



TALKIN' TRASH

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One Stop Shop!

Eagle Enterprises, Inc. Picks Up All Aledo
Recyclables Using Single Stream Recycling



Outside it looks like a regular garbage truck. But the inside of this baby is designed to cut collection time by 15 to 20%, and provide minimal breakage of glass. What will they think of

Aledo now has one recycling service provider for all residential accounts. Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc. of Galva has subcontracted with Jackson Disposal and Millennium Waste to provide curbside single stream recycling services to Aledo residents. The single stream method of recycling uses a rear-load compaction vehicle (similar to a garbage truck) to collect and transport recyclables. All recycling collection is done on Wednesday (except weeks when there is a Monday or Tuesday holiday, then recycling will be collected on Thursday) at no additional cost. Aledo schools are also included in the pickup.

Eagle collects and processes over 350 tons of recyclables from over 23,000 households each month from all parts of six counties.



Single stream collection speeds collection time by 15 to 20% compared to sorting the recyclables at each house. There is minimal glass breakage with this new method due to the glass being cushioned by the other recyclables.

After three weeks of doing the program, here are the encouraging results.

Week 1 - 31% participation, total 5,220 lbs. collected, 13.99 lbs. per household

Week 2 - 32% participation, total 5,560 lbs. collected, 14.33 lbs. per household

Week 3 - 29% participation, total 6,120 lbs. collected, 17.49 lbs. per household

Aledo's recycling goal for March...

45% participation, total 7,500 lbs. collected, 15 lbs. per household.

Go for it, Aledo!!!

If you are not participating in the curbside recycling program and would like to, contact your waste hauler or Eagle Enterprises at (309) 932-2936 for the delivery of a free recycling bin. For more information, call the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council (TCR&WMC) at (309) 837-3941. The TCR&WMC is administered by the Western Illinois Regional Council.

**March, April
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Must Do... Dates

TCR&WMC

June 3

Warren County Courthouse
7:00 pm

McDonough County
Environmental Comm.

May 7, June 11

McDonough County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County
Board Meeting

May 7, June 4

Mercer County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County Recycling Board
May 24

CES Office Aledo
7:00 pm

Warren County

Warren County Board Meeting
June 12

Warren County Courthouse
9:30 am

ILCSWMA Board Meeting
June 28

Ye Old Underground Inn, Princeton
11:30 am

Special Events

Mercer County Ace Camp
May 7

Mercer County Fairgrounds
9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

IEPA Tire Collections
McDonough County

May 10 & 11

Macomb IDOT Facility
8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Warren County
May 24 & 25

Monmouth Transfer Station/
Compost Site

8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Township Cleanup
Industry Township

May 17 & 18

8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Preemption Township
May 31, June 1

8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Arbor Day is
April 26th.





Mayor Tom Carper Designates April 26

CLEAN YOUR FILES DAY!



As Earth Day approaches, many Macomb residents are looking for ways to celebrate and to do something positive for the environment. This may be just the ticket! Macomb Mayor Tom Carper is initiating an annual program entitled **Clean Your Files Day** at City Hall. According to Mayor Carper, this event, which is in conjunction with the National Office Paper Project and managed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, has successfully been implemented in other cities.

The **Clean Your Files Day** program inspires elimination of file waste and promotes recycling office waste paper, which in turn diverts it from the landfill. White or light colored office paper is a high quality, recoverable commodity that can be used to manufacture a wide range of recycled content products, including new, recycled content office paper.

New Bridgeway Recycling Manager Brings Renewed Spirit to Area Recycling

"We would like to expand recycling to include a part-time, second shift with employees from the community."

As of November 1, 2001, Bridgeway of Macomb has had Suzanne Fuhr at the helm of its recycling operation and workshop. She is replacing the previous manager, Jaqueline Waters.

Suzanne has been with Bridgeway for seven years, beginning her employment as a residential trainer. She later progressed to group home manager, then vocation trainer and customer service. For the past three years, Suzanne has assisted Jaqueline in the workshop and recycling center, and is interested in increasing recycling in the area. "We would like to expand recycling to include a part-time, second shift with employees from the community." Suzanne is a positive and progressive-thinking individual, and the TCR&WMC is pleased to work with her.

Look for Suzanne and her staff in April when the Macomb Mayor's Office kicks off the first annual "Clean Your Files Day!" Bridgeway has offered to pick up the recyclable office paper and cardboard for this one-day event for free!

On Friday, April 26, City Hall employees will be clearing out and recycling their outdated file waste. Bridgeway of Macomb has agreed to pick up all recyclable file waste and cardboard free of charge for this one day event!

The TCR&WMC hopes that this will enable any office or business that does not currently recycle to see how easy and beneficial it can be. Mayor Carper invites any Macomb organization, industry or business to join City Hall in promoting Earth Day (as well as our new city recycling contract) by cleaning out their files!

