

WOOD You Recycle?

3rd Quarter 2018 Edition



Update/Reminders for the Permanent 24/7 Recycling Locations

The Permanent 24/7 Mixed Recycling Drop-off Locations opened on June 25th in 10 communities throughout Wood County. Several Wood County citizens have commented favorably on the expanded recycling opportunities and availability of the recycling program. We are excited that the new locations are getting such a warm reception and have been so successful that we had to add more containers at some locations. With that said, we would like to send out a few reminders for using the new locations:



1) If you bring recyclables to the containers in a plastic bag, please empty the recyclables from the bag. Plastic bags are not accepted at these locations, as they can tangle sorting machinery at the recycling facility. However, plastic bags can be recycled at several stores throughout Wood County. Visit our Household Recycling Guide at www.recyclewoodcounty.org for the locations to recycle plastic bags and other common household items.

2) Only items listed on the front of the container or on this [brochure](#) are accepted. Please do not place anything not listed in or around the containers. No illegal dumping!

3) Please remember to flatten cardboard so that it takes up less space in the container and more recyclables can be collected.

Thank you for your support of and assistance with making the new recycling locations a success!

If you have any questions, please visit our [website](#) or feel free to contact us at 419-354-9297.

Recap of 2018 Fair



It was great to see many of you at the Wood County Fair in The Grove! We were able to talk to you about the new recycling locations and answer various recycling questions.

For those of you unfamiliar with The Grove, it is an area by the railroad depot on the fairgrounds where natural resource agencies come together to provide activities and information to Fair visitors.

Families who stopped by our booth seemed to enjoy decorating recycled cardboard piggy banks together, and we hope that they are now being used to save up many an allowance! The Fair is a great opportunity for us to provide examples of what recyclables may be turned into and to answer questions for residents of Wood County.

If you missed us this year, we look forward to seeing you next year!!

Vermicomposting Presentations Available for All Ages!

Decomposition is a yucky subject, but what do kids (or adults for that matter) love more than getting messy and learning about something gross?

In our Vermicomposting presentation, participants get to see a working worm bin, meet the worms, and learn about nature's recyclers! Vermicomposting means to compost food scraps using the help of worms, nature's super-decomposers.

Participants learn about decomposition and the FBI crew of decomposers (Fungi, Bacteria, and Invertebrates or Insects). Then, they get to meet the worms and see decomposition in action! This presentation can include information about how to start your own worm bin. It can be adapted to suit your needs.

If you are interested in a Vermicomposting presentation, or any of our other presentations which can be viewed [here](#), please contact Beth Parker, Environmental Program Coordinator, at 419-354-9297 or solidwastedistrict@co.wood.oh.us.



Fall is in the Air and Cleaning is on Your Mind....

As you prepare for fall cleaning keep in mind that several household recycling options are available at local Wood County businesses. The District offers an on-line Household Recycling Guide by location at www.recyclewoodcounty.org/recycling/household-recycling-locations/ and by item at www.recyclewoodcounty.org/recycling/recycling-options/.

The Wood County Landfill is also available for proper trash disposal between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday and 8:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. on Saturday. For additional information, please contact the Landfill scale house at 419-352-0180 or visit our website at www.recyclewoodcounty.org/landfill/.

Spotlight on a Recyclable – Clothing/Household Textiles

With the upcoming change of seasons, many will find themselves sorting through their wardrobes and linen closets to determine what should stay and what should go. Please do not throw away your clothing, shoes, bed sheets, and other household textiles.

You may think they've reached the end of their usefulness to you, however by choosing to donate these items you are essentially choosing to recycle rather than landfill. According to the Council for Textile Recycling (www.weardonaterecycle.org), when you donate clothing, shoes, handbags, or household textiles:

- 45% is reused and repurposed, with a majority being exported as secondhand clothing.
- 30% is recycled and converted into other products. For example, reclaimed wiping rags are used as industrial and residential absorbents.
- 20% is recycled into fiber to make home insulation, carpet padding, etc.
- Only 5% ends up as waste.

Wood County offers several options for clothing recycling. Click here for a complete listing <http://www.recyclewoodcounty.org/recyclable/clothing/>.

Check out additional sustainable resources and organizations listed on-line that will take your too-far-gone clothing, accessories, and textiles and re-purpose them for other uses.

Recycling Containers Loan Program

Are you planning an event and wish to increase recycling of bottles and cans? The Solid Waste Management District has ClearStream recycling containers available for loan. We ask that you secure your date and make arrangements for pickup at least one week prior to your event. A loan application must be completed and signed prior to the event as well. Containers must be returned clean and in good working order or a replacement cost will be charged. Please contact us at 419-354-9297 for more information.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Why can't I recycle plastic bags with my other recyclables?

A. Plastic bags can clog up the sorting machines when mixed with other recyclables.

Q. How do I properly recycle plastic bags?

A. Take them back to the store. Drop-off bins are provided at several grocery and retail stores. Many types of plastic bags are now accepted for recycling at these locations. Click here for more details <http://www.recyclewoodcounty.org/got-your-bags/>.

[Click here for answers to other common questions](#)

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