

TOWNSHIP OF **Scio**

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RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

Scio residents care about the environment and support efforts toward sustainability.

This special newsletter, produced in partnership with **GFL Environmental**, is intended to give interested residents some tools to act as responsible stewards of the environment in their everyday lives.

Scio Township is now entering the third year of its single-waste hauler contract with GFL and one consequence of this transition is a significant increase in curbside recycling. We also reduced recycling contamination with the help of the 2021 recycling audit conducted by the county's resource management collective WRRMA. GFL's **Acceptable Materials Guidelines** flyer (on p. 2) will help residents maintain this trend. Scio residents now have a dedicated customer service phone number at GFL: 734-224-5582. In addition, complaints or other types of feedback are emailed to GFL and the Township Supervisor when you use the form at Sciotownship.org/GFLfeedback.

EGLE's inverted Sustainability pyramid at right reminds us to, first, **REDUCE** consumption. Renting is an environmentally responsible alternative to purchasing. Find local borrowing and renting services in the **Trash to Treasure Guide** found at Washtenaw.org.

Scio Township is home to several excellent resources to support REUSE and REPURPOSE efforts. (The map on p. 4 will help you locate these local gems.) For example, generations of bargain-hunters have enjoyed the weekend thrift sales run by the **Kiwanis Club** of Ann Arbor on the Township's far west side. Similarly, the **Habitat for Humanity Restore** sells donated goods at prices below the cost of new and uses the profits to fund their charitable work. Another convenient resource for donating or purchasing used items is **The ShareHouse**.

This list may not be exhaustive. If you know of, or start, a not-for-profit enterprise that benefits the environment, we'd love to know about it. Contact newsletter@sciottownship.org.

Savvy sustainability fans already know that environmentally friendly behaviors can result in financial benefits. Like selling your unwanted clothing or furniture, reducing food waste is an easy way to get rewarded for acting in an environmentally responsible way. Search for

Tips to Reduce Food Waste at [FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov) to find practical ideas that can save the average family as much as \$1600 a year in reduced food bills. And GFL now offers a **Recycling Rewards program** (enrollment information is on the back of this newsletter). It's nice to be rewarded for something you're already doing!

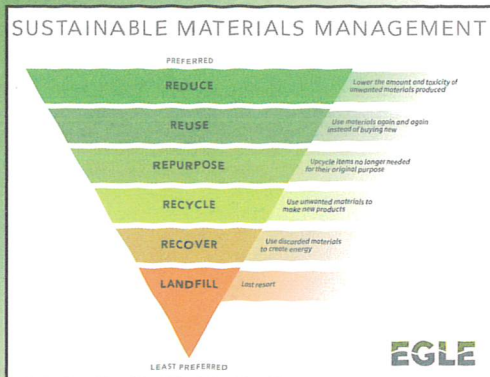
For the RECYCLE level of EGLE's Sustainability model, posting GFL's **Acceptable Materials Guidelines** near your recycle bins may help keep recycling contamination low. When the efforts of our recycling can be sold at the best prices available because of low rates of contamination, the recycling endeavor is more likely to be self-supporting. For those items on the "unacceptable" list, county residents can rely on the **Home Toxics Center** to keep many items out of the landfill (a comprehensive list of accepted items is on p. 5). Bulky items such as tires, furniture, and appliances can be brought to one of the **County Clean-Up Days** (see dates on p. 3) or to the **Recycle Ann Arbor Recovery Yard** (#5 on the Recycle Map).

Still not sure what to do with that thing you want to get rid of? Look it up on the **Waste Wizard** at wrrma.org, a comprehensive database of recyclable items and locations that accept them.

Want to do more? Join the Township's Environmental Sustainability Task Force and read the Climate Action Plan found at Sciottownship.org/Sustainability.

Happy Recycling from GFL and Scio Township!

