

DKMM WASTE WATCH



Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste District Newsletter

Spring 2015



Hazardous Waste Collection Events See Big Changes in 2015

We are happy to announce that two paint collection events have been added to our collection schedule. In order to accommodate this addition, we had to change how events are scheduled within our four county solid waste district. In the past there has been one event in each of the four counties, and all events collected hazardous waste, tires and electronics. With the addition of paint collection we anticipate the number of participants will double and some of the collection sites cannot handle the increase in traffic flow. To help alleviate this issue the events have been split into two separate types of collections. In 2015 there will be two events that will accept hazardous waste and paint only and two events that will accept electronics and tires only.

We contract with Veolia Environmental Services out of Dayton, Ohio to collect hazardous waste and paint. Veolia blends oil based paints into fuel for reuse and solidifies latex paint which ultimately ends up in the landfill. These collection events aren't the perfect solution because our goal is to keep paint out of the landfill altogether. We encourage residents to donate paint and to buy only what is needed for each painting project but we realize these two options aren't always feasible.

To help off-set the cost of holding these events there are fees associated with some of the items accepted. Paint, tires, and televisions require a fee but all other electronics and hazardous wastes are free. In 2014 we spent \$71,500 to fund these collection events and collected \$14,800 in fees. Donations in any amount are always appreciated as well.

All collection events will be held at the county fairgrounds location in each county from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the dates listed below. There will be no early admittance at these events.

Highlighted Changes

- Marion (**May 30th**) and Knox (**September 19th**) counties will collect household hazardous waste and paint only (no tires or electronics will be accepted).
- Morrow (**April 25th**) and Delaware (**October 3rd**) counties will collect electronics and tires only (no household hazardous waste or paint will be accepted).
- The materials collected in each county will switch in 2016. You can attend an event in another county (we strongly encourage this option) or you can safely store your materials until the following year.
- Only 10 paint cans (up to 5 gallon containers) will be accepted per trip to keep traffic moving.
- As always, this program is for residents of Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow counties only. Materials from business, institutions etc. will not be accepted.

For more information visit www.dkmm.org

Paint Disposal Options

- Buy only what you need. Determine the square footage of the area you are painting before you purchase paint.
- Properly store paint and use it for touch-ups.
- Give useable paint to community groups, theater groups and others that can use it.
- Check with your local Habitat ReStore to see if they accept usable paint for resale.
- Fully dry paint in an open can. Once solidified, place the can in the garbage with the lid removed.
- As a last resort you can take it to a Solid Waste District paint collection event.

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The Significance of April 22nd– Earth Day

It may be hard to imagine that before 1970, a factory could spew black clouds of toxins into the air or dump tons of toxic waste into a nearby stream, and that was perfectly legal. They could not be taken to court to stop it. How was that possible? Because there was no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), no Clean Air Act and no Clean Water Act. There were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment.

In the spring of 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force this issue onto the national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked! In December 1970, congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Gaylord Nelson, right (Earth Day founder) with William K. Reilly, left (U.S. EPA Administrator), Earth Day 1970. Photo provided by U.S. EPA

The environmental movement continued with the passing of House Bill 592 in June 1988 which dramatically revised Ohio's outdated solid waste regulatory program. These regulations are what required the formation of solid waste districts throughout the state of Ohio. Solid waste districts are charged with managing solid waste at the local level by encouraging waste reduction practices such as recycling and composting. DKMM was formed in 1989 and is one of fifty-two solid waste districts in the State of Ohio.

Celebrate Earth Day Locally

April 16th, Marion County Courthouse

9 am Earth Week Proclamation & Green Community Awards
Noon Downtown Marion Clean-Up

April 18th, EcoCenter, 1757 County Road 59, Caledonia

10 am Nucor 5K Earth Day Run/Walk
11 am– 4 pm Marion & Morrow EcoCenter Earth Day Family Festival and Shoe Recycling Collection
1 pm Winners of the Morrow County Recycled Art Contest announced

April 18th, 9 am– 5 pm Columbus Zoo, 4850 West Powell Road, Powell

Electronics Recycling Drive

April 19th, 10 am– 2 pm, Kenyon College Athletic Center, 221 Duff Street, Gambier

Knox County Earth Day Event

April 22nd, 10 am-2 pm, OSU Marion, 1465 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Marion

Earth Day at OSU Marion (Paper Shredding, TV & Electronics Recycling, Litter Clean-Up, Tree Planting)

April 25th, 9 am-5 pm, Earth Day at the Columbus Zoo, 4850 West Powell Road, Powell



Grant Awards Announced

We received eleven great applications and are truly excited to see them all implemented. We are happy that we can assist communities and organizations in showing their green side by improving the way they handle recyclable materials.

