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SLAM DUNK!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be Held in the City of Macomb!

It has been 10 years since the last Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection was conducted in this area...and boy, are we READY!!! The picture above of the outrageously successful HHW in Galesburg will soon be replaced with one from Macomb. Head for your basements and attics, ladies and gentlemen, because NOW IS THE TIME!

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency awarded grant funding for a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection to the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council (TCR&WMC) on behalf of Western Illinois University (WIU) and the City of Macomb.

Slated for Saturday, March 27, the collection will be located at the WIU Services Building in Macomb and will be conducted between 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The collection is an opportunity for all residents to dispose of unwanted residential hazardous wastes - including mercury, the substance contained in thermometers and thermostats.

All are encouraged to check cupboards, basements, garages, and

closets for HHW, even bottles and cans with NO labels will be accepted at the collection. And the collection is FREE to all participants! It's a WIN - WIN, FOLKS!

Event volunteers include several local organizations, including the Lions Club, League of Women Voters, Environmentally Concerned Citizens, and others. The City of Macomb and Western Illinois University have donated equipment and facilities.

Two additional items will be taken at this HHW collection - automobile batteries and 20 lb. propane gas cylinders, thanks to the special efforts of Earl Longfellow of Interstate Batteries and Alan Drake of West Central FS, Inc.

Turn to the inside of the newsletter for complete details on the HHW and MORE!

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Must Do...Dates

TCR&WMC

March 22, May 24
Warren County Courthouse
Monmouth
7:00 pm

McDonough County

Environmental Comm.
March 2, April 6, May 4
McDonough County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County

Board Meeting
March 25, May 20
Mercer County Courthouse
7:00 pm

Mercer County Recycling Board

March 25, May 20
CES Office, Aledo
7:00 pm

Warren County

Board Meeting
April 14
Warren County Courthouse
9:30 am

Special Events

HHW Collection
March 27

WIU Building Services
300 W. University, Macomb
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Used Electronic Collection
March 27

WIU Building Services
300 W. University, Macomb
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Used Residential Tire Collection
April 16 & 17

2850 E. Jackson in IDOT Facility
Macomb
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Township Cleanups

Eliza

April 2 - 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
April 3 - 9:00 AM- Noon

Eldorado

April 30 - 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
May 1 - 9:00 AM- Noon

New Salem Township

May 7 - 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
May 8 - 9:00 AM- Noon

Industry

May 14 - 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
May 15 - 9:00 AM- Noon

Scotland

May 21 - 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM
May 22 - 9:00 AM- Noon

Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council of McDonough, Mercer, and Warren counties

TCR&WMC

Education

Nike Re-Use-a-Shoe Program

McDonough County schools and communities will be asked in early May to step up and donate their used athletic and tennis shoes to the Nike Re-Use-a-Shoe Program.

The Re-Use-a-Shoe Program takes primarily worn-out athletic shoes and turns them into Nike Grind material, which is then used to make sports surfaces like soccer and football fields, basketball and tennis courts and tracks. McDonough County, Bridgeway, Inc. and the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council are sponsoring this environmentally beneficial activity.

Local drop-off sites will be established at area schools and locations in McDonough County and the City of Macomb. The program runs May 3 -7. For more information, contact Anne Lobdell at 309/837-3941.

Re-Use-a-Shoe Poster Contest

In conjunction with Earth Day and the Nike Re-Use-a-Shoe program, area 6th through 8th grade classes will participate in a Re-Use-a-Shoe poster contest.

Educator Anne Lobdell will be introducing the McDonough County area 6th grade and junior high students to a poster contest in mid-March. Students will be asked to design a poster that promotes the Re-Use-a-Shoe Program. The poster must be illustrated on white 8.5x11 paper, using a black magic marker. All entries must be submitted to the TCR&WMC by Friday, April 17. The winning design will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, and used to promote the program in poster form and newspaper advertising.

To get a jump on this contest, call Anne now at 309/837-3941. This activity makes a great Earth Day tie-in (pun intended).

CAN-DO Kids Go to Chicago

On January 23, a total of 54 people were on the Burlington Trailways bus to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. This year, the winning classes from both schools decided to travel to Chicago together. Twenty-three kids and ten parents from West Prairie South Elementary (Colchester) boarded the bus at 6:00 AM and by 7:00 AM, it had picked up 16 students and five adults from Immaculate Conception School (ICS).



At 10:30 AM we arrived at the museum and split into small groups, then proceeded to scatter throughout the museum. Our rendezvous point was the OmniMax theatre for the 2:00 PM showing of "Helicopters in Action."

The favorite exhibits were the flight simulators (as always!) and the coal mine. The U-505 submarine, which usually makes the list, was closed for renovations until 2005.

We left the museum at 4:00 PM, stopped in Peru for dinner, and were home by 9:45 PM! Whew!

Thanks to all of the Can-Do kids, their chaperones, and especially the teachers, Mrs. Elaine Gates and Laurie Painter for sharing their fun filled day with me!

