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**RECYCLE ANN ARBOR'S DROP-OFF STATION  
ANNOUNCES NEW FEE STRUCTURE**

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**Entry fee to be charged following end of municipal funding**

**Ann Arbor, MI** – Recycle Ann Arbor, a national leader in recycling and waste programs, announces that the Drop-Off Station will begin charging a \$3.00 per vehicle entry fee beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2010. The entry fee is necessary to ensure the continuing operation of the Drop-Off Station, following the end of funding support from Washtenaw County and the City of Ann Arbor in 2009.

Two different discount options offer savings for customers who use the Drop-Off Station's recycling and disposal services frequently. A 10-visit punch card is available for \$25.00; and a yearly pass good for unlimited visits is \$75.00. Those who purchase a yearly pass will also receive five percent off trash disposal services. Customers who visit the Drop-Off Station to purchase compost or mulch will not be charged an entry fee.

Recycle Ann Arbor CEO Melinda Uerling notes that the Drop-Off Station has historically generated operating income from two sources: the resale value of the collected recyclable materials, and municipal funding support.

"With the dramatic decline of market values for recyclable materials, and the discontinuation of municipal funding support, it has become necessary to generate support from the Drop-Off Station's customers to ensure it may continue to serve the needs of the community," said Uerling.

The Drop-Off Station is the state's largest community recycling drop-off center. It is located at 2950 East Ellsworth Road in Ann Arbor, just west of Platt Road, and operated by Recycle Ann Arbor with support from the City of Ann Arbor.

Many recyclable items are accepted for free, such as paper, metals, glass, batteries and some electronics. In addition, a wide variety of items is accepted for disposal at minimal cost. All accepted items and fees are listed on the Drop-Off Station page at [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org). Pick-up service is available for large bulky waste items, at additional charge. Dump trailers are available to rent.

Founded in 1977, Recycle Ann Arbor is a leader in the recycling industry, offering easy and convenient recycling for the home and workplace. As a private nonprofit organization, Recycle Ann Arbor is dedicated to providing education and innovative services in the collection, processing and distribution of recyclable materials. Recycle Ann Arbor is an affiliate of the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Recycle Ann Arbor started Michigan's first curbside recycling program in 1978, and currently operates the Drop-Off Station, the ReUse Center, the Environmental House green building resource center, the Ann Arbor curbside recycling program, Calvert's Roll-Off Containers for construction debris recycling, and Energy Works of Michigan.

The Drop-Off Station may be reached directly by calling (734) 971-7400. For more information about Recycle Ann Arbor, please call (734) 662-6288, or visit Recycle Ann Arbor on the Web at: [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org). #####