It is anticipated that these eleven grants will divert 1,015 tons a year from our landfills once they are fully implemented.

Funded Organizations

In 2015

Eco Center
Delaware, City of
Grandview Estates
Marengo Fabricated Steel
Mid-Ohio Recycling
Ohio Wesleyan
OSU Marion Campus
Park Enterprise
Ridgedale School
Sims Bros Recycling
Tri-Rivers Career Center



Recycling On The Go

Recycling isn't just something to do at home. Look for recycling opportunities while you're out shopping, playing at the park or attending community fairs and festivals. Recycling containers come in all shapes and sizes making it easier and more convenient to recycle on the go.

We are excited that two of our 2015 grant recipients will be promoting the "recycle on the go" concept. The City of Delaware will be purchasing recycling containers to place along the sidewalks in the downtown business district. The selected recycling containers are aesthetically pleasing and match the feel of the downtown area. The City is committed to promoting green initiatives and will be servicing the containers on a regular basis.

Grandview Estates in Marion County will be purchasing a recycling container for their park so folks can recycle bottles and cans as they enjoy the outdoors. Their proposal also included purchasing a bench made from recycled plastic.



Clear Stream Container

Recycling on the go at public events is something that DKMM is happy to assist with.

Each county recycling program has Clear Stream containers that can be borrowed to help incorporate recycling into community events. Large or small we can help them all!

To borrow Clear Stream Containers please contact your county Program Manager listed below.

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

Agricultural Plastics Recycling

Marion and Morrow Counties will be piloting an agricultural plastics recycling program in an effort to keep film plastics used in agriculture out of the landfill. Once fully established, the program will grow into Delaware and Knox counties.

Acceptable plastics includes white bale wrap, high tunnel plastic, hoop plastic, row plastic, silage bags, bunker and bale cover, seed, grain and feed bags.

This recycling project is a collaboration between Farm Bureau, Soil and Water Conservation and DKMM.

To participate, please contact one of the following organizations.

Delaware	Program Coming Soon		
Knox	Program Coming Soon		
Marion	Marion Recycling & Litter Prevention	222 West Center Street, Marion	740-223-4120
	Marion Soil & Water Conservation	1100 East Center Street, Marion	740-387-1314
Morrow	Mid-Ohio Recycling & Sanitation	356 HPM Street, Mount Gilead	419-947-7440

By working together we will make an impact!

Contact Us

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Recycling Drop-Off Reminders

DKMM works with private haulers to provide 48 recycling locations throughout our four counties. We strive to ensure adequate service at all of our drop-off locations but there are a few things that cause huge problems.

Break Down Your Cardboard Boxes– if boxes aren't broken down they can take up 70% of the capacity in our bins. This is something that DKMM can't account for and will ultimately lead to overflow.

Don't Illegally Dump– do not place garbage or other non-recyclable materials in or around the recycling containers. This is prohibited by Ohio law and is punishable by fines of up to \$500 and 60 days in jail. Please follow the recycling guidelines posted on the front of the recycling containers. Our bins are not a location to leave something you think another person may want. Useable items should be taken to local donation centers such as Good Will.

Check All the Bins- for sites that have multiple bins, be sure to check ALL the bins before calling to say the bins are full. Many times we get calls that our bins are full only to find out that only half of them were truly full. If there is material laying on the ground around the bins don't assume it is full without first checking. Sometimes people don't take the time to place recyclables in the bin even when there is enough room.

2014 Recycling Data at DKMM Drop-Off Locations		
Delaware (15 drop-off sites)	3,813,369 pounds	\$110,615 annual cost
Knox (13 drop-off sites)	1,268,122 pounds	\$76,911 annual cost
Marion (9 drop-off sites)	1,149,220 pounds	\$74,865 annual cost
Morrow (11 drop-off sites)	908,460 pounds	\$93,050 annual cost
Total	7,139,171 pounds	\$355,441 total annual cost