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Celebrate “America Recycles Day” at the Ann Arbor Recycling Plant Open House

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Oct. 24th, 2011 – The City of Ann Arbor is helping the community celebrate America Recycles Day by hosting an event where families can construct bird feeders using their empty 2-liter plastic bottles. This event will take place Saturday, November 5th at the city’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), at 4150 Platt Road. Starter seed will be provided for participants; however, individuals should bring their own 2-liter bottle. Groups of five or more are requested to call (734) 794-6000 ext 43118 to make a reservation for this event. Space is limited for these free programs, which start at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The program, activity, and optional recycling plant tours take about an hour, total.

Since 1997 the nationwide observation for America Recycles Day (ARD) is held on November 15th. Throughout the month of November, citizens are encouraged to take (or renew) an online pledge to recycle at www.americarecyclesday.org and use this website to learn more about the benefits of recycling and buying recycled-content items. Communities, classrooms, and groups are also encouraged to provide special events to support America Recycles Day.

Free monthly MRF Open Houses give the public a chance to tour Ann Arbor’s recycling operations and participate in featured activities. For more information, please consult the city’s website at www.a2gov.org/mrf. Pre-arranged weekday tours of the MRF are also available for groups of 15 or more; please call for information (734) 794-6000 ext 43118.

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