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Doing the Right Thing... Two Communities Make the Move Towards Recycling

The cities of New Boston and Keithsburg are considering the possibilities of contracting for solid waste services. The Invitations for Bid of these services would include curbside garbage and recycling pickup. A large item service, including "white goods," with monthly pickup instead of having a village-wide cleanup once or twice a year, would be included. All municipal facilities, campgrounds, public works buildings, City Hall and parks would be included in the contract. Any special events during the year, such as the "Firemen's Fish Fry," would have dumpsters provided to handle the garbage. And finally, all local schools would have free recycling. Welcome aboard, New Boston and Keithsburg!

Tires, computers, household hazardous waste - bring 'em on!

Where Rubber Meets its Maker

The dangers from mosquito born diseases have increased with the presence of the West Nile virus. In the four years since the virus surfaced in North America, it quickly spread across the United States. More than 4,000 reported human cases and 264 deaths were attributed to the disease in 2002. The co-conspirator to this disease is the discarded tire - the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. A tire collection is not only addressing this environmental issue, but one directly related to health.

The goal this year is to collect 20,000 tires. To increase participation, a new incentive has been added - the rims can stay on the tires! Network with your neighbors, and spread the word about this important collection.

The FREE Used Residential Tire Collection on September 26 and 27 is sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), the Mercer County Board and the Mercer County Farm Bureau. The collection will be held at the Mercer County Garage, one and a half miles west of Aledo on Route 17, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Guidelines for the collection include:

1. Only tractor, truck and passenger tires are accepted.
2. Tires will be accepted with rims.
3. Tires ARE NOT accepted from commercial sources such as dealers, gas stations, or commercial trucking companies.
4. No large industrial or off-road tires.
5. For individuals with more than 1,000 tires, the IEPA will pay for the removal of the last 1,000 tires, provided the owner pays for the removal of the excess tires. All participants must complete a Consensual Removal Agreement.

For more information contact John Huffstutler at 309-582-5116, or TCR&WMC Solid Waste Coordinator Chad Braatz at 309-837-3941.

B-Responsible With Your E-Waste!



Lou Winner helped big-time with the first E-waste collection last winter.

Story and info on next page...

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Must Do...Dates

TCR&WMC

September 29
Mercer County Courthouse
Aledo
7:00 pm

McDonough County

Environmental Comm.
September 8, October 6
McDonough County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County

Board Meeting
September 2, October 7
Mercer County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County Recycling Board
TBA

CES Office, Aledo
7:00 pm

Warren County

Board Meeting
September 17
Warren County Courthouse
9:30 am

Special Events

ILCSWMA Conference

October 3 and 4
Eagle Creek
10:30 am

McDonough County Conservation Day

September 12
Lake Argyle, Colchester

Warren County Conservation Day

September 19
Young's Lake, Kirkwood

Warren County Green Communities

September 16
CES Office

Township Clean Ups Ellison

September 5 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
September 6 - 8:00 AM to Noon

Colchester/Tennessee

September 12 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
September 13 - 8:00 AM to Noon

Mercer Township

September 19 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
September 20 - 8:00 AM to Noon

Swan Township

October 18 - 8:00 AM to Noon

Emmet Township

October 24 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
October 25 - 8:00 AM to Noon

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New SW Educator Joins TCR&WMC Staff



Brian Casey is the latest addition to the Western Illinois Regional Council staff. He will serve as the new TCR&WMC

Solid Waste Educator. Brian has additional responsibilities as assistant planner for the Community Development branch of the WIRC.

Brian interned for the past two years at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He worked in the Office of Brownfields Assistance where he provided oversight for various cleanup projects and was involved in partnership building with community groups, regional planning commissions and municipalities. His experience working with these organizations and building knowledge of environmental issues will make him an asset to the WIRC.

Brian is excited about outreach opportunities. He will assist in classroom presentations, landfill tours, and various other events promoting recycling. In Brian's opinion, "Successful waste reduction depends on a strong public participation and a good understanding of the relationship between people and their environment."

