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## CITY HALL CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVATION; HOLIDAY WILL NOT AFFECT WASTE PICKUPS. SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING STARTS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 22, 2010 — City Hall offices will be closed to observe the Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 5, 2010; however the trash, recycling, and compost trucks will be service all routes, Monday through Friday, without interruption. The Drop-Off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth will be closed on Monday, as usual.

July 5<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the city's single-stream recycling program, when Ann Arbor residents and businesses will be able to **recycle many new materials, including all clean plastic bottles and tubs numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7** (such as yogurt tubs, produce boxes, and microwavable frozen food trays) except #3/PVC plastic and biodegradable plastics marked compostable or PLA. The recycling program will also accept clean frozen food boxes and bulky plastic items, such as laundry baskets and buckets. City customers may continue to recycle mixed papers (newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, flattened cardboard and cereal boxes) as well as milk cartons, juice boxes, metal cans and lids, glass bottles and jars, and scrap metal (up to 1 cubic foot, 20 pounds per piece). Simply put papers and clean containers into the same recycling cart! **Biodegradable/PLA plastics, #3 (PVC) plastics, Pyrex, and ceramics are not accepted** because they contaminate the regional plastic and glass markets. **Plastic bags or polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™)** are prohibited because these items clog and break the sorting machinery.

For 24-hour information on the city's solid waste services, please phone 99-GREEN or consult the city's Web site at [www.a2gov.org/recycle](http://www.a2gov.org/recycle).

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. 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.* #####