## WOOD You Recycle?



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# Perrysburg Township No Longer Accepting Cardboard 9/1/20

In an effort to keep the recycling bins open throughout the week, Perrysburg Township Trustees made the decision to eliminate cardboard from the recycling stream effective September 1st. Currently, the bins are often temporarily closed for several days during the week which restricts the amount of residents that are able to utilize this service. Cardboard in particular has been problematic due to its volume, especially when boxes are not flattened. There has been a substantial increase in the amount of cardboard being used and recycled this year due to online orders and home improvement projects as a result of residents staying at home more often. The site cannot function as intended with the current volume of cardboard coming in.

The Wood County Solid Waste Management District supports this decision and is hopeful that the elimination of cardboard will allow for increased recycling of mixed paper, metal cans, glass food and beverage containers, plastic bottles and jugs from the kitchen, laundry, and bathroom, and wax cartons. The elimination of cardboard includes cardboard boxes, paperboard, and cardboard rolls and tubes. Those interested in continuing to recycle this material can take clean cardboard to the Bowling Green Recycling Center Drop-off area located at 1040 N. College Drive off of Poe Road. This facility is open 24/7 and is free to the public. All other Wood County 24/7 Residential Recycling Drop-off sites will continue to accept cardboard. For questions regarding this change or for accepted materials, please contact the Solid Waste Management District at (419) 354-1515.





The Solid Waste Management District has again partnered with Wood County Job and Family Services to offer a personal shredding event that benefits the community. Wood County residents may bring up to five bags or boxes of paper items to be shredded onsite by All-Shred Services. All documents will be securely destroyed and recycled. In return, participants are asked to bring a gift card or cash donation that will go towards children involved with JFS during the holidays. The event will be held at the Job and Family Services Employee Parking Lot located at 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road in Bowling Green on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 12pm.

In 2019, over 7,500 pounds of shredding material was collected and recycled. Share some holiday smiles while shredding unwanted files!

### Updated Educational Programs and Presentations

The District is excited to offer updated programs



for educators and students that align with Ohio Learning Standards for each grade level. Presentations can be adapted to be prescheduled (asynchronous) or in real time (synchronous) depending on the needs of the teacher. Popular programs include: Recycle Right, Composting 101, Edible Landfills, and Litter Playground. Students of all ages can learn the basics of reducing, reusing, and recycling to support a greener, cleaner future. Visit the website for presentation descriptions and call Hannah Smith at (419) 354-1515 to schedule a presentation for the fall semester.



# Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee Meeting

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am. Those attending will be required to wear a mask while in the Wood County Courthouse building. Agendas will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.

### FAQ - Tired of Old Tires?

Discarded tires are more than unsightly; they can cause serious environmental and human health problems. Tires left outside can collect water and quickly become a breeding ground for mosquitos and pests. Left on the ground, they can leach hazardous chemicals into soil and waterways. Tires that are landfilled pose a significant fire risk due to their combustible nature when heated. Several states have banned the practice of landfilling tires for this reason. At the Wood County Landfill, tires are collected and recycled regularly through a partnership with Enviro Tire. For a small fee, residents can bring their tires to the Landfill and place them inside the designated semi-trailer using the ramp. Once the trailer is filled, Enviro Tire recycles the discarded tires and turns them into scrap rubber.

Other options for environmentally-safe disposal include Northwest Tire Service in Bowling Green and Bradner, N&R&G Recycling in Napoleon, Speck Sales in Bowling Green, and Tireman Auto Centers in Bowling Green and Perrysburg. When replacing tires on a vehicle, most auto centers will offer to recycle old tires at no charge. The rubber from old tires is ground down and can be used as a gravel substitute, crumb rubber for playgrounds and astro-turf fields, wastewater treatment filters, garden mulch, and other eco-friendly products. To report illegal dump sites, including discarded tires, contact the Wood County Health Department Division of Environmental Health at (419) 354-2702.



Lana Glore, Director of Environmental Health, Wood County Health Department (term - permanent)

Nicki Kale, Public Representative (term - 2 years, expires 11/30/2021)

Judy Hagen, Citizen Representative (term - 2 years, expires 12/31/2021)

Lori Carson, Industrial Representative (term - 2 years, expires 12/31/2021)

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