**GFL Customer Service
for Scio customers:
734-224-5582**



ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL GUIDELINES



Newspaper
Remove bags, strings
and rubber bands



Cardboard & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into
pieces. No wax coated cardboard



Magazines & Catalogs
Any size magazine



Junk Mail
Envelopes, flyers, brochures,
postcards etc.



Office Paper
All types and sizes



Consumer Packaging
*new to recycling program



Phone Books
All types and sizes



Paperboard
No wax coated paperboard



***Plastic Jugs/Bottles**
(#1 & #2)



***Household Plastic**
(#3-#7)
Empty containers only



**Paper Milk or Juice
Cartons**
Empty cartons only



Pots & Pans
Kitchen cookware



***Aluminum Cans**
Empty cans only



***Steel & Tin
Cans**
Empty cans
only



***Clear and Colored
Glass**
Empty containers
only

PLEASE SAVE THESE
GUIDELINES FOR
FUTURE REFERENCE

Please have cardboard
cut down to pieces
no larger than 2' x 2'

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Garbage
- Shredded Paper
- Propane Tanks
- Paint Cans
- Medical Waste
- Flammable Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Chemicals (Dry or Liquid)
- Wood Items
- Yard Waste: wood or trash
- Batteries



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Washtenaw County Clean-Up Days

2023 Events

June 24 – Northfield Township

Registration opens May 12th

July 22 – Augusta Township

Registration opens June 9th

July 29 – Pittsfield Township

Registration opens June 16th

August 5 – City of Chelsea

Registration opens June 23rd

August 26 – City of Ypsilanti

Registration opens July 14th

Additional information about event time and location is provided at registration.

These events are for Washtenaw County residents only.

Materials from businesses, government agencies, non-profits, or other organizations are not accepted.

Typically accepted items include household hazardous waste, electronics, bulky waste, tires, and appliances. Check our web-site for specific details of each event.

Please consider a **minimum donation of \$15.00** to help support these events. Checks and cash are accepted at the event. Please make checks payable to Washtenaw County.

Bring 4 tires for free. We suggest a donation of \$5 for each additional tire. **Limit of 10 tires.**

Bring 1 TV or freon appliance for free. We suggest a donation of \$10 for each additional item.



Registration will be required to attend any County Clean-Up Day.

This change will allow us to better serve residents by spacing out event traffic arrival time.

This strategy will significantly reduce wait times and reduce carbon emissions caused by idling cars at the event

Additional information regarding location, time and materials accepted will be disclosed during registration.

