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## PUBLIC INVITED TO CELEBRATE ANN ARBOR'S UPGRADED RECYCLING PLANT AT A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

ANN ARBOR, Mich., July 8, 2010 —The City of Ann Arbor invites the public to an open house showcasing the new single-stream recycling processing systems on Saturday, August 21, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), 4150 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. On-site parking will be available with a continuous bus shuttle service between the parking area and the MRF. The event will include guided tours of the upgraded facility; displays and demonstrations of the city's new hybrid recycling trucks and carts; information from RecycleBank®; children's activities; displays of and light refreshments. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Visitors may also take an AATA bus to the Shadowood stop and walk approximately two blocks to the event. More information on the MRF Open House is posted online at [www.a2gov.org/mrf](http://www.a2gov.org/mrf).

Ann Arbor's MRF is owned by the City of Ann Arbor and is operated on behalf of the city by FCR Recycling, a subsidiary of Casella, Inc. ([www.casella.com](http://www.casella.com)). The upgraded plant is expected to increase the amount of recyclables processed from 120 to 190 tons per day.

The upgraded recycling plant is configured to take a wider range of materials to recycle without requiring users to separate papers from containers. This "single-stream" recycling operation accepts many new materials, including all **clean plastic bottles and tubs** numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (such as yogurt tubs, plastic produce containers, plastic cups, and microwavable frozen food trays). Biodegradable plastics marked compostable or PLA, #3/PVC plastics, plastic bags, and Styrofoam™ may not be accepted. The recycling program also accepts clean frozen food boxes and bulky plastic items, such as laundry baskets and buckets. Mixed papers—newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, flattened cardboard and cereal boxes—Enhanced Aseptic packaging initiatives such as; soy milk containers milk cartons, juice boxes, metal cans and lids, glass bottles and jars, and scrap metal (up to 1 cubic foot, 20 pounds per piece) continue to be collected for recycling.

For 24-hour information on the city's solid waste services, please phone 99-GREEN or consult the city's Web site at [www.a2gov.org/recycle](http://www.a2gov.org/recycle).

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*      #####