

2024 YEAR-END NEWSLETTER

We provide access for various disposal and recycling options for the counties of Ross, Pickaway, Highland, and Fayette.



2024 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT



ROSS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Awarded \$4,500 to partially fund their annual tire collection for Ross County Residents.



VILLAGE OF LEESBURG

Awarded \$3,888 to fund two separate community Dumpster Day events.



CITY OF HILLSBORO

Awarded \$2,916 to fund the City Dumpster Dash Events (3 separate events).



VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD

Awarded \$1,800 to fund Greenfield Clean-Up Days.

*2025 grant application
available on our website.*



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NEW MATERIALS RECOVER FACILITY TOUR

District Staff toured The Rumpke Resource & Recycling Center - the largest and most technically advanced recycling facility in North America, now open in Columbus, Ohio! The \$100 million facility is 226,000 square feet and features state-of-the-art Machinex recycling machinery, including 19 optical scanners, artificial intelligence and ballistic separators. The equipment sorts 60-70 tons of recycling per hour and can process up to 250,000 tons annually from over 50 Ohio counties.

DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE

The District held their final policy committee meeting on September 12th to complete the final step of the plan update. The Policy Committee passed a resolution certifying the plan was properly ratified and was submitted to the Ohio EPA for final approval. The Ohio EPA has 90 days to evaluate the plan submitted by the District.



SITE UPDATES

- Main Street, Clarksburg - Severe storm damage to site host building. Area deemed unsafe. Relocated to 10798 Main St.
- CLOSED N. Court Street, Circleville - Constant illegal dumping & vandalism.



LOGAN ELM RECYCLES

K-12 SCHOOL RECYCLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Loga Elm School District applied for the K-12 School Recycling Assistance Program offered by the RPHF Solid Waste District. This program provides one 8-yard recycling dumpster and recycling education supplies such as signs and posters. Logan Elm opted for this to be a student led program. It is the Districts goal to educate students and staff proper recycling habits while having accessibility to receptacles at school. Rossco Raccoon visited the students to check out their new recycling program.



The District participated in the Pickaway County Health & Safety Fair by setting up an recycling information booth.



The District attended the annual Rumpke Round-Up conference to discuss recycling innovation within our area.



ADOPT-A-ROAD

Ross County Litter Control offers an Adopt-A-Road program for groups interested in community clean-up efforts. RCCA National Honor Society cleaned Clinton Road and Pickaway Ross- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt cleaned Crouse Chapel Road. A big thanks goes out to them for helping keep Ross County beautiful.

SUMMER CAMPS



EXPERIENCE EARTH CAMP

Experience Earth Camp is a 3-day science camp in Pickaway County for students in 3rd-5th grade. This camp is hosted by Pickaway County Soil & Water Conservation, Pickaway County Park District and the RPHF Solid Waste District. Several agencies and organizations volunteer to teach different topics ranging from astronomy, archery, forestry, insects, waste/recycling, and more.

Junior Experience Earth Camp is adjusted to accommodate younger students in grades 1st-2nd.



Rosco Raccoon Visits Campers

Rosco Raccoon checked out the recycled sky-scraper project the Junior Campers were building. He cheered on each group as they raced to build the tallest, strongest sky-scraper with recyclables and tape.



Marble Track Project

EE Camp students worked in groups to build marble race tracks from recyclables and various craft supplies such as tape and glue. They were challenged to see which groups marble traveled the farthest.



DISCOVERY CAMP

A two-day science based camp for elementary students in Fayette County hosted by Soil & Water Conservation District! Students visited multiple stations learning about different topics. The District's station consisted of a STEM project making boats from recyclable items. Students were challenged to a float test and a speed test.

RECYCLE MORE RECYCLE RIGHT



Pickaway County Fair

The District shared a booth with Soil & Water Conservation District and the Pickaway County Park District at the 2024 Pickaway County Fair. Fairgoers had lots of information about services offered between the three agencies. A kids art and craft table was also provided. This included germination necklace craft, earth bracelets and recycling coloring sheets.



Ross County Fair

The District shared a booth with Ross County Litter Control and the Ross County Engineer. Recycling and litter prevention literature was provided. Rossco Raccoon enjoyed visiting the different booths and high-fiving the kids on the midway. He even had his picture taken with his friend, Commissioner Everson!



Friday In The Park

Friday in the Park is a weekly program throughout the summer coordinated by the City of Circleville. The District sponsored a program with Pickaway County Parks to offer Litter Bug crafts and a lifecycle of a frog program.

This program was held at Ted Lewis Park and is typically well-attended by kids ranging from age 8 and under.





LITTER KIT PROGRAM

Are you interested in conducting a clean-up in your community? We will lend you the supplies! The kit includes safety vests, litter grabber tools, bags, gloves and a data form. There is no charge to borrow our kits as long as they are returned and unharmed.



RECYCLING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2024-25 school year. Graduating seniors in Ross, Pickaway, Highland or Fayette County, Ohio majoring in environmental studies are encouraged to apply. Due 3/28/25.

POSTER CONTEST 2024-25

This District is hosting their annual Poster Contest for high school students in our four counties. To enter the contest, create a poster using any medium that promotes recycling, litter control, and/or composting. Drawings must be submitted by October 25th & the winner will be chosen on November 15th.



TIRE COLLECTION DATA

- Ross - 191 tires
- Pickaway - 662 tires
- Highland - 670 tires
- Fayette - 3,843 (hosted by Soil & Water, partially funded by District)