



TALKIN' TRASH

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To Ban Burning is for the Best

Imagine not being able to catch your breath...and you're not exercising. Imagine not being able to go outside, because your lungs cannot tolerate inhaling burning leaves and rubbish. Imagine being just five years old and having these dilemmas. This is what it is like for children and adults alike who have asthma. And you say it's "too much" to bag your yard waste?

The following communities have made a commitment to their residents and their environment to BAN BURNING. There are solutions...you just have to have the desire to JUST DO IT!

Macomb, Monmouth, Colchester, Bushnell, Fyre Lake, and Good Hope have a convenient way to dispose of yard waste--curbside pick-up service! Macomb has even contracted to have free yard waste pick-up (no stickers required for the yard waste bags) from the second Monday in March until the end of spring clean-up week (second week in May). Last year, the Macomb City Council agreed to ban leaf burning, which is what most communities in the nation are agreeing to. So this season, why not mulch, start a compost pile, or bag up your leaves and lawn clippings into approved bags? Your lungs and your neighbors will thank you for it.

IEPA Landscape Waste Burning Restrictions

Landscape waste is defined as any discarded vegetable or plant matter, except garbage and agricultural waste, including trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, weeds, leaves, shrubbery and yard trimmings.

- Yard waste cannot be burned in a municipality that has enacted ordinances which restricts or bans landscape waste burning.

If the municipality allows burning, it must be burned only:

- When atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants.
- When it does not create a visibility hazard.
- On the site where the waste was generated.



**Send your leaves to a mulch better place.
Recycle.**

Burning is BAD for Business...and Dumping!

The Department of Community & Economic Opportunity's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program has become aware of many violations of open burning/dumping of construction and demolition by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Construction and demolition debris includes, but is not limited to, wood, roofing, insulation, siding, plumbing, paints, electrical wire or coating, varnishes, packaging materials or any other materials used in or as part of building, renovating, or dismantling any structure. To raise awareness of this problem, the agency has developed the "Don't Get Burned" poster for display by building and zoning offices, local health offices, sheriff's offices, as well as hardware stores and lumber yards frequented by the construction industry and personnel.

Those wishing to display the poster can call the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800-252-3998 to request copies.

First time burning and/or dumping violators face penalties of \$1500 per violation, and more serious violators are subject to criminal penalties including fines of \$5000 or higher per violation and possible jail time.

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Must Do...Dates

TCR&WMC

May 20

Warren County Courthouse

7:00 pm

McDonough County

Environmental Comm.

May 6, June 3

McDonough County Courthouse

7:00 pm

Mercer County

Board Meeting

May 6, June 3

Mercer County Courthouse

7:00 pm

Mercer County Recycling Board

May 22

CES Office, Aledo

7:00 pm

Warren County

Board Meeting

June 11

Warren County Courthouse

9:30 am

Special Events

ILCSWMA Region 3

July 11

WIRC office

10:30 am

ILCSWMA Board Meeting

April 14

Decatur

10:30 am

IEPA Recycling Rules Meeting

May 1

IEPA Building, Springfield

10:00 am

SWANA

May 13

North Gate

11:00 am

Illinois Recycling Conference

June 23-25

Holiday Inn, Urbana

Township & Municipal Clean-Ups

(Pending hauler's schedule)

Eldorado Township, May 9 - 10

City of Bushnell, May 12-14

New Salem Township, May 16 -17

Industry Township, May 23 - 24

Scotland Township, May 30 -31

Pending Board Approval

Macomb Township, June 13 - 14

Bethel Township, June 20 - 21

Preemption Township, June 27- 28

Contact Chad Braatz to confirm dates at (309) 837-3941.

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Education

Help Protect Your Community from West Nile Virus



The McDonough County Health Department is in the planning stages of launching "Fight the Bite"! This informational program is designed to help individuals stop the breeding of mosquitoes in their own backyard, and thus protect themselves from the West Nile Virus.

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places in the yard.
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts free of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- Unused swimming pools should be drained and kept dry during the mosquito season.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week.
- Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.

