

DKMM WASTE WATCH



Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste District Newsletter **Fall 2015**

What to do with those hard to dispose of items

There are many items that can't go in your household recycling bin but they also shouldn't go in your trashcan. So what do you do with them? Here are a few answers.

Hard Covered Books (no plastic covers on the books)- Price Marketing Management, 4839 Warrensburg Rd, Delaware (across from Price Farms Organics composting facility). Place books in the farm wagon. The books are shredded and used for animal bedding. For more information please call 740-362-4838.

Smoke Detectors- Check with the manufacturer to see if they offer a mail back program. If not, you can mail all models to JMAC Supply, 333 W. Merrick Rd. Unit #4, Valley Stream, NY 11580 , phone 516-812-0917

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs contain a small amount of mercury which allows them to be more energy efficient. Home Depot, Lowes and Menards accept these bulbs for recycling.

Alkaline/Household Batteries- Beginning in 1996 mercury was phased out of alkaline batteries making them safe to place in the garbage. Be careful, many AA, AAA, D batteries include lithium to make them last longer– these batteries should NOT go in the garbage. It will state on the battery if it includes lithium or other heavy metals. Call your county recycling office listed on page 3 to see if they will accept alkaline batteries for recycling, otherwise bring them to a DKMM hazardous waste collection event.

Free Residential Leaf & Yard Waste Disposal

Delaware County

Price Farms Organics, 4838 Warrensburg Rd, Delaware 

Knox County

located between Mt. Vernon and Bangs on Thayer Road (1/4 mile past the old landfill) 

Marion County

Park Enterprise, 560 Barks Road West, Marion

Morrow County

273 South Street, Mt. Gilead (rear of water treatment plant) 

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Fall Special Collection Events

Knox County Fairgrounds, 125 Fairgrounds Rd, Mt. Vernon	September 19 th 9 am- 1 pm	Hazardous Waste & Paint ONLY	\$2.00/ can of paint limit 10 cans Up to 5 gallon containers other materials free
Delaware County Fairgrounds, 935 US Rte. 23 N, Delaware	October 3 rd 9 am – 1 pm	Tires & Electronics ONLY	\$2.00-\$35.00/ tire depending on size \$10.00/ television Other electronics free

For more information on the collection events call DKMM Solid Waste District at 740-393-4600.

Keep Ohio Beautiful Awards

Marion County received their Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliation status in 2014, and was honored at the annual Keep Ohio Beautiful Recognition Luncheon for two outstanding programs. The Marion County Recycling and Litter Prevention Office received the America Recycles Day Event award in recognition of the annual Eco-Art Show. The goal is to reduce, reuse, recycle and buy recycled. Eco-art is a creative way to do just that. Items that would have otherwise been discarded were kept out of the landfill, while raising awareness and supporting a green economy. In 2014 the event had 53 crafters/artists with over 800 attendees. The 2015 event will be the 6th annual Eco-Art Show and has been scheduled for November 14, 2015 11-6 p.m. at the Marion Palace. It is a great time to get your holiday shopping finished.

ECO Center LLC was also honored and received the Business & Industry Award. Eco Center was started in 2014 to educate children outdoors with hands on activities. They have reused materials to design a fun playground as well as offer train rides in a train made of reused barrels. Composting toilets can also be found onsite. ECO Center believes outdoor experiences for youth are essential to creating a relationship with the surrounding world.



In 2015, Marion and Morrow Recycling & Litter Prevention offices partnered with ECO Center to hold a large Earth Day Festival that attracted approximately 1,600 people from surrounding counties.

Upcoming Events

September 19 Knox County Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection (no tires or electronics)

9:00– 1:00 at the Knox Fairgrounds, 125 Fairgrounds Rd., Mt. Vernon For more information visit www.dkmm.org

September 26 Harvest Fair

10:00 –4:00 at the Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Rd, Delaware For more information call 740-363-2548

October 3 Delaware County Electronics and Tire Collection (no hazardous waste or paint)

9:00– 1:00 at the Delaware Fairgrounds, 935 US Rte. 23 North, Delaware For more information visit www.dkmm.org

October 10 Scioto River Sweep for more information call 740-368-1700

October 31 Learn and Treats Costume Party (enter to win the most eco-friendly costume contest)

Noon– 3:00 at ECO Center, 1757 County Road 59, Caledonia For more information call 914-400-8085

November 14 Eco Art Show (gifts made from recycled materials)

11:00– 6:00 at the Marion Palace, 276 West Center St., Marion For more information call 740-223-4120

November 15 America Recycles Day—Celebrate!

Funding Available

We will once again be offering our Recycling & Market Development Grants.

Funding is available to incorporate recycling, composting, and other waste reduction methods into everyday applications.

Who Can Apply:

All schools, colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, institutions, political subdivisions and businesses located in Delaware, Knox, Marion, and Morrow Counties.