In May, Brian completed his course work towards a master's degree in management information systems from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Currently, he is working on a thesis to determine what tech-based solutions can be used to generate business and stimulate the economy in financially depressed regions. Prior to this, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he double majored in economics and political science.

Macomb Yard Waste Program Revisited

Consider Your Yard Waste Options

Why bag yard waste when you can mow and mulch leaves and grass and leave it on your lawn for fertilizer? You can also chip or compost bushes and shrubs!

Still Want To Bag?

There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags, cans or bundles that can be placed at your curb. Put it next to your garbage on regular pickup day. However, it will cost you \$1.30 per can, bag or bundle during the summer months. Pickup is free between the second Monday in March and the end of spring cleanup. Yard waste stickers can be purchased at City Hall and at local retailers.

How to Prepare Your Yard Waste

Yard waste must be bagged in paper yard waste bags no larger than 5 cubic feet, or placed in 40 gallon trash cans, or bundled and tied with twine - not exceeding four feet in length or three feet in diameter. Loose or unbundled yard waste will not be collected! The use of plastic yard waste bags is prohibited.

What About the Big Stuff?

Large tree limbs, trunks and other bulky yard waste materials that cannot be properly bagged or bundled will not be picked up. These items can be disposed free of charge at the city's Yard Waste Center located on East Tower Road next to the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

Burning Stinks

Burning leaves and grass clippings is PROHIBITED in Macomb! Burning twigs, limbs, and branches ironically is still permitted, and is limited to during daylight hours. All fires must be tended by an adult, with a hose and water nearby.

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BigThanksBigThanksBigThanks

Solid Waste Educators Anne and Brian wish to thank the following libraries for allowing them to present a Recycling Story Time this summer:

Alexis Community Library
Blandinsville-Hire Library
Bushnell Public Library
Macomb Public Library District
Sherrard Community Library
Viola Public Library District

Special thanks goes to Jeanene Miller and the Monmouth After School and Daycamp Program for inviting us to present Household Hazardous Waste.

New & Improved History of Garbage



The presentation History of Garbage has been updated! For more information on this or other topics, call 309-837-3941. Anne and/or Brian are ready to visit you!

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"What Can Be Made From Your Recycled Trash," is the name of a display at the Macomb Public Library. This visual display provided by the TCR&WMC educators, illustrates the many things that are made from recycled materials.

Recycling is NOT Just Child's Play

Did you know that the Illinois State Board of Education requires kids to learn about recycling in school? Solid waste issues are discussed at even the pre-K levels through lessons on environment to taking responsibility for your actions.

If your children are learning about responsible waste practices at school, are these practices re-inforced at home? If you are living in an area that has curbside recycling or drop-off containers, are YOU recycling at home? Are you still burning plastics or throwing hazardous chemicals on the ground or down the drain?

The next time you throw a bottle or can into the trash with the attitude, "No one really cares about recycling," think again. And if you don't know how to properly dispose of an item, ask a child. They know more than you think!

What is the Definition of Source Reduction?

Voluntarily choosing to reduce and regulate your purchasing to only that which is needed and can be reused or recycled.

How's Your Source Reduction Going?

Community

Collections Continued... E-waste

It has been projected that in the U. S. alone, between 1997 and 2004, over 315 million obsolete computers will be destined for landfills--so called "e-waste." This waste could contain approximately 600,000 tons of lead, 1,000 tons cadmium, 200 tons of mercury and 600 tons of carcinogenic chrome VI. It is estimated that residents generate 31 pounds of e-waste annually.

Last winter, Julie Main of Galesburg, organized the first Electronics Collection in the area. The response was phenomenal! So Main is goin' for two.

