

consumer mailbag

Based on the increasing number of requests for information and programs since fall, Concern Detroit, Inc. knows there is a growing awareness that recycling is being viewed as a positive alternative to solid waste disposal.

The Michigan legislature as a result of this growing concern introduced a number of recycling bills during the last session. The following list of bills excerpted from Water Impacts Newsletter outlines the bills. For the current status of these and other environmental legislation, call or write your legislator.

HOUSE BILLS:

Appropriations Committee:

HB 4821 -- Amends Act 31 requiring that state agency supplies, materials and equipment be made from recycled materials if there is a readily available source. The minimum percentage of recycled materials is 10 percent in 1989; 15 percent in 1990; and 20 percent in 1991 and beyond. The cost of the recycled materials cannot exceed 110 percent of the same item using non-recycled materials.

HB 4822 -- Amends the Clean Michigan Fund Act requiring the DNR to create a program to assist municipalities and private entities in identifying location of sources and source separated materials available for conversion into raw materials or products.

HB 4871 -- Obliges the Department of Commerce with DNR assistance to assemble an interstate task force to plan and develop markets for certain recyclable materials that require interstate cooperation to generate and collect sufficient materials to assure economic feasibility of a recycling enterprise.

Conservation, Recreation and Environment Committee:

HB 4883 -- Requires all packaging materials that are designed to be discarded and are used by fast-food restaurants to package individual portions of prepared food and drink sold in Michigan for direct consumption be composed entirely of degradable materials.

HB 4887 -- Amends Act 641 prohibiting whole tires from being disposed of in landfills.

County Bowl-a-Thon set

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County seeks bowlers and sponsors for the fourth annual Bowl-a-Thon to be held 1:30 p.m., March 31 at the West Bloomfield Lanes, 6800 Orchard Lake Road.

Trophies will be awarded for the high series among girls, boys, women and men and teams. Prizes will be awarded for the highest amount of



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SENATE BILLS:

SB 454 -- Amends Act 106 making it a misdemeanor for individuals who dispose, dump, or place oil or other liquids that are detrimental to the public health, safety or environment on the ground or into Michigan lakes and streams.

SB 453 -- Amends the Clean Michigan Fund Act requiring that the Natural Resources Commission conduct a series of waste stream assessments in representative areas of the state. It also establishes grant programs in the following areas: Resource recovery education; solid waste transfer stations; waste-to-energy capital grant program; waste reduction research and demonstration capital; composting operational program; household hazardous waste program.

SB 288 -- Establishes a six-dollar deposit on purchases of lead acid batteries, beginning January 1992, and convenes a joint legislative committee to study the safe use, recycling options and disposal of nickel cadmium and mercury batteries.

SB 410 -- Gives a taxpayer purchasing recyclable material for the purpose of converting the material into new products or into material used to produce new products, a tax credit equal to 15 percent of the amount the taxpayer spends to purchase the recyclable materials from a qualified recovery center.

To voice your opinion on any of these or other bills being considered in the legislature, call or write your legislator. They welcome your comments and suggestions.

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pledge money brought in as well as the team that donates the most pledges.

The cost is \$4 for each game. Besides having bowlers must raise a minimum of \$12 in pledges.

The Bowl-a-Thon is a chief fundraiser for RSVP, a program of the Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Additional information on RSVP is available at 333-3716.

Nuthatch: A seasonal visitor

This winter is the season of the red-breasted nuthatch. Many people who feed birds have told me that they have had a new nuthatch at their feeder. Most observers are quite familiar with the white-breasted nuthatch, so they knew when a new species appears.

Both the white and red-breasted nuthatches forage by poking down a tree trunk head first. Unlike woodpeckers and creepers who also go up a tree, nuthatches view from a different perspective and find food other birds missed.

They are similar in their coloration too. A blue-gray back with black to dark gray on the top of their head is a common coloration to both. But the red-breasted nuthatch is slightly smaller, has a black line through its eye separating white above and below, and they have reddish underparts.

RED-BREASTED nuthatches typically nest in the northern part of the state in coniferous forests of spruce,



Timothy Nowicki

pine and fir. Occasionally nests have been found in the southern tier of counties. They excavate a cavity in a dead tree and smear pine resin around the opening. It is believed that it keeps some predators from entering the nest. Some experiments have shown that snakes are deterred by pine resin.

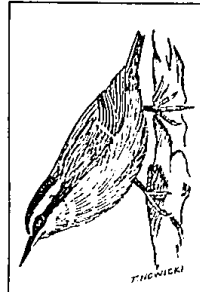
When a red-breasted nuthatch is seen around the Detroit area it is considered a good sighting because the do not stay around this part of the state. But there are years when the cone production in the coniferous forest is low, which causes irruptions of this species in new areas.

Most years reveal a few birds in southeastern Michigan, but some

years, like 1957, 1969, 1975 and 1989 indicated a greater number than usual. The 1989 Detroit Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count recorded the greatest number of red-breasted nuthatches in its 45-year history.

Regular counts like this and those sponsored by the federal government help us to monitor trends in bird population on a broad scale. In some cases, these same trends can be seen at your feeders.

