

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor is recognized by the U.S. EPA for being one of the top 20 recycling communities in North America. We need your help to sustain this honor!

RECYCLING SERVICES

Free weekly trash and recycling collection are provided to all Ann Arbor residents by the City of Ann Arbor. To get free recycling storage bins and waste information delivered to your home, leave a phone message on the 24-hour line: **99-GREEN (994-7336)** or pick up your bins from the downtown Solid Waste Department (994-2807) or the Drop-Off Station (971-7400).

Recycle empty, rinsed items in the CONTAINERS bin: **metal cans, foil, metal lids, glass bottles, jars** and broken ceramic dishes, **milk cartons, juice boxes** and **plastic bottles** marked with a #1 (PETE) or #2 (HDPE).

Recycle in the PAPERS bin: **newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paperback books, envelopes, junk mail, cereal-type boxes** (empty & flattened), and flattened corrugated cardboard.

PIZZA BOXES and other corrugated cardboard are recyclable! Please empty and dispose of the box contents (old pizza slices, packing peanuts, etc.). Then flatten the boxes and cut or fold the boxes into 2'x3' size and tape or tie into bundles. Or you may tightly stuff the flattened boxes into another box up to 18 inches deep. Put the flattened cardboard into the paper bin or place next to the bins or carts.

NOTE: The following items are NOT recyclable at this time in Ann Arbor: No non-bottle-shaped plastics, such as plastic bags, margarine tubs, food trays, etc. No paper tissues, napkins, candy wrappers or food. When in doubt, keep it out!

DUMPSTER TRASH COLLECTION

Large apartment buildings usually have dumpsters in the parking lot for trash. Recyclables are generally collected in large wheeled carts parked near the dumpster. **Dumpster tips:** Don't block the dumpster with your car or trash. You can be ticketed and towed. Dispose of large items, such as sofas, with a pre-paid bulk collection (see below).

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Many houses and smaller apartment buildings put 30-35 gallon trashcans (or loose trash bags) and recycling bins on the curb by 7 a.m. for weekly collection. Each bag, can or bin may weigh up to 50 pounds. (Oversized and overweight cans or bags are not collected!) **Trash containers must be stored at the side or rear of the dwelling and not placed at the curb more than 24 hours ahead of time.** Empty

trash cans must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of service. Your weekly collection day is listed on the City's web site www.a2gov.org. Large items, furniture and appliances will not be picked up automatically (see bulky collection below).

SPECIAL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Call the Solid Waste Department, 994-2807, to schedule and prepay for a special pick up of large, unwanted items such as sofas, mattresses and furniture. As of 2003 "bulky" wastes (furniture, mattresses, etc.) cost \$25 per each two cubic yards of "stuff," which translates into 1-2 sofas, or 2 mattresses, or 5 bundles of building material (shingles, etc.) or 12 bags of trash. Each home appliance (stove, refrigerator, etc.) costs \$25 to collect and recycle. Consider donating unwanted items in good shape to agencies listed with Washtenaw County (see below).

A WORD ABOUT LITTER

Ann Arbor enforces **Clean Community** standards. It is your responsibility to pick up all litter on your property, such as loose papers, beverage cups, trash bags broken apart by animals, litter exposed after snowmelt, and abandoned furniture. Trash cans cannot be left at the front of the building all week. A Minimum of \$70 cleanup fees can be assessed if the City's Clean Community notifications are ignored. Help us keep a clean community for all to enjoy.

COMPOST COLLECTION

Weekly "Compostable" collection from April through November is provided to residents with curbside trash recycling. Yard waste may be put in into large paper bags, 35-gallon labeled trashcans (free labels are available from City Hall). Four-foot lengths of brush may be tied in bundles up to 18 inches in diameter with natural twine.

MORE CONTACTS & SERVICES

City of Ann Arbor Solid Waste Dept. www.a2gov.org (734) 99-GREEN (994-7336) For 24-hour recorded information on department services and policies, such as on the Clean Community program, **to request the delivery of free recycling bins**, and to leave messages.

University of Michigan Recycling Information www.recycle.umich.edu

Recycle Ann Arbor www.recycleannarbor.org (734) 662-6288 This local nonprofit collects Ann Arbor's residential recyclables and operates the **DROP-OFF STATION** at 2950 E. Ellsworth Road, 971-7400, which accepts trash, yard waste, scrap metals, automotive fluids and recyclables. Some fees apply. **RAA's**

ReUse Center at 2420 S. Industrial accepts and sells good used furniture, appliances, building materials, etc., at bargain rates.

Washtenaw County www.eWashtenaw.org (734) 994-2435

The Division of Public Works provides regional trash and recycling information and has an on-line "**Trash to Treasures**" resource on how to get rid of/donate almost anything. The **Home Toxics Center** (734) 222-3950 coordinates free collection programs for household toxics, such as oil paint, photo chemicals, engine degreasers, pesticides, etc., and provides information on less toxic alternatives.

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