The second FREE Electronics Collection will be held Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 AM to Noon. Ms. Main, with the cooperation of the City of Galesburg, has arranged the collection site to be at the new Naeir Warehouse building parking lot in the 1000 block of West Fremont. Guidelines include:

1. Computers, monitors and TV sets.
2. Any used and broken household electronic devices.
3. No washers, dryers, air conditioners, refrigerators or any other large appliances will be accepted.

For more information, call Chad Braatz at 309-837-3941.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bring your toxic products from home any way you can!

Knox County and the IEPA are sponsoring a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Galesburg High School, 1135 Fremont. Check your closets, basements, and garages for unused containers of chemicals, stains, and paints. The guidelines for this collection are:

1. Products that will be accepted: oil based paint (NO LATEX PAINT), insecticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, used motor oil, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze, and hobby chemicals.
2. Items not accepted: explosives, fire extinguishers, business or agricultural waste.

You know who to call...Chad at 309-837-3941.

Despite Deterrences, Apartment Dwellers Can Recycle

We all know recycling household waste helps the environment by saving resources and reducing the amount of waste for disposal in landfills. But trash generated by apartment residents is often collected from a common dumpster. In most instances, there are no onsite advantages or recycling options for these residents.

In spite of this, apartment dwellers need to join the effort to recycle. One way they can do this is by making a conscious effort to buy products made from recycled material. The other is by designating areas within the apartment where specific waste can be collected. Using space efficiently, and making recycling convenient are two ways to successfully integrate recycling into apartment living. Once collected, materials can be deposited at the following drop-off centers or trailer:

Bridgeway

900 Deer Road
Macomb, IL
309-837-4876

Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc.

Route 34 East
1325 SE 2nd St.
Galva, IL
309-932-2936

Maple City Area Recycling Center

614 South 3rd St.
Monmouth, IL
309-734-8423

Roseville Trailer

Behind City Hall
Roseville, IL

For what it's worth - residents can encourage apartment managers to start offering recycling by letting them know how important it is to them.

A New Alternative to the Dusty Road



Dusty roads have been treated with chemicals for years. The purpose was to control and stabilize rock dust. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that calcium chloride (used in dust

control) contributes to groundwater and well contamination and vegetation damage. Calcium chloride also blows off the road in dry weather, washes into ditches in rainy weather, and can cause icy patches in winter.

Now, a new product, Lignin LS-50, made from natural cellulose binders, (SAP) provides a dust free surface on unpaved roads. This product is Illinois state approved for motor fuel tax funds and does not contain chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986.

Preemption Road Commissioner Larry Pearson has been using this product for several years. Other Commissioners might want to consider this environmentally friendly option as well.



Pesticide Container Recycling Program

The Pesticide Container Recycling Program is designed for farmers, retired farmers, nurseries, and structural pest control businesses. The program accepts only clean, dry, high density polyethylene (HDPE) #2 plastic agrichemical containers. All caps, labels, booklets and foil seals must be removed. (Never put a cap back on a rinsed container.)

Although the Single Day Collection schedule is over, it is possible for containers to be taken to permanent collection sites.

The Pesticide Container Recycling Program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Agriculture Container Research Council, GROWMARK Inc., the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Tri-Rinse, Inc., United Agri-Products, UAP Richter, the Farm Bureau, and the U of I Extension.

Permanent Collection Sites

Effingham County
Effingham Equity
Altamont, IL
George Soltwedel
618-483-6325

Greene County
Illinois Valley Supply
Carrollton, IL
John Quandt
217-942-6991

Logan County
UAP Richter
Atlanta, IL
John Quandt
217-942-6991

McLean County
Randolph Ag
Heyworth, IL
Dee Hamilton
309-473-3256

Warren County
Monmouth Grain
Monmouth, IL
Dee Hamilton
309-473-3256

For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Environmental Programs:
Illinois State Fair Grounds
P. O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL
62794-9281.
Phone: 217-785-2427
TDD: 217-524-6858
Pesticide Hotline: 800-641-3934
Website: www.agr.state.il.us

Recyclers

McDonough County

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

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
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309/734-8423

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