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Today is America Recycles Day!

America Recycles Day is a [Keep America Beautiful](#) initiative to educate, motivate and make recycling bigger and better.

Commit to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Recycled products!

Take the America Recycles Day pledge by doing the following:

LEARN what materials are collected for recycling. Check directly with your waste hauler for a list of accepted materials.

ACT to reduce the amount of waste you produce, recycle more and buy products made with recycled materials.

SHARE your support of recycling and encourage family and friends to take the #BeRecycled pledge too.

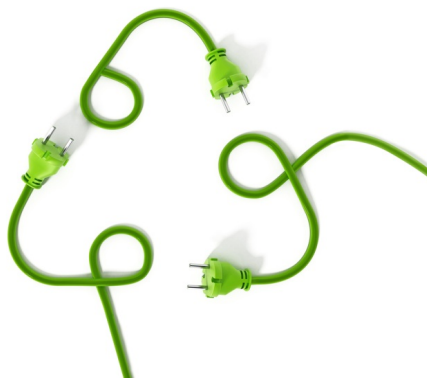
Learn more at americarecyclesday.org

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Staples is Rewarding You for Recycling

Staples wants you to know that recycling is rewarding. They provide free electronic recycling every day but are giving you extra savings through November 18.

Rewards members receive \$10 off their next purchase of \$30 or more when you recycle your unwanted electronics at your local Staples store.

For more information, visit your local Staples store or click [here](#) for details.

**Brush Drop-Off Site
Closing for the Winter Season**

The Grand Traverse County Brush Drop-Off site, 2471 N. Keystone Rd., will close for the season on Saturday November 18. Hours for that day are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The site will reopen in the spring of 2018.



Did you know? The Michigan Legislature enacted Public Act 264 which, as of March 28, 1995, prohibits yard clippings from being disposed in landfills or municipal solid waste incinerators.

Yard clippings/waste is defined to mean leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, or brush or tree trimmings less than four feet in length and two inches in diameter that could be converted to compost.

Diverting yard waste from landfill disposal conserves landfill space, reduces landfill methane emissions and converts organic material into compost for enhancing soils.



Recycling Is Important!

It reduces waste - According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average person generates 4.7 pounds of garbage each day. *The U.S. is only about 4% of the world's population but we generate about 30% of the world's garbage.*

It's good for the economy - In Michigan, there are an estimated 2,242 establishments in the recycling and reuse industry that provides 61,700 jobs.

It saves landfill space - No one wants to live next door to a landfill and Michigan has 47 municipal solid waste landfills. These are the landfills that take household garbage. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

It's good for the environment - Making new products from recyclables uses less energy and creates less pollution than making products from virgin natural resources.

Got Stuff? Not Sure What To Do With It?

Use the RecycleSmart Take-It-Back Recycling Directory to learn where to reuse, recycle, return, compost, donate or throw away your unwanted items.

Visit the [RecycleSmart Take It Back Directory](#).