Ways to Protect Yourself

- Wear long sleeves and pants instead of shorts.
- Use repellents on exposed areas of the skin. Products that contain DEET are proven to be safe when used at 20 to 30% concentration on adults and 10% for children. Infants and pregnant women should not wear repellents.
- Don't depend on bug zappers. They kill more beneficial bugs than they do mosquitoes.
- Burn citronella candles and torches.

Proposed State Retail Tire Fee Increase for 2003

The 2002 outbreak of the West Nile Virus have State legislators working towards a solution. House Bill (HB) 2629 and HB 2812 and Senate Bill (SB) 0361 are all designed to increase the fee for retail sale of tires by 50 cents. All of the bills provide that the extra funds shall be distributed to county health departments based on the population of the county for expenses related to the West Nile Virus.

The problem with present retail tire disposal fee of \$1.00 is it is virtually consumed by other agencies to resolve the existing issues of collecting used tires.

If any of these bills are passed, mosquitoes will be targeted by several state agencies in order to stop the diseases they spread. The present used tire collection fund is out of money at least until July 1, 2003. Even then, the state's financial crisis may consume any new monies that come in.



Check out the Tri-County at www.tricountyresource.org. Here are some other fun sites to visit:

Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association
<http://ilcswma.org>

Solid Waste Association of North America
<http://ilcswma.org>

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
<http://www.epa.state.il.us>

National Recycling Coalition
[Http://www.nrc-recycle.org](http://www.nrc-recycle.org)

DCEO - Bureau of Energy and Recycling (Formerly DCCA)
http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/ho_recycling_energy.html

Eagle Enterprises Recycling Inc. of Galva, IL
<Http://eerecycling61434.tripod.com/eerecycling1/id6.html>



Household Hazardous Waste & YOU

Instead of stockpiling the remnants of your household hazardous waste, or dumping it on the ground or down the drain, try these alternatives:

Hand cleaner for paint or grease
Substitute - baby oil

Bathtub tile and general household cleaner
Substitute - baking soda

Shoe polish
Substitute - banana peel

Ink spot remover
Substitute - cream of tartar and lemon juice

Burn mark remover
Substitute - grated onion

Rust remover
Substitute - lemon juice, salt and sunlight

Furniture polish
Substitute - lemon or mineral oil

Spot remover, decal remover, stain remover for dishes
Substitute - salt and a little water

Water mark remover
Substitute - toothpaste

Bathroom cleaner, kitchen counter cleaner, drain cleaner, paint brush softener, window cleaner
Substitute - vinegar (add baking soda for effervescent drain opener)

Oil stain remover
Substitute - white chalk

These ideas and more come from the [A-Way With Waste](#) curriculum for solid waste educators.

Talkin' Trash

LET US KNOW if you wish to read the Talkin' Trash newsletter off of the Tri-County website. If enough people would cyber-read the newsletter, the TCR&WMC could help save some trees and postage!

Please email Anne at anne@wirpc.org, or call 309-837-3941, if you would like to go cyber!

Success with a Capitol S



The City of Galesburg sponsored an electronics recycling drop-off event in March. This was the first ever event of its type in western Illinois. The general public had the opportunity to drop off computer equipment, entertainment electronics, small household appliances, and small business equipment. Items that were not accepted at the e-waste event were white goods such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.

The event was a great success. A total of 137 households participated (with a limited amount of publicity) in the event. Sixty-one percent of the households were from Galesburg with the remaining households coming from the outlying area. The majority of equipment collected was computer components.

Computer Recycling Made Easy

Dell Computers is now making computer recycling easy and affordable. The computer company has started a new recycling program that offers consumers a \$15 at-home pick-up service for disposing old equipment, not just Dell products. The fee covers up to 50 pounds of computer equipment packaged in a single box. Each additional box would cost \$15.

One goal of the program is to make the process of recycling or donating easier and less expensive. Another goal is to encourage consumers to avoid throwing away their old machines. For more information about Dell Computer's recycling program--see their website at:

www.dell4me.com/recycling

How Much Do You Weigh?

