

How to Start Recycling!

This is a quick guide to assist residents in starting to participate in their community's curbside recycling program. It's as easy as ① - ② - ③!

① Get a bin and guidelines!

To participate in your community's curbside recycling program, residents may use one or more curbside recycling bins. All SOCRRA communities individually sell curbside recycling bins and have copies of SOCRRA's "Curbside Recycling Guidelines", usually available at the Public Works or Services Departments (see contact list on right) or on SOCRRA's website.



② Review the guidelines!

SOCRRA has one of the most comprehensive recycling programs in Michigan, striving to continually add new materials for recycling once an outlet for the materials is found. Items collected for recycling include newspapers, magazines, office paper (all colors), junk mail, shredded paper (in see-through plastic bag), all plastic containers, metal cans, small scrap metal items, and clear and brown glass bottles and jars. For a complete list of materials, visit socrra.org.

③ Set-out on your collection day!



Recycling is collected on the same day your trash is collected. Be sure to set out by 7:00 am on the day of collection, and keep several feet between recyclables and other items out for collection such as trash and yard waste. Contact your community to confirm your collection day.

Community Contact List

Berkley
248-658-3490

Beverly Hills
248-646-6404

Birmingham
248-530-1700

Clawson
248-288-3222

Ferndale
248-546-2519

Hazel Park
248-542-0340

Huntington Woods
248-547-1888

Lathrup Village
248-557-2600

Oak Park
248-691-7470

Pleasant Ridge
248-541-2900

Royal Oak
248-246-3300

Troy
248-524-3399

Make Recycling Work for You!

There are lots of tools out there to assist you in collecting and storing your recyclable materials. Extra bins or baskets may assist you in collecting recyclables in a more convenient way. Try placing recycling bins near trash cans to make recycling just as easy as throwing something away.



Free Recycling Drop-off Site

Don't want to store recyclables? Feel free to use SOCRRA's Recycling Drop-off Center at 995 Coolidge in Troy, across from Meijer, where all the recyclables collected at curbside are also accepted. In addition, items that can not be placed in the curbside bin can be recycled: hardback books, CDs, DVDs, VHS and cassette tapes and all cases, plastic bags, large batteries, green & blue glass bottles, and paperboard beverage containers & drink boxes. Bins are available for depositing clothes, shoes, toys & blankets, and paper shredding is available as well.

Why Recycle?

Recycling not only benefits our environment by **reusing resources** and **saving energy**, but recycling also **benefits YOU and your community** by providing **a rebate for every ton of recyclables**. Every piece of paper or bottle or can set in your recycling bin is **cash for your community!** Recycling rebates provided by SOCRRA keep overall trash and recycling collection costs down, and that means more dollars in your wallet, rather than in taxes. Did you know that recycling just one ton of paper (2000 pounds) saves enough energy to run an average 3 bedroom home for an entire year? SOCRRA recycles 13,000 tons each year—that's enough energy saved to power all the homes in Beverly Hills for an entire year!

Did you know one person generates 4.5 pounds of trash each day? Almost 2 pounds of that is paper—one of the easiest materials to recycle through SOCRRA!

What should I do if I see somebody taking my recyclables out of my bin? Out of my neighbor's bin?

That's called scavenging, and it's illegal in the SOCRRA communities. Revenue from the sale of recyclables collected by City contractors is used to offset the costs for collecting these materials. When recyclable materials are stolen, potential market revenues decrease and your fees for weekly recyclables collection may need to be increased. Theft also discourages residents from recycling, defeating the goals of the City's curbside recycling program. To report scavenging, log on to SOCRRA's website and click "Report Scavenging".

For more information, please visit SOCRRA's website at www.socrra.org.