

Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge recycling efforts recognized!

Both cities were honored by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Governor's Recycling Council in May.

Huntington Woods was the only city to receive the Environmental Excellence in Recycling Measurement Award and Pleasant Ridge received a special recognition in the same category.

This is the first year the State of Michigan recognized the public, non-profit and the private sector for recycling efforts. The recognition is part of Governor Snyder's two year challenge to Michigan to double the recycling rate by the end of 2016.

Congratulations to both cities!

DEQ Director Dan Wyant presents the award to Huntington Woods Mayor Ron Gillham and Claire Galed, HW Public Services. The beautiful award was made from repurpose building materials.



For this month.....

Reduce and Recycle Plastic



From food storage to furniture—we use plastic for everything. In less than a century, plastic has permeated every aspect of our lives, creating tremendous amounts of waste that does not degrade. Much of it ends up in the oceans – an estimated 6.4 millions tons annually – which wrecks havoc with marine wildlife.

How we choose to handle plastics can make a huge difference. Consider alternatives in order to reduce your use of plastic. You may already practice these tips but pass along to a neighbor, friend, or family member.

- ◇ Only 1 in 5 plastic water bottles are recycled. That translates to 35 billion plastic water bottles being trashed every year! Try reusable bottles instead, or if you must use single use bottles, be sure to recycle them.
- ◇ A plastic bag has an average working life of 15 minutes and it takes just four family shopping trips to accumulate 60 shopping bags. Consider using reusable bags as an alternative, or next time you only purchase a single item, ask yourself, do I really need a bag?

The good news: Residents in SOCRRA member communities are recycling plastic at a rate of 830 tons during the year. Any plastic container can be included in your recycle bin, and you can bring plastic bags to the drop-off center. Most grocery stores also collect plastic bags just inside their store doors.

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Remember, your community PAYS for trash, but EARNS rebates for recycling.