

SEPTEMBER: MRF TURNS 15!



Since the 1995 Material Recovery Facility (MRF) opening, approximately 562,000 tons of recyclables have been processed. Join us for birthday cake and party

favors made from Scrap Box materials. Visit our new, single-stream facility!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 10:00 AM - NOON

DECEMBER: PAPER MAKING

Paper is important to our everyday lives, which explains why more than 75% of all recyclables collected at the MRF are paper products. Create your own sheet of recycled paper to take home. MRF guests will also be able to see alternative "tree free" papers.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:00 AM - NOON

JANUARY: MAGNETS

Create a unique magnet or bookmark while reusing colorful, cancelled postage stamps. All are welcome to enjoy this craft project, as well as tour the MRF.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 10:00 AM - NOON

FEBRUARY: WORM BIN WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop on vermicomposting and building your own worm box. Complete "worm bin kit" is only \$25! All are welcome to attend the presentation, but those making a worm boxes must pre-register by Jan 30. Space is limited!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, PRE-REGISTERED SESSIONS AT 10 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

MARCH: TERRIFIC TILE MAKING

Create your own mosaic tile from found art, recycled glass, and buttons. Turn recycled materials into internationally inspired artwork. The tile is perfect for gardens, wall hanging, decorations, or coaster. These recycled creations are a great activity for families, clubs, and scout groups and are easily recreated at home.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 10:00 AM - NOON



APRIL: COMPOST - CLOSE UP

Come see how our hard-working compost crew helps nature turn leaves and grass clippings into wonderfully rich compost. Guests will take home a seedling they plant in compost, tour the MRF and take an optional drive through the adjacent 25-acre compost center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 10:00 AM - NOON

SUNDAY, MAY 1, EARTH DAY

CELEBRATION at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

12-4 P.M. (734) 973-3300

www.a2earthday.org

Free community event featuring hands-on activities, displays, entertainment, energy expo, music, and more.

MAY: A2 BLOOMS DAY & DOWNTOWN CLEAN-UP

Join hundreds of volunteers in keeping Downtown Ann Arbor beautiful. Volunteers help plant and mulch flower planters. All supplies are provided



during this annual event. Interested groups, families, and individuals meet at Liberty Plaza at 9 a.m. All volunteers receive a free t-shirt and pizza lunch. Pre-register by calling (734) 794-6000 ext 43112, www.a2gov.org/green.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 9:00 AM - NOON

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, MAYOR'S GREEN FAIR ON MAIN STREET

Join the city, area nonprofits, and WasteKnot green businesses at a giant Green Fair in downtown Ann Arbor, from 6-9 P.M. Free community event with exhibits, music, demonstrations, food, hands-on activities. Fun for all ages! www.a2gov.org/greenfair.

OCTOBER: NATURE'S RECYCLERS

A Leslie Science & Nature Center naturalist will provide a fun, interactive program featuring a vulture and other live recyclers. MRF tour follows the raptor presentation. All interested attendees must pre-register by Sept. 27 at 794-6000 ext 43118 or 43112. Space is limited!

--- NOTE FIRST SATURDAY ---

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, PRE-REGISTERED PROGRAMS START AT 10 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.

NOVEMBER: RECYCLED

BIRD FEEDER

Help celebrate America Recycles Day using your empty 2-liter soda pop bottle to make a bird feeder. Put one of these up and you're sure to attract some new feathered friends. Starter seed will be provided. Optional MRF tours offered.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10:00 AM - NOON

JUNE: WONDERFUL WINDSOCKS

Celebrate summer sunshine by creating a recycled content windsock using colorful surplus hot air balloon fabric and other durable items from the Scrap Box. This windsock is perfect for hanging inside or out.



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 AM - NOON

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ann Arbor's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) hosts open houses September through June on the first or second Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. MRF Open Houses allow the public to tour the recycling operations and learn about waste reduction and recycling issues. Through our free monthly themes and activities, visitors can learn the importance of reducing, reusing, recycling, composting, and caring for our planet. Tours are free. Closed shoes are required. Pre-register by calling the City of Ann Arbor at (734) 794-6000 ext 43118 or 43112 or e-mailing nstone@a2gov.org.

In case of severe weather, check www.a2gov.org/mrf for updates on open house cancellations.

GROUP TOURS

Groups of 15 or more may schedule tours and enjoy themed programs on weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. MRF tours are great for school groups, scouts, youth groups, civic groups, college classes, and other groups interested in learning about recycling. Please contact the City of Ann Arbor for specifics on the 60-90 minute free tours, site maps, age-specific options, etc. at www.a2gov.org/mrf.

MORE QUESTIONS?

MRF Tours

City of Ann Arbor www.a2gov.org/mrf

Refuse, Recycling & Compost Info:

City of Ann Arbor 99-GREEN

www.a2gov.org/recycle

Recycling Collection or the Drop-Off Station:

Recycle Ann Arbor/ReUse Center: 662-6288

www.recycleannarbor.org

Household Toxics Disposal:

Washtenaw County Home Toxics

Collection Center: 222-3950

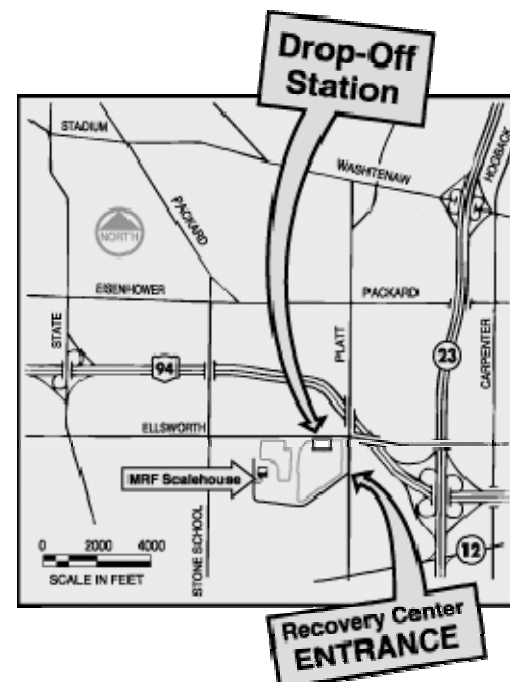
<http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>

DIRECTIONS

The MRF is located at 4150 Platt Road, just south of E. Ellsworth Road. It is a big blue building, one mile past the entrance. Park next to the building if possible (or cross the parking lot carefully) and join us upstairs.

From I-94: Go South from Exit #177 (State Street). Turn left at the third signal (Ellsworth Road). Travel two miles to signal at Platt Road and turn right. Enter Wheeler Service Center on right and follow paved road one mile to the MRF.

From US-23: Exit westbound US-12 (Michigan Avenue) toward Saline. Turn right at the Platt Road signal. Travel two miles. Enter Wheeler Service Center on left and follow paved road one mile to the MRF.



Free Recycling Plant OPEN HOUSES Fall 2010 - Spring 2011



At the City of Ann Arbor's MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)



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