

RECYCLE NOW

Winter 2020



Earth Day Expo - April 25, 2020

11 am to 2 pm - MCCC - Gerald Welch Health Education Building

Join the celebration of our planet and all things green at the Monroe County Earth Day Expo! This family-friendly and FREE event has activities for everyone and includes prize drawings, entertainment, and educational exhibits focused on protecting our planet. Also featured at the event will be the Michigan Green Schools Program and a Climate Literacy Project many of you are working on, Back to the Farm! Please mark your calendar and join us!

Monroe County Schools Are Going Green In 2020! Will Yours Be Among Them?


Want to help the environment but don't know where to start? Remember, **no one is too small to make a difference!** Start with your school! Your school is likely already recycling or working to reduce lunchtime waste, but there is always room for improvement! Be creative! Have fun! And make sure your school receives recognition for its green efforts through the Michigan Green Schools Program. It's free, easy to participate in, and a great opportunity to reduce your school's impact on the environment. There's still plenty of time for all schools to get involved. Applications are due by March 1st to Dan_Rock@monroemi.org. Visit www.greenmonroecounty.com for additional information and application materials.



Reduce>Reuse>Recycle

We're all familiar with the three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, but did you know they're in order of importance and impact? **The first "R" is reduce because the most effective way to prevent waste is not to create it in the first place.** Put another way, the most sustainable product is the one you don't buy. The next best thing is to reuse what you already have, like a reusable water bottle. Making a new product, such as single use plastics like cups or straws, requires limited precious natural resources from our planet. All of this comes at a cost to our environment and our health. Remember, there is no "away" and everything must come from somewhere. Reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment, and save money. Here are some ways to reduce the amount of plastic you use:

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

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| 1 
Bring your own shopping bag | 2 
Carry a reusable water bottle | 3 
Bring your own cup |
| 4 
Pack your lunch in reusable containers | 5 
Say no to disposable straws & cutlery | 6 
Skip the plastic produce bags |
| 7 
Slow down and dine in | 8 
Store leftovers in glass jars | 9 
Share these tips with your friends |

Have a great school year and be sure to play outside as much as possible!

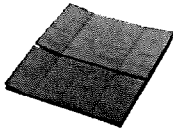
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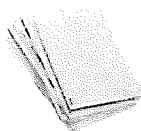
Know what to Throw!
See recycling guide inside!

For more info on community recycling resources, please visit us at www.greenmonroecounty.com and follow The Monroe County Health Department on Facebook.
Questions? Contact Dan Rock at (734) 240-7909 or Dan_Rock@monroemi.org

ONLY place these items in the recycling container



Flattened Cardboard



Paper



Metal Cans



Plastic Bottles & Jugs



Cartons



Glass

How to prepare your recyclables



Empty. Clean. Dry.™
Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid



Keep it loose
Never put recyclables in containers or bags



NEVER place these items in the recycling container



Plastic Bags & Wrappers



Soiled Paper



Styrofoam



Clothing & Shoes



Greasy Pizza Boxes



Tools



Food



Toys



Electronics & Batteries



Construction Waste



Yard Waste



Medical



Diapers



Scrap Metal

Recycling *Simplified*

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com



NO PLASTIC BAGS

Please reuse your plastic bags for the next time or recycle them at your local grocer.

DROP OFF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ONLY AT THE SCHEDULED TIMES & LOCATIONS AND REMEMBER ONLY RECYCLABLES IN THE BINS.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	Dundee Kroger 7am-6pm	3	Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	4	5	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm
6						8
9		10	St Joseph Church 7am-6pm Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	11	12	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm
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23		24	25	26	27	28
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MARCH 2020

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1	Dundee Kroger 7am-6pm	2	Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	3	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm	4
8		9	St Joseph Church 7am-6pm Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	10	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm	11
15	Dundee Kroger 7am-6pm	16	Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	17	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm	18
22		23	Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	24	Monroe Township Hall 7am-6pm	25
29		30	Bedford Township Hall 7am-6pm	31		

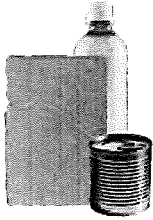
APRIL 2020

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Recycling: Simple as 1-2-3



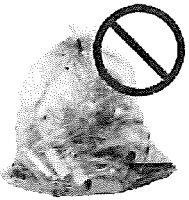
1. Know what to throw

Cardboard, paper, metal cans,
plastic bottles and jugs



2. Empty. Clean. Dry.SM

Keep all recyclables free
of food and liquid



3. Keep it loose

Never put recyclables
in containers or bags

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste & Secure Document Shredding

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Rd, Temperance, MI 48182
June 11th, 3 pm - 7 pm
Household Hazardous Waste Only

Sept. 12th, 8 am - 12 pm
Household Hazardous Waste & Shredding

Monroe Charter Township Hall

4925 E Dunbar Rd, Monroe, MI 48161
May 12th, 3 pm - 7 pm
Household Hazardous Waste & Shredding

August 22nd, 8am - 12pm
Household Hazardous Waste Only

Looking for more information on recycling materials such as batteries, CFL bulbs and medications?
Visit www.greenmonroecounty.com for ongoing drop-off locations.



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