The scale is going up on curbside recycling

Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc., has reported that Mercer County villages are "kicking bins". The totals for 2002 are in, and the results are amazing!

- Matherville** - with 282 homes is up 6.42 tons
- Sherrard** - with 267 homes is up 8.22 tons
- Reynolds** - with 248 homes is up 4.82 tons
- Fyre Lake** - with 220 homes is up 2.77 tons

Landfill Fee Increase For 2003?

Senate Bill 1001 would increase the state's present solid waste fee from \$1.45 per ton of solid waste permanently disposed of at a landfill by 50 cents, to \$1.95. The state's solid waste tipping fee would generate approximately \$6 million per year; \$4.8 million would be distributed to the City of Chicago and counties with over 149,000 population on a per capita basis. The remaining \$1.2 million would be allocated to EPA to conduct household hazardous waste collections in all the remaining counties with less than 149,000 populations.

In the past, smaller counties have had to submit an application for a HHW event and wait up to five years to be granted an HHW collection. Even then, some counties have paid an "extra" fee to speed up the process of obtaining an event date. Small counties with no solid waste monies coming in from a local landfill have been left out of the loop.

Bill SB 1001 proposes an even playing field for all of the smaller counties. The residents would see an annual increase of about \$2.00 per household in disposal costs.

The biggest generator of hazardous waste is the general residential public...at home under our sinks, in our closets, and in our garages. This new bill would make it possible to dispose of some of those chemicals, solvents and other hazardous materials properly. This is a good bill contingent on the removal of Amendment Number 3.

Amendment Number 3 would reduce significantly the \$1.2 million to clean-up highways littered by waste haulers, leaving the smaller counties again with no money for HHW events.

Business

What's Up with Clean-Ups?

Once again, several townships in McDonough, Mercer and Warren counties will begin a season of clearing large and bulky items from their boundaries.

Disposal of all "white goods" is becoming more of a problem. Each unit has contaminants within, and have to be dismantled first to remove all PCBs, mercury switches and Freon. These contaminants are hazardous waste and have to be disposed of by a special waste hauler. Needless to say, this process is expensive, and the cost continues to rise each year. As a result, the businesses that recycle white goods must charge in advance for services.

If your municipality has a city-wide cleanup, check to see if white goods are included. There may be an additional fee. Locally, the only place that disposes these items is the Monmouth Transfer Station. For a cost estimate, call 309-734-2515.

Our best advice to anyone that needs to replace a white good is to HAVE THE DEALER

THAT SOLD THE NEW UNIT TAKE THE OLD ONE!

Nike "Re-Use-A-Shoe"



Anne attended an educator's workshop at Chicago's Peggy Notrebauch Nature Museum with presenter Kathleen Brulc of the [Nike Air to Earth Program](#).

This all day workshop included an explanation and "hands-on" instruction of the Nike Teacher's Guide to recycling and how to use the free Nike Grind materials for classroom presentation and experiments! Nike Grind is a product produced from recycled athletic shoes (there are three types of Nike Grind, one from each portion of the shoe). This Grind material is then used for playground surfaces, all-weather tracks, carpet padding, etc. Nike presented each attendee with lesson plans, activities, and assignment materials for six units on recycling and resource conservation, plus a fun video and a box of examples to boot. Give Anne a call if you are interested in having her bring the "Nike Re-Use-A-Shoe Box" to your classroom!

McDonough County

Bridgeway

900 Deer Road
Macomb, Illinois 61455
309/837-4876

Waste Management

13988 E. 1400th St.
Macomb, Illinois 61455
Kevin Norville
309/833-4779 or
800/201-1360

Mercer County

Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc.

Route 34 East
1325 SE 2nd Street
Galva, Illinois 61434
309/932-2936

Mercer County Recycling Center

700 NE 7th Ave.
c/o Jo Lawson
Aledo, Illinois 61231
309/582-7089

Warren County

Maple City Area Recycling Center

614 South 3rd Street
Monmouth, Illinois 61462
Kevin Lovdahl
309/734-8423

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