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SCHOOLS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN “RECYCLE-BOWL” FROM MID OCTOBER-MID NOVEMBER FOR AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 21, 2011—The national America Recycles Day observation, held on November 15 each year, is adding a new “Recycle-Bowl Competition” for K-12 schools across the country in 2011. This contest is open to both public and private schools. Schools can compete for a \$1,000 state prize and a \$2,500 national prize. Individual classrooms can also participate in the competition but are not eligible for prizes. Schools wishing to participate can register on <http://recycle-bowl.org/> by October 10th. From October 12th to November 12th school appointees track the amount of recycling collected during that month period. Online tools make it possible for the appointees to track the volume of recycling collected in a school’s recycling dumpster or recycling cart before each pick-up and convert volumes into a standardized weight.

Many local schools and classrooms are already leaders in recycling efforts. In Ann Arbor, all schools have access to the city’s single-stream recycling collection service. Recycling efforts have helped twenty Ann Arbor schools achieve certification from Michigan’s “Green Schools” program (<http://www.michiangreenschools.us/>) The City and Ann Arbor Public Schools currently track recycling efforts and noted that last fall, AAPS captured over 160,000 pounds of recyclables.

The 15th annual America Recycles Day (ARD) is currently hosted by the Keep America Beautiful organization (www.KAB.org). The City of Ann Arbor is celebrating America Recycles Day on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to Noon with a recycling plant open house and recycled birdfeeder activity at the city’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), 4150 Platt Road. For more information on the city’s free MRF open houses and tours, please consult www.a2gov.org/mrf or phone [734.794.6000](tel:734.794.6000) x 43118.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. # # #