Beginning in November
Details can be found at:
www.dkmm.org

Applications Due:
January 22, 2016



Important District Contacts

Program Managers/ Education Specialists

- Questions and information requests about general disposal and recycling options
- To schedule a presentation or educational program
- To borrow recycling containers for community events

Delaware County

Keep Delaware Beautiful
Jenifer Way-Young
1 West Winter Street, Delaware
740-368-1700
jway-young@delawarehealth.org

Marion County

Marion Recycling & Litter Prevention
Angie Carbeta
222 West Center Street, Marion
740-223-4120
wastenot@co.marion.oh.us

Knox County

Knox Recycling & Litter Prevention
Linda Montgomery
117 East High Street, Mt. Vernon
740-393-6704
recycle@co.knox.oh.us

Morrow County

Morrow Recycling & Litter Prevention
Louann Holmes
619 West Marion Road, Mt. Gilead
419-947-1545
Louann.holmes@odh.ohio.gov

Nuisance and Health and Safety Complaints

- Public complaints on solid waste
- Illegal dumpsite inspection, enforcement and clean-up
- Tire dumpsite inspection, enforcement and clean-up

Delaware County

Delaware General Health District
Doug Sams
1 West Winter Street, Delaware
740-368-1700

Marion County

Marion Public Health Department
Tyler Pigman
181 South Main Street, Marion
740-387-6520

Knox County

Knox County Health Department
Nate Overholt
11660 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon
740-399-8004

Morrow County

Morrow County Health Department
Brian Benick
619 West Marion Road, Mount Gilead
419-947-1545

All Questions or Concerns

- If you don't know who to call feel free to call us

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EPA Releases New Waste Characterization Study

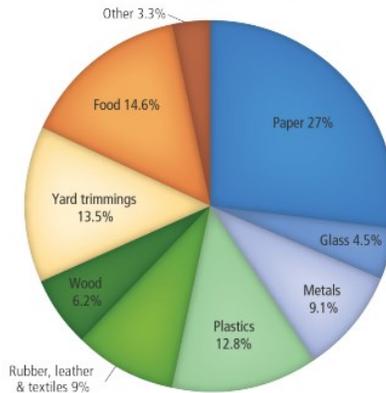
Annually EPA conducts a national waste characterization study to determine the success of current waste reduction and recycling strategies across the United States. The most recent study released in June reviewed 2013 data. The study which outlines the generation and disposal of waste found that the amount of waste produced across the U.S. rose by 3 million tons from 2012. This translates to 4.40 pounds of waste being produced per person per day in the U.S. Americans recovered 22 million tons through composting and 65 million tons through recycling leading to a national recovery rate of 34.3%.

Within our four county district our recovery rate in 2013 was 50% which is well above the national average. We calculate our recovery rate based on what is reported to us annually by the businesses and industry located within our district.

The entire EPA report can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/solidwaste/nonhaz/municipal/msw99.htm>

Figure ES-3. Materials Generation in MSW, 2013
254 Million Tons (before recycling)



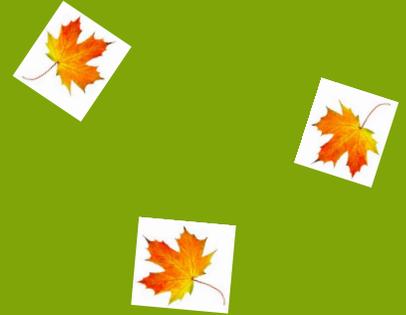
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Be Sure to Recycle Right

During the first half of the year we have seen an increase in the amount of recyclables that are collected through our 46 recycling drop-off locations. This is an exciting trend! We want everyone to keep up the good work and keep on recycling. Here are a few recycling tips to help you along the way.

1. Only place appropriate material in the recycling containers. The front of all of our recycling bins outline the only materials that should be placed in the bins. If it isn't listed, don't place it in the bin. It is really that simple.

2. Not all plastics are recyclable. It's confusing so here are the details on how to recycle plastics within the DKMM District.

* only #1 and #2 types of plastic— look for the number inside the recycling symbol



AND (it is not one or the other- you must follow both)



* only bottles and jugs with tops smaller than the bottom of the bottle/jugs

(Morrow County does not follow this second requirement as long as it is a #1 or #2 plastic)

* no Styrofoam should be placed in a recycling bin. Even though it is a type of plastic it isn't recyclable at this time.

Morrow County will take ANY #1 or #2 plastic no matter what shape.

3. Aluminum and steel cans only. All other scrap metal should be taken directly to a scrap dealer, not placed in a recycling bin

4. Cardboard boxes must be flattened prior to being placed in a recycling bin. This saves valuable space in our containers.

5. No greasy pizza boxes. If the pizza box doesn't have grease on the bottom it can be recycled.

If you have other specific recycling questions please call your local recycling office listed on page 3.