-Anne Lobdell

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The TCR&WMC celebrates more than EARTH DAY, we celebrate EARTH MONTH! What's on your calendar?

Has Your Class Worked the MRF?



Teachers and program coordinators: book your solid waste education presentations for Earth Month NOW!

Remember, the TCR&WMC offers presentations that are specifically designed to provide subject matter which falls under the guidelines requested by the Illinois Learning Standard Goals. Pictured is Mrs. Witten's 4th grade class at Lincoln School in Macomb - they are workin' the MRF. The MRF stands for Materials Recycling Facility. This miniature hands-on model illustrates the importance of knowing what to recycle and how.

Community



HHW

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, March 27, 2004

WIU Services Building Parking Lot

300 W. University Drive

Macomb, Illinois

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The following household hazardous waste materials will be accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Aerosol paints
- Antifreeze
- Car batteries
- Cell phones
- Drain cleaner
- Eyeglasses
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Hobby chemicals
- Household batteries
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides
- Lawn chemicals
- Liquid silver polish
- Mercury
- Oil-based paint
- Old gasoline
- Paint remover
- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks (20 lbs.)
- Roofing tar
- Roofing coatings
- Solvents
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Used motor oil
- Weed killer

Unacceptable waste includes business/commercial sector wastes, institutional & agricultural wastes, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, explosives, fireworks and farm machinery oil.

For more information, call Chad Braatz or Anne Lobdell at TCR&WMC, 309/837-3941.

It's a TWO-FER!

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION PIGGYBACKS HHW!

Electronics Recycling Drop-Off

Saturday, March 27, 2004

WIU Services Building Parking Lot

300 W. University Drive

Macomb, Illinois

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Bring your working and/or non-working electronics to be reused or recycled. The following items will be accepted:

Computer Equipment

- Complete systems
- Hard drives
- Keyboards
- Printers
- Scanners

Entertainment

- Boom boxes
- DVD players
- Radios
- Stereos
- VCRs

Small Household Appliances

- Blenders
- Food processors
- Microwaves
- Mixers
- Toasters
- Toaster ovens
- Vacuums

Small Business Equipment

- Calculators
- Fax machines
- Printers

Unacceptable items include washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, water heaters etc.

The collection is sponsored by the City of Macomb, McDonough County, and Central Illinois Access. For more information, call Chad Braatz or Anne Lobdell at 309/ 837-3941. If you are a business and have a large quantity, please call prior to the collection.

Used Residential Tire Collection



Just when you thought it couldn't get any better - you can get rid of your used tires, too! Talk about spring cleaning!

**April 16 & 17
8 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**Illinois Department of Highways
2850 E. Jackson Rd.
Macomb, Illinois**

Collection Guidelines:

- ▶ Only tractor, truck and passenger tires are accepted.
- ▶ Tires will be accepted with rims.
- ▶ Tires are not accepted from retailers such as: tire dealers, gas stations, or commercial trucking companies.
- ▶ No large industrial or off-road tires.

For individuals with more than 1,000 tires, the IEPA will pay for the removal of the last 1,000 tires, provided the owner pays for the removal of the excess tires. All participants must complete a Consensual Removal Agreement.

The collection is sponsored by the McDonough County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). For more information, contact Duane Mansir at the McDonough County Soil and Water Conservation District at 309/833-1711 extension 112, or Chad Braatz 309/837-3941.

Township Cleanups 2004

Thirteen townships are planning large item cleanups this year in the tri-county area: Colchester/Tennessee, Bethel, Eldorado, Eliza, Ellison, Emmet, Industry, Macomb, Mercer, New Salem, Preemption, Scotland, Swan.

If you live in one of these townships, check the calendar on the cover of the newsletter for dates. Otherwise, call your road commissioner to see when the events are scheduled.

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To recycle...or not to recycle? If that is the question...



then here is the answer - big honkin' landfills!

The land of municipal solid waste (MSW) is not warm and fuzzy. In 2002, the United States generated 369,381,411 tons of municipal solid waste. Of that - 26.7% was recycled, 7.7% was burned to produce energy, and 65.6% was

landfilled. Not pretty - and the state of Illinois rate is worse than the national rate. Sure, we get ample donations from neighboring states and, in some cases, far flung outer regions. But here is the bad news. In 2002, the total MSW in Illinois was 15,428,491 tons. With a population of 12,600,620 in the state, each one of us produced 1.27 tons of MSW in 2002. Once again, of that - 23.4% was recycled, 1.6% was composted, and 74.9% was landfilled. Looking at these numbers, one might think perhaps the state of Illinois could do a better job in promoting and educating residents on the virtues of recycling. But then again, perhaps the finger should point back at ourselves. What could each of us do to increase our own recycling rates?

-Editor

Recyclers

McDonough County

Bridgeway

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

Mercer County

Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc.

510 SE Industrial Ave.
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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EARTH DAY- April 22!
REMEMBER, WE ONLY GET ONE!

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