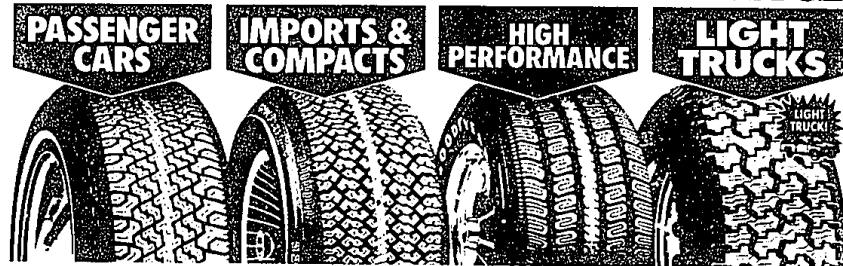
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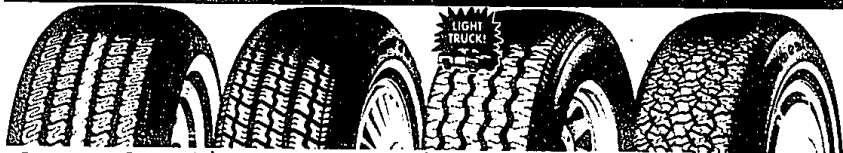
Both the white and red-breasted nuthatch forage by going down a tree trunk head first.

GOODYEAR SPRING INVENTORY CLEARANCE



PASSENGER CARS		IMPORTS & COMPACTS		HIGH PERFORMANCE		LIGHT TRUCKS	
TIEMPO RADIAL		ARRIVA RADIAL		EAGLE ST RADIAL		P-WRANGLER RADIAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible sidewalls deliver a smooth, comfortable ride Steel belted radial construction provides strength, long tread wear, and all season performance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double steel belted for resistance to bruises and road hazards Long-wearing tread compound Interlocking tread design for excellent all season performance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick and responsive on the road, with double steel belts to make the tread High-grip, wear-resistant tread design for superior wet and dry traction Concussion-style tread with white letters on one side, black lettering on the other 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For minivans, mini-pickups, and 4-WD cars All season, all terrain performance for on-road as well as off-road driving Gas-saving economy with easy-rolling radial construction Self-cleaning tread resists plugging up in mud or snow 	
WHITEWALL SIZE	SALE PRICE No Trade Needed	BLACKWALL SIZE	SALE PRICE No Trade Needed	RAISED WHITE LETTER SIZE	SALE PRICE No Trade Needed	OUTLINE WHITE LETTER SIZE	SALE PRICE No Trade Needed
P155/80R13	\$28.95	P155/80R12	\$34.95	P175/70R13	\$36.95	P205/75R14	\$77.95
P165/80R13	\$30.24	P145/80R13	\$34.95	P185/70R13	\$42.95	P195/75R15	\$77.95
P165/80R13	\$42.33	P155/80R13	\$37.53	P205/70R14	\$42.95	P205/75R15	\$80.85
P165/75R14	\$45.91	P165/80R13	\$38.49	P215/70R14	\$47.95	P215/75R15	\$83.36
P185/75R14	\$48.37	P165/80R13	\$41.49	P215/70R14	\$47.95	P225/75R15	\$86.69
P205/75R14	\$50.87	P165/70R13	\$41.90	P215/70R14	\$47.95	P235/75R15	\$89.20
P205/75R15	\$53.58	P175/70R13	\$44.16	P235/70R14	\$77.94	P235/75R15 (2X)	\$91.70
P215/75R15	\$55.42	P185/70R13	\$44.16	P245/60R14	\$82.90		
P225/75R15	\$59.38	P185/70R14	\$46.45	P245/60R15	\$85.40		
P235/75R15	\$62.51	P205/75R14	\$48.79	P275/60R15	\$95.40		

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Custom Polysteel Radial		Invicta GL Radial		Wrangler LT Radial		S4S Radial	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas saving steel belted radial Strategically angled biting edges improve handling on wet roads 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For downsized and import cars All weather traction; long, even wear and quiet ride 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long wearing, quiet riding rib tread design Dependable service in all wheel positions 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goodyear Quality budget prices Two steel belts for strength and durability 	
WHITEWALL SIZE	PRICE No Trade Needed	BLACKWALL SIZE	PRICE No Trade Needed	SIZE & LOAD RANGE	SALE PRICE No Trade Needed	WHITEWALL SIZE	PRICE No Trade Needed
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P175/80R13	\$48.83	P155/80R13	\$47.39	L129/75R14 SXL	\$ 89.99	P185/75R14	\$41.95
P185/80R13	\$51.37	P165/80R13	\$56.98	L139/75R14 SXL	\$ 94.99	P195/75R14	\$43.95
P175/75R14	\$52.90	P175/80R13	\$59.97	L149/75R14 SXL	\$ 99.99	P205/75R14	\$46.95
P185/75R14	\$55.87	P185/75R14	\$65.46	L159/75R14 SXL	\$104.99	P215/75R15	\$49.95
P205/75R14	\$58.81	P195/75R14	\$72.03	L169/75R14 SXL	\$109.99	P225/75R15	\$52.95
P225/75R14	\$64.36	P195/75R15	\$75.85	L179/75R14 SXL	\$114.99		
P205/75R15	\$64.92	P205/75R15	\$79.80	L189/75R14 SXL	\$119.99		
P215/75R15	\$67.85			L199/75R14 SXL	\$124.99		
P225/75R15	\$71.89			L209/75R14 SXL	\$129.99		
P235/75R15	\$75.80			L219/75R14 SXL	\$134.99		

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