RPHF SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

END OF YEAR 2026

Recycling Facts

- Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
- The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in a lifetime.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- Glass can be recycled and re-manufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.

New Recycling Locations

Ross County Recycling Center
11873 London Road, Orient, Ohio 43146.
Public Drop off dumpsters

Greenfield Industrial Park
180 Industrial Park Dr, Greenfield, OH 45123
Open daily 5 AM - 9PM.

Darby Township
11873 London Road, Orient, OH 43146
Public drop off dumpsters

EcoArtist Program

We had an incredible summer exploring our district's green spaces with our young residents! Running twice a week from May through August, the EcoArtist Program successfully brought together storytime, healthy snacks, and environmental stewardship while creating upcycled crafts.



The average person creates almost five pounds of trash per day, and in 2018, American consumers created 146.2 million tons of trash that ended up in landfills.

By taking the program directly into different neighborhood parks, we were able to provide accessible, creative summer fun right in your backyard. Keep an eye out for future seasonal park programming coming your way in Spring/Summer 2027!



Experince Earth Camp

A day camp for 3rd-4th graders, was hosted through a partnership between Pickaway Soil and Water, the Pickaway County Park District, and the RPHF Solid Waste District. This year's camp provided hands-on activities and opportunities focused on outdoor skills and environmental science, including archery, forestry, insects, birding, hiking, recycling and native wildlife.

Wildlife Wonderers Camp

5th-6th grade campers hit the trails to learn how to protect nature and identify local trees! During our hike, campers explored the rules of Leave No Trace, guessing how long types of litter take to decompose. They also put on their scientist hats for a Leaf ID Hike, creating leaf & bark rubbings in their field binders. To wrap up the day, everyone mastered the Biltmore Stick, a special forestry tool to measure the height and diameter of trees.



Discovery Camp

We recently teamed up with the fantastic folks at Fayette Soil & Water Conservation District to talk all things sustainability at Discovery Camp! Our team shared the importance of zero-waste principles and how small, everyday choices protect our planet. To put their new knowledge into action, campers rolled up their sleeves to paint and decorate their very own reusable canvas tote bags—ensuring they are ready to say no to single-use plastics in style!

Jr. EE Camp

Big adventures come in smaller sizes! Jr. EE (Experience Earth) Camp packs all the excitement, hands-on learning, and outdoor fun of our classic Experience Earth Camp into a program specifically tailored for 1st and 2nd graders. Co-hosted with Pickaway County Park District and Pickaway Soil & Water.

Vikes Club Program

The Pickaway County Park District and RPHF Solid Waste District had a fantastic time with Teays Valley Local School District's VIKES Club learning all about Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Throughout the field trip, students rotated through hands-on activities that showed how everyday choices can help conserve resources and reduce waste.







Ross County Fair

Litter Challenge

Fairgoers teamed up with Rossco this year to keep the fairgrounds beautiful during the Ross County Fair Litter Challenge. We handed out green buckets for visitors to fill with trash in exchange for prizes, and the community response was overwhelming! This initiative turned out to be a huge hit, with lots of people taking time out of their fun-filled day to pitch in. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped keep our community clean and green!

Pickaway County Fair

Craft Table

We love fair season, and this year was extra fun! We spent an amazing week at the Pickaway County Fair connecting with families and crafting with kiddos. Our booth featured a variety of creative, hands-on stations where children made earth bracelets, painted reusable canvas bags, and had fun with coloring and stamps. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tables to create memories with us—we loved seeing your creativity shine!

Recycling Info

Find disposal options and recycling information directly on our website.

Got Household Hazardous Waste? Visit our website to learn how our voucher program can waive your disposal fees and help you safely clean out your home.

Recycle Tires for Free! Take advantage of our local collection events and voucher program to waive disposal fees. Residents can recycle up to 5 tires per household completely free of charge.

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Recycle More, Recycle Right!



Appliance Collection

Residents turned out in great numbers to dispose of unwanted household appliances, with refrigerators and microwaves topping the list at the Ross County Fairgrounds. Thank you to Ross County Litter Control and the Ross County Probation Department for their vital assistance in making this community cleanup possible.

Hillsboro Recycling Center Coming Soon

A gated, monitored recycling center is set to open this year at 212 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro. The facility will be free to use for residents of Highland County for household recycling. Specific hours will be announced at a later date.





Recycling Scholarship

Congratulations to senior Emma Eggleton for receiving the district's $1,000 Recycling Scholarship! Each year, this honor is awarded to just one senior within our district who is pursuing a degree in environmental sciences. We are incredibly proud of Emma and wish her the best of luck as she takes this exciting step toward protecting our planet.

2026 Grants

The Community Clean Up Grant is an incentive grant program to encourage litter prevention, recycling, and community beautification. Eligible applicants may be awarded funds to assist with costs associated with community clean up events.

City of Chillicothe

$5,000 - Downtown Recycling Project

Highland Health Dept.

$5,000 - Dumpster Day Events

Village of Bloomingburg

$5,000 - Village Clean Up Event

Village of Highland

$1,800 - Village Dumpster Day

City of Hillsboro

$2,500 - Clean Sweep Event

Village of Leesburg

$5,000 - Tire Recycling Event

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Electronic Recycling

There are many ways to recycle your unwanted electronics! Visit our website to explore the drop-off locations and programs that work best for you.

Start at rphfsolidwastedistrict.com

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Tire Collection Events

Pickaway

937 tires recycled

Ross

800 tires recycled

Highland

492 tires recycled

DID YOU KNOW?

If you recycle one glass bottle, it saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.

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