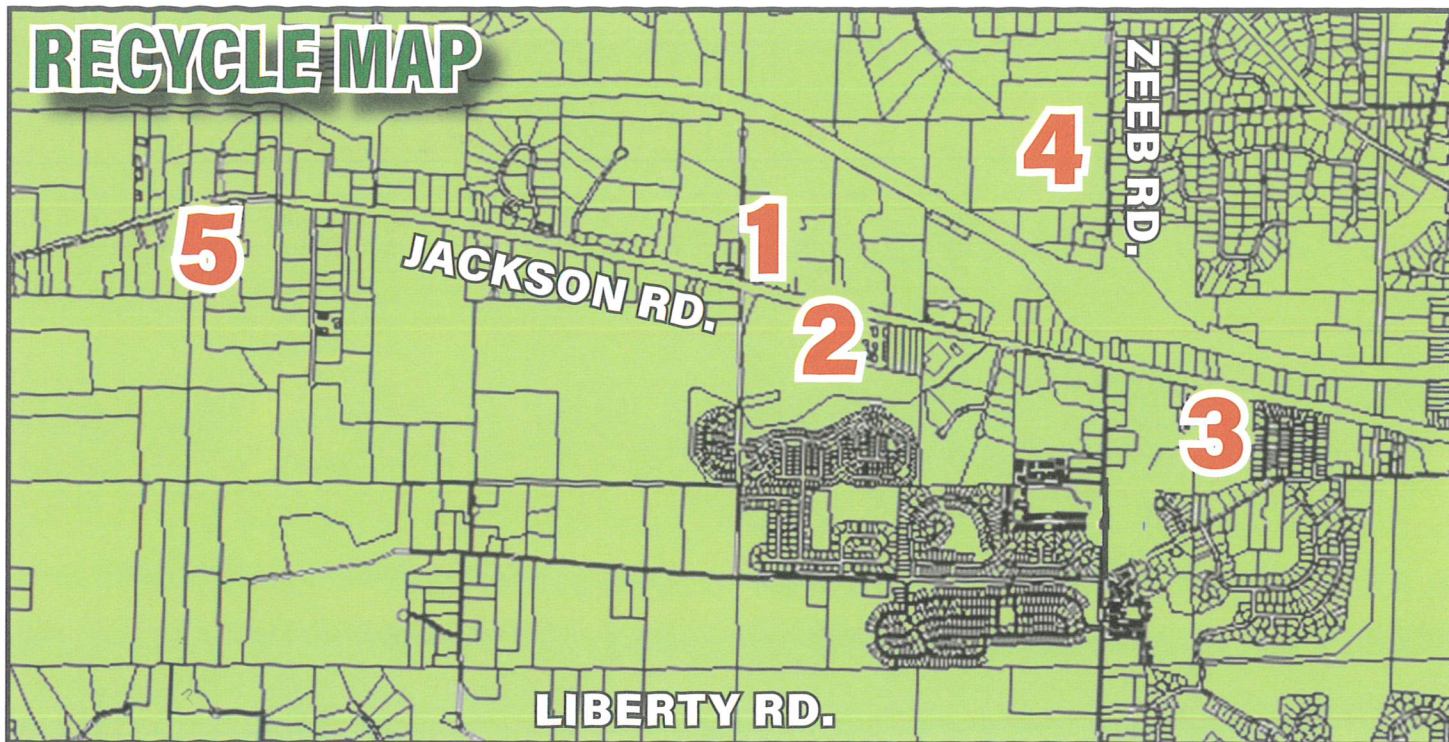
Register at washtenaw.org/cleanup



For assistance with registration, or to find alternative locations for recycling or disposal, call **734-222-3950**.

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1. Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor,
100 N Staebler Rd Ste C, 734-368-9738

3. The ShareHouse,
5161 Jackson Rd, 734-222-0876

5. Recycle Ann Arbor Recovery Yard,
7891 Jackson Rd, 734-426-2280

2. Habitat for Humanity Restore,
6241 Jackson Rd, 734-276-0599

4. Home Toxics Center, 705 N Zeab Rd



Friday's 9am-1pm- shopping only
Saturday's 9am-3pm- shopping & donation drop-off

Our REUSE center is accessible through Ann Arbor public transportation:

From Downtown Ann Arbor, take bus #30 to Meijer on Jackson Rd

Transfer to The Wave to be dropped off at the Kiwanis Center

The fare from Meijer to Kiwanis is \$0.50 each way



The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization.
Your contribution may be tax deductible, as allowable by law.



Home Toxics Center

The Home Toxics Center (HTC) is Washtenaw County's household hazardous waste disposal program. Located at 705 N Zeeb Rd. – next to Scio Township Hall - the HTC is for Washtenaw

County residents only and cannot accept materials from a business, government entity, or other organization. Appointments are encouraged for weekday drop-offs. The facility is open on select Saturdays – no appointment

required. To make a weekday appointment, or view the schedule for Saturday drop offs, visit HomeToxicsCenter.org or call 734-222-3950.

