

# WOOD You Recycle?



4th Quarter 2020

## 'Tis the Season to Recycle Right!



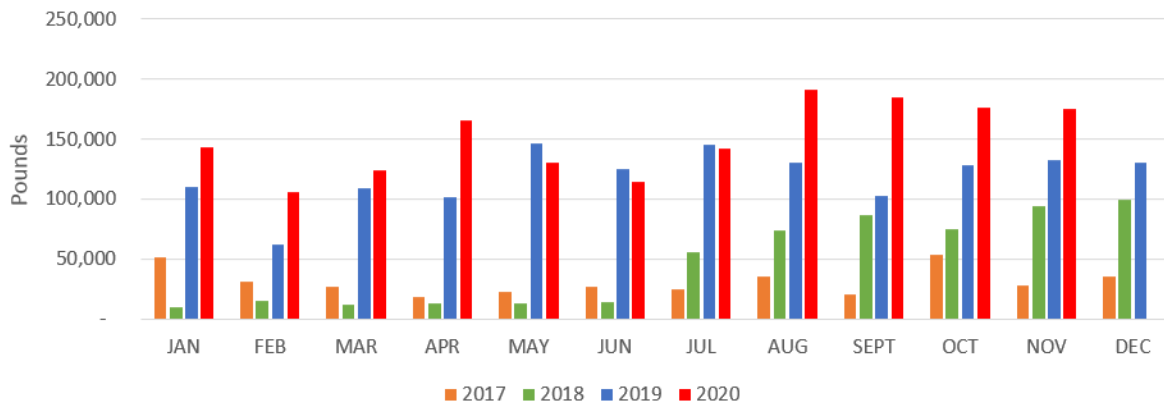
The holidays are a time for parties, presents, pretty lights, and plenty of cookies. After all the merriment, many are left with mountains of waste, much of which cannot be recycled at the Wood County 24/7 Residential Drop-off sites. Don't be a Grinch this holiday season – recycle right by following these rules:

- **DO** break down your cardboard boxes
- **DO** remove all plastic and Styrofoam packaging before recycling
- **DO** take plastic film and bags back to the store for recycling
- **DO** take your cut Christmas trees to the Wood County Landfill for one free tree recycling per customer during the month of January or [click here to see if your local community is offering residential tree-cycling](#)
- **DON'T** recycle any cards or wrapping paper with glitter, metallic, or decorations
- **DON'T** recycle Christmas lights or cords
- **DON'T** recycle single-use plastic utensils or party cups

- **DON'T** recycle artificial Christmas trees or holiday decor

## Well Done, Wood County Residential Recyclers!

2017 - 2020 COMPARISON



Following an unprecedented surge in the volume of recyclables collected in the Wood County 24/7 Residential Drop-off bins earlier this year, the tonnage has continued to rise throughout the fall months. Although the volume has increased during the second half of 2020, the instances of illegal dumping and littering have greatly diminished. The District is pleased with the response from residents, community groups, and community leaders to follow the “temporarily closed” signs that were placed at most sites during April. In August, the District saw its highest volume of recyclables since the inception of the program at 190,880 pounds! As a reminder, the Perrysburg Township site is no longer accepting cardboard at that site and the Village of Weston has designated “cardboard only” bins. Thank you, Wood County, for recycling right!

## Wood County Landfill Update

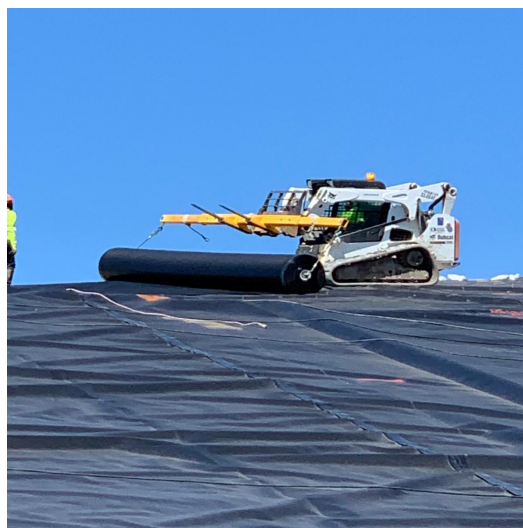
It has been a busy year at the Wood County Landfill!

