



RECYCLING JACKSON P.O. Box 426, Jackson, MI 49204  
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Recycling center open every other Saturday, except major holiday weekends, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1420 W. Monroe St.



## DATES

### Recycling Jackson board meetings

Third Monday of every month

### E-waste Drive

Saturday, April 18  
Operation: Zero Waste

## BIN



Would you rather receive our newsletter via e-mail? Drop us an e-mail at recyclingjackson@yahoo.com and let us know. We now have an e-mail distribution list for those who would rather save paper.

## TIPS

Looking for a place to dump your Styrofoam packing peanuts? Take them to Pak Mail at 1737 Spring Arbor Rd. in Jackson.

The company uses the peanuts to pack their packages! Contact Wayne and Kelly Sowers for details.

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# Bags foster creativity, education

Businesses and organizations are using reusable bags as a way to get their message out, and Recycling Jackson is no different.

Our Education and Outreach Coordinator, Mary Tallman, says the new canvas bags are a hit at area schools.

Mary takes the reusable bags to local elementary classrooms to teach kids about the benefits of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

“Our goal is to educate students and have fun creating a usable tote bag,” Mary says.

The bags are made of natural cotton fiber with Re-



**Lots of green** - Students decorate their reusable bags.

cycling Jackson’s logo on one side, and a blank spot on the back for students’ creative ideas.

Look for a Recycling Jackson reusable bag at the Dahlem Center gift shop, on South Jackson Rd., for

\$5 — or pick one up at our drop-off site.

If you would like Mary to visit your student or classroom, call her at (517) 789-8451 or e-mail her at [MaryHertlerTallman@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryHertlerTallman@yahoo.com)

## Operation: Zero Waste day to collect county waste, recyclables

American 1 Federal Credit Union is hosting a recycling day for Jackson County residents on Saturday, April 18 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

Recycling Jackson will be there, accepting e-waste at discount prices to help Jackson do some spring cleaning.



Joining us will be local waste haulers, like Emmons and Northwest Refuse, plus local recyclers like Kurpinski, OmniSouch, Rapid Refill Ink, Goodwill Industries, Dart Container, and Pakmail to collect everything from paper and plastic to metal, brush, clothing, and Styrofoam. Most items will be accepted for free.

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# Recycling and our community

Welcome to 2009. Last year was a very productive, but sometimes frustrating year, for Recycling Jackson.

It was productive in that we have again secured funding for our Recycling Education program through the Jackson County Community Foundation. Our education and outreach coordinator is back in the schools and visiting community groups, spreading the word about recycling and proper solid waste management. The program has a new and exciting twist in that we are combining art with education for what we think is a very unique but effective way to educate our community about recycling.

Last year was also very productive in that we collected over 40,000 pounds of unwanted electronics from our community during our two community e-waste drives. This is another 20 tons of material that has now been properly recycled through our Michigan-based vendor.

Along these lines, many of you likely saw the CBS 60 Minutes segment on electronics recycling this past fall. That segment presented many evocative issues concerning the sometimes sad and deceptive state of the electronics recycling industry. Rest assured that Recycling Jackson is committed to a no-landfill and no overseas shipment of electronics policy. We share a few thoughts about how we view e-waste on page 3.

I would be remises if I did not mention something about the digital TV transition that will occur either this month or later this spring/summer. Please understand that there are many solutions to this issue including purchasing an analog to digital converter box and a proper antenna for much less than a new HDTV. If you are getting your television through a cable or satellite TV service, you will not need to do anything as the conversion will take place seamlessly. Should you feel the need to replace your old analog television we would be happy to recycle it for you.

**Dates to remember:**

April 18: American 1 Federal Credit Union community recycling day. Recycling Jackson is very excited to be

part of this effort and it will be our first e-waste collect day for 2009.

April 19: The second-annual Dahlem Center Earth Day celebration. Watch the Dahlem Center web site as we get closer to that date for details. This is a wonderful event that will provide education and fun for the entire family.

Well, I am out of time. We appreciate your ongoing support of our organization and your tax deductible contributions are always appreciated. Contributions help us spread the good word and allow us to work to increase recycling services in our community.

See you at the recycling center!

Steve Noble  
President, Recycling Jackson



## Recycling Jackson **Reporter**

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Recycling Jackson was founded in 1983 by two concerned Jackson residents, Martha Monroe and Fran Parker, with support from the Dahlem Environmental Education Center, Autobahn Society, and League of Women Voters. The organization runs a permanent recycling site near Hunt Elementary at 1401 N. Brown Street, behind Home Depot. The collection center is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., except on major holiday weekends.

## Free software helps your PC save energy

Free software helps your computer save energy  
From the OC Register:

“Called Edison, the software is a friendly-looking widget with a simple slider to save more or less energy. Slide the bar to the far right to “save more” and the software will turn off the display after five

minutes, power down the hard drive after five minutes and suspend the computer after 10 minutes. That, apparently, will save you on an annual basis \$28.78, 323.38 kWh of energy and 440.76 pounds of carbon dioxide.”

Visit [verdiem.com/edison](http://verdiem.com/edison) for the download.

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## Zero Waste day coming, cont.

The event will be held at the County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., just a few days before the world celebrates Earth Day.

Those wishing to unload items that have been collecting around the house, like old computers, clothing, metals, and even confidential paperwork that needs to be shredded, must

pre-register. A list of acceptable items, plus a registration form, are available at American 1’s web site.

The URL is:  
[www.american1fcu.org/172](http://www.american1fcu.org/172)

Please join us at Operation: Zero Waste, and be sure to tell your friends and family. Let’s clean up Jackson this spring!

## electronics recycling

# How we do e-waste

Recycling Jackson uses a Michigan-based company to recycle the electronics material you provide to us. The company is based in Grand Rapids and has been in the waste business for more than 40 years. They operate a Michigan DEQ- and EPA-inspected facility.

By working with a Michigan company, we are helping to create jobs for Michigan families.

Electronics are first assessed, tested and reused when possible. They are not just collected and then sent somewhere for dismantling and recycling. Computer hard drives undergo a data wiping process or are destroyed during the recycling process. It is always a good idea to remove all personal information before sending them in for recycling.

Once the electronics are dismantled, the materials are recycled. Our recycler has

a “No Landfill” policy that is strictly enforced. The only materials that are not recycled are cabinet materials (wood & wood fibers) and those materials are burned for energy recovery.

**Our recycler completely dismantles the materials at their facility here in Michigan. We can always tell you where your materials will be dismantled and recycled.**

That is a key question to ask of other recycling service providers if you choose not to use Recycling Jackson.

**Our Bottom Line:** We will always provide environmentally and socially conscious recycling services for your unwanted electronics.

As always, if you have additional questions please give us a call at (517) 414-6142 or drop us an e-mail at [recycling-jackson@yahoo.com](mailto:recycling-jackson@yahoo.com).



### A few words about e-waste



## Earth Day celebration on April 19

The Jackson Outdoor Coalition is once again celebrating Earth Day at Sparks County Park, near the Cascades, on Sunday, April 19.

On-hand will be local environmental groups, like the Dahlem Center and Recycling Jackson, to help educate Jackson residents about Earth care and appreciation.

# 2009 site open dates

Recycling Jackson's drop-off site at Monroe St. will be open the first and third Saturday each month in 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- February 7, 21
- March 7, 21
- April 4, 18
- May 2, 16
- June 6, 20
- July 4, 18

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