

WOOD You Recycle?



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Time for Spring Cleaning

It's time to wash the windows, clean out the cobwebs, and attack the attic. Spring has sprung and this is the perfect season to declutter your home. The Solid Waste Management District has resources for all of your disposal needs. Mixed paper, plastic bottles and jugs, cardboard, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and wax cartons can be taken to one of the [24/7 Residential Recycling Drop-offs](#) in Wood County if curbside recycling is not an option in your community. Yard waste can be taken to the Wood County Landfill for a small fee where it is composted into mulch. Residents can also purchase mulch at the Landfill for spring landscaping projects. Household items that need discarded can also be taken to the Wood County Landfill, Monday through Saturday. For disposal fees and hours, visit our [website](#). Household hazardous waste and electronics, including latex paint, chemicals and fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, items containing mercury or other toxic chemicals, and more, can be taken to [Environmental Recycling Group](#) in Bowling Green to be safely managed. We can't help with the sweeping and dusting, but we can answer your questions on proper disposal of specific items. Please contact our office at (419) 354-1515 or by email: solidwastedistrict@woodcountyohio.gov.



51st Anniversary of Earth Day

It's time to party for the planet! Earth Day is on April 22nd and there are so many ways to celebrate!



Compost at home

- 40% of all food produced in the U.S. ends up in a landfill. Turn your food and yard waste into a soil resource that enhances your garden and stores carbon too. Win-win!

Reduce plastic use

- By 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by volume. Pledge to skip the straw and other single-use plastics to prevent them from becoming marine debris and endangering ocean and human health.

Eat less meat

- Opt for Meatless Mondays or explore plant-based alternatives that not only taste great, but don't put as much strain on natural resources.

Join a litter cleanup event or start your own

- Check your local community for Spring Cleanups. You can even help scientists with marine debris research by tracking the trash collected through the [Clean Swell app](#).

Recycle right

- Know what to throw in your recycling bin! Many plastics are not easily recycled even if they have the recycling symbol on them. Pre-cycle when grocery store shopping so that everything you purchase can go into the recycling bin after being used.

Explore alternative home cleaning products

- Use less chemicals with effective and safe natural cleaning agents!

Donate to environmental non-profits

- Donate your time, voice, and money to environmental organizations that share the same passion as you.

Learn the facts about climate change

- Many resources are available online and at your local library

Walk or ride your bike when possible

- Using less fossil-fuel-powered transportation is healthier for you and for the planet!

Plant natives and help protect local pollinators

- Native plants have longer root systems, store water more effectively, and provide the perfect habitat and food source for our pollinator friends!

Turn off lights, appliances, and water when not in use

- No need to waste your money or electricity!

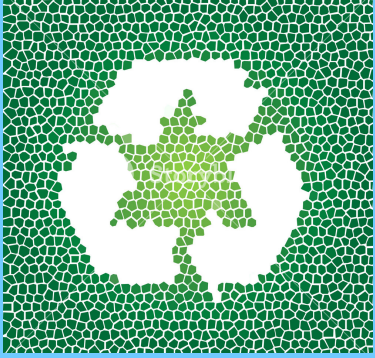
The SWMD has several presentations and programs that can provide guidance and education on small steps towards great sustainability goals. Visit our [website](#) for current programs and contact Hannah Smith to schedule one for your classroom or small group!

Thank you, Ken Vollmar!

After 31 years of leadership at the Wood County Landfill, Ken Vollmar has retired. He led staff through many projects over the years including multiple cell expansions and capping projects. He was also key in developing the landfill expansion plan that will provide Wood County residents with over 100 years of additional landfill space for future waste disposal needs. Ken's knowledge and passion for solid waste disposal and landfill management will be greatly missed. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work, Ken. The SWMD wishes you a very happy and healthy retirement!



Bloomdale 24/7 Recycling Site Community Group Needed!



If your school, church, sports, or small group is looking for a way to earn green while helping the County go green, we have a great opportunity for you! Several of the District's recycling sites are maintained regularly by community groups to ensure issues like illegal dumping, contamination, and litter are minimized. Community groups are compensated for their efforts through an annual per capita payment. We are in need of a Community Group for the Bloomdale recycling site! The recycling drop-off is located near the Bloomdale water tower at the intersection of Harrison and Railroad Streets. Requirements for community groups include: visiting the site multiple times

per week, removing trash and non-recyclables, reporting back to the District on any site issues, and keeping the site litter-free. For more information about signing up to support the 24/7 recycling program, please contact Recycling Outreach Coordinator, Hannah Smith, at 419-354-1515.

FAQ - Why Can't I Bag my Recyclables?

While placing regular trash in plastic bags helps keep things cleaner and safer for those handling waste, bagging recyclables can have the opposite effect. When recyclables are bagged, they cannot be processed and often do not get recycled at all. Because most recycling processing facilities are fully or semi-automated, bagged items cannot be sorted efficiently. Additionally, plastic bags pose a hazard to employees and equipment. They easily tangle up the sorting line and have to be physically removed. At the Republic Services Material Recovery Facility in Oberlin where the 24/7 drop-off materials are processed, plastic bags and other tangles create operation stoppage at a cost of \$800 per hour. Stoppages decrease productivity and increase the costs of recycling.



Recyclables should never be bagged. They should be placed in curbside or drop-off programs clean, loose, and dry. If transporting recycling in a plastic bag, be sure to remove it before dumping into the bin. Recycling can also be easily stored and transported in a plastic tub or cardboard box. If you would like a blue recycling tub, call our office to make arrangements to pick one up for free!

Plastic bags, case wrap, and other film plastic **can be recycled in-store only**. If you can poke your finger through it, it's film plastic and can be recycled at participating locations only! Please don't bag your recyclables or place plastic bags, air pillows, plastic packaging, etc. in regular recycling programs. They will not be recycled.

This Earth Month, learn how to RECYCLE RIGHT! Contact the SWMD or your local recycling provider for information on what can be recycled and how to properly prepare materials.

Plastic Film Recycling Guide

Recycle plastic film at these participating retailers. Look for a drop-off bin near the front of the store!

 Churchill's  Kazmaier's  Kroger  Meijer  Target  Walmart

Plastic film must be clean and dry!



thick plastic bags



thin plastic bags



food storage bags



bread bags



produce bags



case wrap



dry cleaning bags



newspaper bags



air pillows



product overwrap



plastic shipping envelopes

Remove paper labels



bubble wrap



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