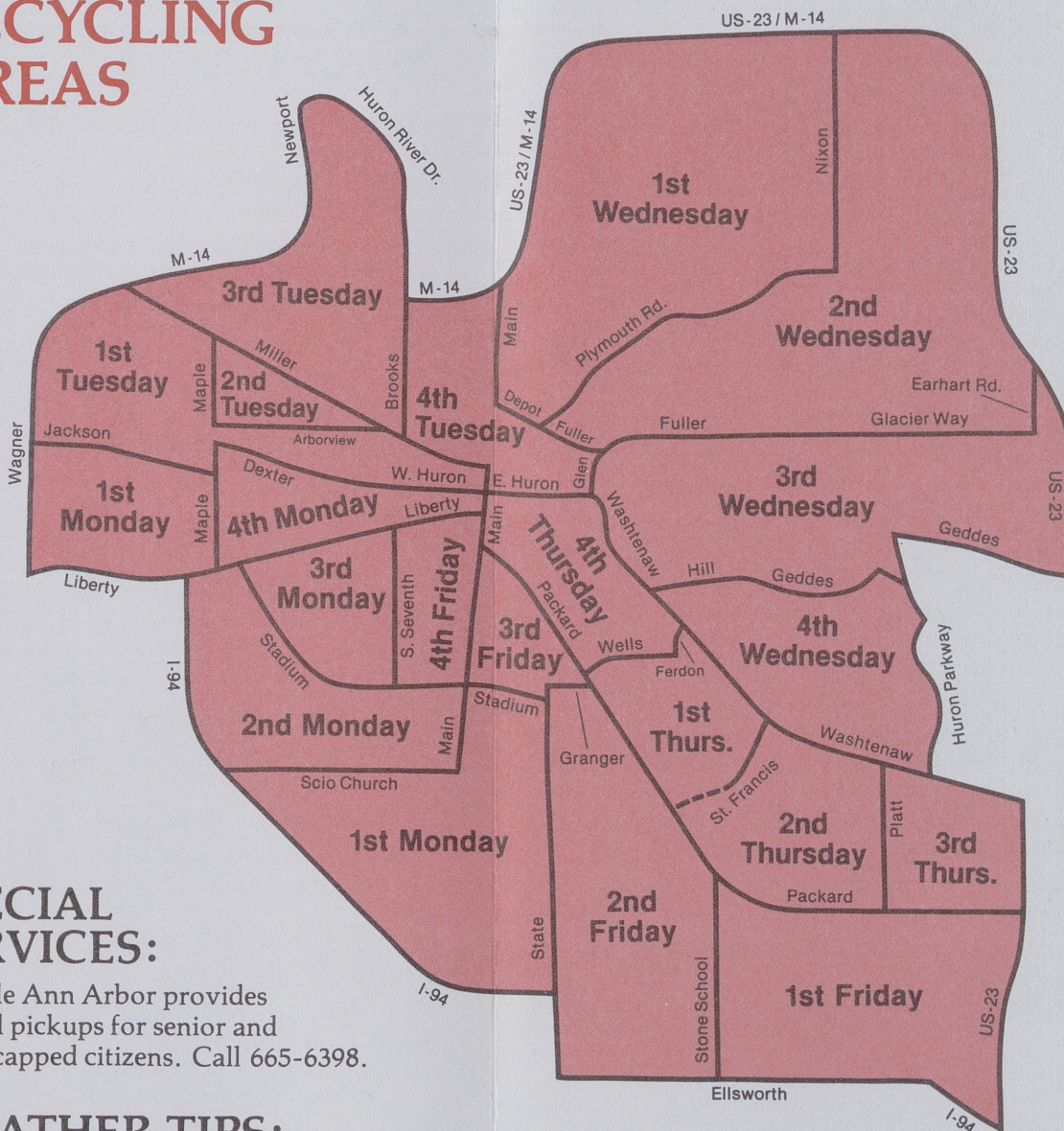
## OTHER

- Put used motor oil in tightly sealed, plastic containers.
- We also accept used car batteries.





# RECYCLING AREAS



## SPECIAL SERVICES:

Recycle Ann Arbor provides special pickups for senior and handicapped citizens. Call 665-6398.

## WEATHER TIPS:

**RAINY WEATHER:** Once newspaper has been wet, it is not recyclable. If it rains on your collection day, make sure that your recyclables are covered with a plastic bag, a tarp, or an old shower curtain. Also, use sturdy containers for glass and cans.

**COLD WEATHER:** Collection may be delayed due to extreme cold (below 5 degrees at 8:00 a.m. on the pickup day). Listen to radio stations WPAG or WAAM for snow days.

## RECYCLING STATION

2050 South Industrial Highway / 9:30 to 4:30 Fridays and Saturdays



# THE ECOLOGY CENTER OF ANN ARBOR

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The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor is a non-profit educational and service organization supported by over 2000 member households. Recycle Ann Arbor is a program of the Ecology Center. Founded in 1970, the Ecology Center works to protect and improve the quality of the environment in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. Other Ecology Center programs include:

**ENERGY CONSERVATION.** The Center consults and provides home visits to show clients practical energy-saving technologies and techniques. Home Energy Works clients have saved as much as 25% on their heating bills as a result of participation in our programs. Programs are often free to low-income households.

**ISSUES WORK.** The Center has participated, both locally and across the state, in public policy formation and planning in many areas, including clean air and water, hazardous waste management and disposal, solid waste disposal alternatives, land use and energy.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

The Center provides presentations to schools and organizations on a variety of topics, ranging from recycling to household toxics. A monthly newsletter, *Ecology Reports*, provides information on environmental topics.

## **RESOURCES AND REFERRALS.**

The Center's public library holds more than 2,000 circulating volumes, supplemented by a reference section, periodicals and extensive files. The Center also provides information referrals on a wide range of common environmental questions.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on becoming a volunteer for the Center, becoming a member, or for information on these Ecology Center Programs, call us at 761-3186, or visit our office and library at 417 Detroit St. in Ann Arbor.

# SAVING RESOURCES

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## *Today's Successes:*

In 1985, Recycle Ann Arbor collected 2,000 tons of recyclable material: an increase of 300 tons over 1984.

This resulted in the savings of:

- 28,600 trees
- 3,000 barrels of oil
- 11,760,310 gallons of water
- 47 tons of avoided air pollutants

## *Tomorrow's Goals:*

According to the Source Separation Feasibility Study for Washtenaw County, 35,200 tons of recyclables can be recovered from the Ann Arbor solid waste stream each year.

This will result in annual savings of:

- 409,700 trees
- 52,800 barrels of oil
- 169,600,000 gallons of water
- 827 tons of avoided air pollutants

Help us reach these goals by recycling more.

## *Volunteers Make It Work:*

Recycle Ann Arbor depends on volunteers to keep operations running smoothly. Over 300 volunteers each year work with our curbside and drop-off recycling programs.

**Block coordinators** distribute this pamphlet and monthly reminders to their neighbors.

**Crew members** help out on the recycling trucks during the week.

**Recycling station volunteers** greet the public and unload recyclables at the station.