For more information about the program, contact TCR&WMC at 837-3941. To schedule a pick up for your white office paper and cardboard, contact Bridgeway at 837-4183. Office hours are 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

BIN BRIEFS



Macomb Takes Curb-side Bin-side

Macomb has used a clear bag system to collect its recyclables for over ten years. As of April 1, 2002, residents of Macomb will begin using bright yellow 18 gallon bins supplied by McDonough County. All recyclable items will go into the single bin.

The collection will include all beverage and food glass containers, all steel and aluminum cans, newspaper, white file waste, cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, magazines, junk mail and manila folders.

The Macomb City Council is deciding a limit on the number of bags that residents can place on the curb each week. The reason for limiting the amount of garbage is to increase recycling efforts and reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill. As of this printing, no decision has been made.

Kirkwood Kicks Back

The Village of Kirkwood requested bids on their solid waste services in January 2002. The bid included services for curbside garbage, recycling, yard waste and two annual village cleanups. The low bid totaled \$10.29 a month per household for the next five years.

After much discussion and a special meeting, the council decided to reject the bids and place any decisions about village solid waste service in referendum form before the voters.

Earth Day is
April 22nd.



Announcing to all Fourth Grade Teachers in the Tri-County Area!



DAN'S CAN-DO CONTEST

“Thank you for the opportunity to take part in such a great project. It's true that a great incentive was provided and our class earned a great amount of money, but as a teacher, I saw increased parent and community involvement and environmental awareness.”

-Stephanie Kerr, 4th Grade Teacher
Colchester Elementary School



COLLECT CANS AND WIN A FREE TRIP TO THE "REUSABLE CITY"

To celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15, 2002, the Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council (TCR&WMC) is sponsoring an aluminum can recycling contest.

This event allows students to apply what they have learned about recycling, or to interface with an on-going or future curriculum and earn a FREE trip to the dynamite "Reusable City" learning lab at the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago, with lunch included! As an extra bonus, all participating classes earn cash for their cans! It's a win-win contest!

"I liked the Can-Do Contest. It was really fun collecting cans. I liked when we went to the landfill a lot, too. I also liked the contest because we helped the environment."

-Zachary S., 4th grade student
Northwestern Elementary

Simply collect aluminum beverage cans from September 3 to October 25, 2002. By using the tally wall chart, your students will see how those cans can be converted to other sources of energy for our planet! The winning class will be judged by the amount of cans collected on a per capita basis.

The only stipulation for this contest is that your school is located in McDonough, Mercer, or Warren county and your class is at the fourth grade level.

If you are interested in the Can-Do Contest and would like more information, fax, or write us to request details, or call the TCR&WMC at 309-837-3941.



fax-309-836-3640

date: _____

name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Yes, please send me more details on the Can-Do Contest.

No, I cannot participate in this event. But please keep me informed of any events in the future.

Please call me. I would be interested in knowing more about the educational services you offer.

Mail:

TCR&WMC

c/o WIRC

223 South Randolph

Macomb, Illinois 61455

Do you currently receive the TCR&WMC Talkin' Trash Newsletter? Yes No If not, would you like to be put on the mailing list? Yes No

Business

Do You Have Your Decal?

Tri-County waste haulers are mandated by county ordinance to be licensed annually. The purpose of the license is to collect solid waste information for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. All residential waste haulers should have their Tri-County decal on their windshield as of now. Deadline for display of decal was February 1.

Dumpsters Needed for Clean Ups

Solid Waste Coordinator Chad Braatz is presently seeking bids for 30 cubic yard dumpsters to be used at township cleanups in the tri-county area. There are six townships in McDonough County regularly scheduling these events and one in Warren. Two townships in Mercer and Warren counties held township cleanups in 2001 and are planning cleanups in 2002. By collectively bidding the entire area, Braatz hopes to get better pricing for each event.

Education

Recycling is all fun and games on the web. Many companies incorporated educational recycling games and activities into their web pages. Learn something new about vermi-composting, recycling, plastics, and reducing your solid waste while trying out the web games listed below.

WWW.WWWW.

www.ringleader.com/quest/welcome.html

www.plastics.ca/peanut

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/vermi

www.cansforcash.com

www.epa.gov/recyclecity

www.recycleroom.org/html/launch.html

www.lawrencekidsrecycle.org

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McDonough County

Bridgeway

900 Deer Road
Macomb, Illinois 61455
309/837-4876

Waste Management

13988 E. 1400th St.
Macomb, Illinois
61455
Kevin Norville
309/833-4779 or
800/201-1360

Mercer County

Eagle Enterprises

Recycling, Inc.
Route 34 East
1325 SE 2nd Street
Galva, Illinois 61434
309/932-2936

Mercer County Recycling Center

700 NE 7th Ave.
c/o Jo Lawson
Aledo, Illinois 61231
309/582-7089

Warren County

Maple City Area Recycling Center

614 South 3rd Street
Monmouth, Illinois 61462
Kevin Lovdahl
309/734-8423

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