ITEMS ACCEPTED at Home Toxics Center

Acids and Bases	Inhalers
Aerosols	LED light bulbs
Automotive fluids	Liquid Asphalt and roofing tar
Batteries (not in serial formation)	Medical sharps
Compressed gases (Butane, Helium, Propane, MAPP)	Mercury (and mercury-containing devices)
Cooking oil (must be liquid and pourable)	Mothballs
Fabric Dye	Nail polish and remover
Fire Extinguishers	Paint, latex and oil (latex in liquid form only)
Flammables (gasoline, kerosene, etc.)	Paint thinners, removers, solvents, varnishes, etc.
Flares	Pesticides*
Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes up to 4 ft in length	Photography chemicals
Handheld electronics with built-in batteries	Pool chemicals
Home cleaning products (ammonia, bleach, polishes)	Rat and rodent poison
Home repair products (glues, caulk)	Refrigerants
	Rust remover
	Smoke and CO detectors

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED at Home Toxics Center

Asbestos
Business waste
Compost/yard waste
Empty containers
Electronics (TVs, printers, etc.)
Explosives, ammunition, fireworks
Fertilizer (without herbicide, fungicide, etc.)
Foam packaging and containers (Styrofoam)
Freon appliances (refrigerators, air conditioners)
Foam sealants/insulations/adhesive cylinders with spray nozzles
Incandescent and halogen bulbs
Medical waste (blood, gauze, etc.)
Medications and Pharmaceuticals**
Laboratory chemicals
Oxygen tanks
Radioactive materials
Tires
Trash

*Pesticides: Any Michigan resident or business can bring these items to HTC as part of the Clean Sweep Program, Michigan.gov/cleansweep.

** Find where to dispose of prescription or over-the-counter pills at dontflushdrugs.com.

Visit washtenaw.org/recycle to find information on the disposal of materials such as bulk waste, composting, and other waste reduction resources.



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Ann Arbor, MI 48103

To Scio Neighbor



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for Recycling
at Home!

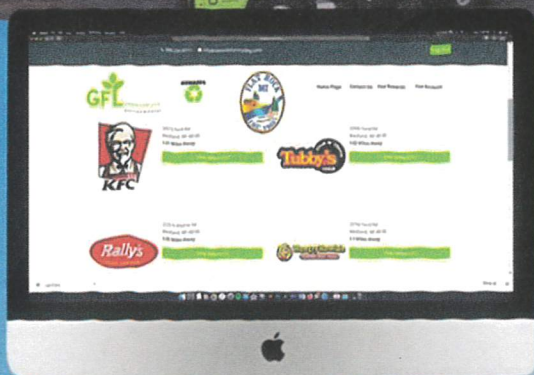
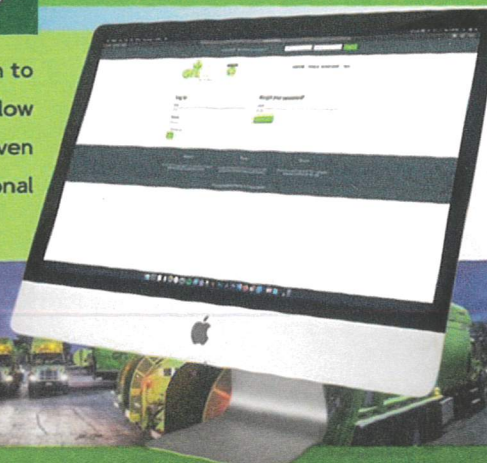


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Our Recycling Rewards Program Offers
Great Savings to Active Recyclers.
Start Your Account Today and
Get Paid Back
for Recycling!

Now Active in Scio Twp.!

➤ **Getting Started:** To activate your free account, log on to GFLUSARewards.com and click the **Activate** button and follow the instructions. Every time you recycle you will be given access to hundreds of valuable savings from local and national businesses.



Many great offers such as these are currently available for active recycling rewards members!

Activate your free account and get rewards today.

➤ **Report Your Recycling:** GFL Environmental is rewarding the residents in your community just for recycling! Each time you place your recycling out to be collected, log in to your account, and click the **Report Recycling** button. Once we know your household is an active recycler, savings and prizes are available for you to print from your home computer.

