

WOOD You Recycle?



Third Quarter 2017

Note from the Director.....

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Kelly O'Boyle, the Assistant County Administrator. As a part of my role, I am the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) Director, which includes oversight of the Wood County Landfill. I began in February 2016.



I am pleased to announce the first SWMD electronic newsletter, "Wood You Recycle", which will highlight operations at the District. The newsletter will be distributed on a quarterly basis. Topics to keep an eye out for in coming issues include education information, fun facts about recycling, frequently asked questions (FAQs), a featured recyclable, upcoming major events, landfill updates, and more.

We ask that you help us distribute this newsletter to your audiences so the information reaches as many individuals as possible. There will also be an opportunity to sign up on our website to receive the newsletter.

Our goal with the newsletter is to inform the public about the recycling opportunities available and to educate them as to the importance of recycling, proper disposal of items, and waste reduction in our communities.

Got Your Bags?

"Got Your Bags?" is a marketing campaign that has been successful in other areas of the country and focuses on reducing plastic bag usage by promoting reusable bags and also on recycling plastic bags by promoting local collection points. The District kicked off the campaign at the Wood County Fair by passing out plastic bag dispensers for collection and "Got Your Bags?" decals.



[Learn more about our efforts by clicking here](#)



Find Us in "The Grove" July 31 -August 7

The Grove, which is entering its third year at the Wood County Fair, is a natural resources area filled with displays, demonstrations, speakers and local experts from numerous organizations focusing on natural resource conservation, sustainable agriculture, recycling, local history, gardening & more! Follow the green feet - Join us as we continue to grow this space!

[Click here for a full schedule](#)

Landfill Update

Currently at the Wood County Landfill, staff is working on preparing six acres for the 2018 capping project, which is the final step to complete the Southwest slope of the Landfill. The talented staff at the Landfill, led by Ken Vollmar, is able to complete most parts of the capping project which results in significant savings to the facility. We would like to recognize the staff for their work.



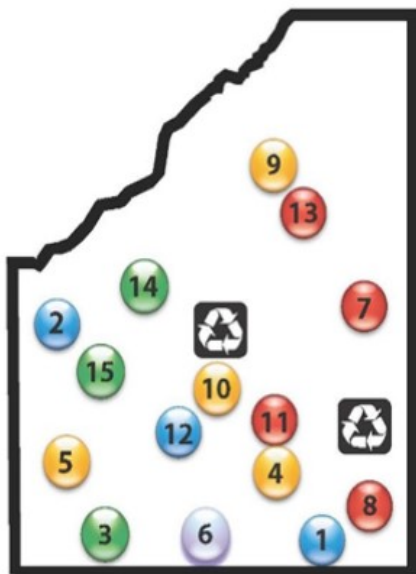
The Landfill is also working with Hull & Associates, Inc. to prepare an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an expansion that would provide an approximately 75-99 years of additional life expectancy depending on tonnage received. This will allow the Landfill to serve the public for decades to come.

For current disposal information and pricing, please visit the [landfill page](#). Currently there is mulch still available if you need to refresh your landscaping.

Recycling Around Wood County

The SWMD offers Wood County residents who live in rural areas an option for recycling. Satellite recycling was established in 1993 and currently recyclables are collected once per month at 15 different locations. Items accepted at all satellite locations include plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, containers, newspaper, phone books, magazines, mixed office paper, and cardboard. **Glass is currently no longer**

accepted!



Monthly Schedule	
1st Saturday	2nd Saturday
3rd Saturday	4th Saturday
Every Saturday	Permanent

These sites are manned by local community groups such as 4H clubs, scout groups, band boosters and others. These groups are available to assist you with unloading and separating your recyclables. Please do not leave recyclables unattended.

We encourage you to utilize these sites in order to help us meet our recycling goals and keep these materials out of the landfills.

Preliminary discussion is taking place regarding implementing pilot locations for permanent drop offs. The idea is for the pilots to provide more information and feedback regarding moving toward all permanent locations in the future. The goal is to provide more access and convenience to encourage more recycling. More information to come in the future...

[Find a location near you!](#)

Plan Ratification and Highlights

After many updates, the Solid Waste Management Plan was ratified in February 2017. We extend thanks to all of the cities, villages, and townships for reviewing and passing resolutions and/or ordinances in support of the updated plan. The updated plan will be in effect for five years at which time it will be rewritten and submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The process for the rewrite will most likely begin in 2020 as it takes a great amount of time and effort to complete. [Click here](#) to view a copy of the updated plan. Please see [highlights](#) from the updated plan.

Target Recyclable - "CAPS ON"

Wood County residents are advised when preparing plastic bottles for recycling to keep the caps on the bottle after rinsing. Phoenix Technologies, a worldwide leader in recycled polyethylene terephthalate (rPET) manufacturing located in Bowling Green, receives most of the plastic bottles recycled in Wood County. Phoenix Technologies now operates equipment that is capable of recycling the cap along with the bottle and suggests recyclers remember the phrase "CAPS ON".

According to The Association of Plastic Recyclers, "Recycling collection and processing technology has improved, demand for the recyclable material has increased allowing the current caps on recycling message and process".



Tire Collection Event -Sept. 30th 9am- noon

TIRE COLLECTION

**September 30, 2017
9am-Noon**

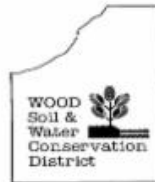
Wood County Fair Parking Lot, Poe Rd.



- Residents of Wood County only!
- Proof of Residency Required.
- No businesses!
- Limit per vehicle: 10 passenger/light truck tires only!

Questions? Call 419.354.9297

This event made possible through a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Can I recycle my empty paint cans?

A. Yes, please make sure the cans are empty and made entirely of metal.

Q. How do I dispose of unused latex paint?

A. Latex paint can be dried with kitty litter and disposed of with your garbage. Please make sure it is dry before disposing! Liquid paint can leak out of trash containers and find its way into storm drains, polluting local waterways.

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

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