Between increased residential solid waste, a capping project, and planning for a future expansion, landfill employees have been working hard to ensure a safe and sanitary operation for municipal solid waste disposal. This landfill is currently wrapping up a capping project on the south side of the landfill property. The capping will essentially enclose a portion of the landfill which has met its capacity for solid waste disposal. Landfill operators, with the assistance of an outside contractor, covered the area with an impermeable HDPE barrier, then added compacted clay, sand, and a fabric cover. The fabric was then covered with soil and the area will be seeded in the spring. This multi-layer system of protection will serve as the final





cap of this part of the landfill. The next big project for the landfill will be the expansion on the northern side of the property. This expansion area will require extensive preparation, including installation of a liner, leachate collection system, gas monitoring system and ground water monitoring wells prior to the placement of waste. A primary goal of the Wood County Solid Waste Management District is to ensure that the County Landfill has sufficient capacity to meet the disposal needs of the citizens of Wood County for many years into the future and this project will be key in meeting that goal.



## O-I Introduces Glass Recycling Drop-off Bin



To celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15th, O-I Glass, Inc. has rolled out a public glass recycling drop-off program for Wood and Lucas County residents! Located outside their World Headquarters facility at 1890 Wilkinson Way in Perrysburg, this free recycling program will help conserve natural resources, reduce energy consumption and emissions, and foster a circular economy of glass use and reuse. Glass is infinitely recyclable and through O-I's partnership with

Rumpke Recycling, glass collected at the new drop-off can become a new glass bottle or jar in as little as 30 days! This sustainability initiative is an asset to both the public and industrial sector.

**Accepted:** beer/wine/champagne/spirits/ non-alcoholic beverage glass bottles and food glass jars/containers

**Not Accepted:** windows, mirrors, light bulbs, solar panels, heat-resistance glass (e.g. Pyrex), drinking glasses, computer/TV screens, and glass tableware

## Ohio EPA's 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant Program

Ohio EPA is pleased to announce that the annual Recycle and Litter Prevention grant program has resumed for 2021. Due to Covid-19-related funding constraints, this grant opportunity was suspended last year. An average of \$4 million dollars is awarded annually to local governments, nonprofits, academic institutions, and businesses for recycling and waste reduction activities. There are four categories for grant applications as outlined below:

**Community and Litter Grant:** Local governments and nonprofits can receive funding to purchase equipment for the collection and processing of recyclables and construction and demolition debris. These organizations can also receive funding to implement litter collection events, outreach, and education. Tire amnesty programs, with a minimum \$0.50/tire collection fee, are an eligible activity for local governments. Grantees have 12 months to complete the project.



**Academic Institution Grant:** Public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities may receive funding for recycling efforts as well as outreach and education, recycling equipment, and conference sponsorships. Grantees have 12 months to complete the project.

**Market Development Grant:** This grant provides businesses (e.g. manufacturers, recyclers, material processors, etc.) opportunities to create or expand recycling processing capacity and recycled material production. This includes funding for equipment specifically needed to remanufacture recyclable materials into bulk raw material or finished product. This grant requires the business to have a government sponsor. Grant funds are reimbursed only after project completion through the government sponsor. Grantees have 24 months to complete the project.

○ **Wood County SWMD is willing to be the government sponsor for eligible businesses interested in applying for this grant. Please contact the office for more information!**

**Scrap Tire Grant:** This grant program offers businesses (e.g. manufacturers, scrap tire recovery facilities, material processors) funding to create or expand scrap tire processing capacity and product manufacturing. Funds are also available for local governments and nonprofits to complete beneficial use projects that incorporate the use of ground tire rubber. Business applicants must have a government sponsor. Grant funds for business applicants are reimbursed only after project completion through the government sponsor. Grantees have 24 months to complete the project.

Wood County SWMD has been awarded several grants in the past through this program including sponsoring Rosenboom Custom Crafted Cylinders for the purchase of a cardboard baler in 2019. The grant cycle runs from Monday, November 2, 2020 until Friday, February 5, 2021. For more information about this grant opportunity including eligibility, match requirements, and application instructions, visit: <https://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/41/grants/ROG.pdf>.

## FAQ: What can I do with old paint?



As homes got an extra deep spring cleaning this year thanks to Covid-19, many residents wondered what to do with leftover paint that had accumulated during home renovation projects. Paint is considered a household hazardous waste (HHW) and must be properly disposed of or recycled. Latex paint can be solidified using kitty litter and then thrown away with regular household trash. Latex paint can also be donated to Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity Restore for \$2 per gallon. All other paints (oil, paint thinner, solvents, stains, and sealants) can be recycled

locally at Environmental Recycling Group, located in Bowling Green, for \$.75 per pound. To reduce the amount of unused paint for your next project, utilize a free online paint calculator estimator through paint retailers like Sherwin Williams, Lowe's, or Benjamin Moore. The easiest way to dispose of waste is to produce less in the first place!

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