

WOOD You Recycle?



4th Quarter 2019

2nd Annual Personal Shredding Event

Wood County Solid Waste Management District is co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual Personal Shredding Event on **Saturday, Nov. 16th from 9am-12pm**. Wood County residents may bring up to 5 bags or boxes of paper items to be shredded onsite. To participate in this event, please bring an unwrapped new toy, gift card, or cash donation, which will be given to children receiving JFS services during the holidays. This event will take place at the Wood County Job and Family Services employee parking lot located on the south side of Gypsy Lane Road. Please follow the posted signs and directions of onsite employees when you arrive. All shredded documents will be recycled! Accepted items include: household legal, medical, or financial documents, mail, receipts, records, envelopes, etc.



Saturday, November 16, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

WOOD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT
(WEST SIDE)

1928 E. GYPSY LANE ROAD, BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
(enter off of Gypsy Lane Road)

Last years event was a huge success! We hope to make this years just as successful!

Wood County residents may bring up to five bags or boxes of paper items to be shredded onsite as you watch. All we ask is you provide an unwrapped new toy, gift card or cash donation.

Donations will be given to children who are involved with Wood County Job and Family Services to make their Holiday a little brighter!!

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Wood County Commissioners



Meet Wood County's New SWMD Director - Carri Stanley!

Carri Stanley was recently appointed as Assistant County Administrator. As part of her duties, Carri will be serving as the Solid Waste Management District Director. Carri comes from the Wood County Prosecutor's Office, where for the last ten years, she was an

Assistant Prosecutor in the Civil Division working with many county departments, boards and commissions. Carri previously worked for a small northwest Ohio county overseeing landfill operations and a single county solid waste district. In addition to her law degree, Carri has an Environmental Management degree from the University of Findlay. Carri is excited to join the Solid Waste District team and looks forward to working with Wood County communities and businesses on recycling and waste reduction opportunities.

Nov. 15th - America Recycles Day!

Join us as we celebrate recycling on Friday, November 15th (and every day!) On America Recycles Day, you can take pledge to reduce, reuse, recycle, and buy recycled through the Keep America Beautiful campaign. Collectively, we will be promoting recycling through education and outreach. Many of you already utilize Wood County's 24/7 Recycling bins and we encourage you to continue to increase your recycling efforts as we approach the holiday season! There are many ways you can pledge to improve your recycling throughout the year. Did you know you can recycle cartons, shampoo bottles, plastic bags and wraps (not in the bins!), junk mail, and mobile devices? Consider expanding your household recycling collection to your laundry room and bathroom. Close the recycling loop by purchasing products with recycled content. Take action on America Recycles Day to do more for sustainability!



Waste Reduction During the Holidays



It's the most wonderful time of the year...to reduce, reuse, and recycle! During the holiday season, Americans' waste increases by over 25%. Between packaging, presents, and parties, about 25 million tons of additional waste is generated between Thanksgiving and New Year's (Ohio EPA). Here are some simple ways to make the holidays more meaningful while keeping the landfill less full:

Give experiences, not gifts

- According to a study at Cornell University, experiences create more lasting happiness than new products

Reduce your paper waste

- Use reusable bags and gift wrap, send out electronic holiday cards, and recycle cardboard boxes and paper (as long as it's not glittery)

Recycle your Christmas tree

- Use it as compost or check if your municipality has a curbside pickup program

Reduce food waste

- Manage your meals through a menu, utilize food apps like Food Rescue to donate uneaten food to those who are hungry, and compost what isn't eaten

Use energy-efficient lighting and heating practices

- Choose LED bulbs with a timer switch for decorating and when hosting a party, keep the temperature lower than usual

Donate unwanted gifts

- Goodwill, Salvation Army, and other re-sell stores will gladly accept your re-gifted presents!

FAQ - If plastic is recyclable, why can't I recycle all my household plastic?

Our 24/7 Mixed Recycling bins get picked up and sent to a Material Recovery Facility

(MRF). MRFs are designed to process only certain kinds of recyclables. With recycling currently facing market challenges, it is important to only recycle the items that are actually able to be processed at this facility. Our MRF is able to process and recycle plastic containers from your *kitchen, laundry, and bathroom*. This includes: beverage bottles, milk jugs, yogurt and margarine tubs and lids, empty cleaning bottles, clean plastic clamshells, and hygiene containers. "Wish-cycling" refers to throwing things in the recycling bin that are not truly recyclable. Unfortunately, these items end up in the landfill and cost the recycling facilities more time and money. Remember, *when in doubt, throw it out*. Recycling only works when done the right way. If you have specific questions on what kinds of plastics items are accepted in Wood County's 24/7 Recycling Bins, please contact Hannah Smith at 419.354.1515.



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