

# THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators



Spring, 2011

## Help Keep Clark County Beautiful

### The Great American Cleanup is March 1-May 31

Students have always played a major role in the Great American Cleanup by providing the majority of volunteers for the litter collection. Last year, 1,400 volunteers picked up more than 10 tons of litter.

Why do schools and students like to participate in the Great American Cleanup? Here are a few reasons:

- Students see first-hand how bad the litter problem is. This helps reinforce lessons learned about taking responsibility and protecting the environment.
- School grounds and parks — the places children use the most — are among the public places that can be cleaned up.
- Students who need community service hours can earn them by helping.
- Students learn they make a difference and can help to Keep Clark County Beautiful.



Students from Emmanuel Christian Academy pick up litter along Bechtle Avenue in May 2010.

#### How to Get Involved

- Organize a group of volunteers, then pick a public place and a date (between March 1 and May 31) to clean it up.
- KCCB will provide two trash bags, a pair of gloves and a token prize for each volunteer and help with litter pickup, if needed.
- You can register by filling out the form on page 2 of this newsletter. You can also call 521-2025 or go to [www.32TRASH.org](http://www.32TRASH.org)



The Clark County Waste Management District is dedicated to providing resources and learning opportunities to promote waste reduction practices.

For information about the programs in this newsletter, contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022, or by mail at 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504 or e-mail at [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

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# Register for the Great American Cleanup

Use this form or register online at [www.32TRASH.org](http://www.32TRASH.org)

Please complete and mail or fax this form to:  
Clark County Waste Management District  
1602 West Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504  
Fax: (937) 327-6648



Great American Cleanup Registration:  
Feb. 21-May 20



Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of volunteers: (Adults) \_\_\_\_\_ (Children) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of your cleanup : \_\_\_\_\_  
(public areas only)

Date of your cleanup: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dates must be between March 1 and May 31)

Date your group will pick up supplies: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date must be between February 25 and May 27)

**Location where your group will pick up supplies — please circle one:**  
(Pickups between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.)

Clark Co. Waste Mgt. Dist.  
1602 West Main Street  
Springfield, Ohio 45504  
521-2025

City of New Carlisle  
331 South Church Street  
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344  
845-9492

Village of Enon  
363 East Main Street  
Enon, Ohio 45323  
864-7870

# Decorate grocery bags for Earth Day

## Kroger stores will distribute the paper sacks to shoppers the week of April 17-23

The Earth Day Groceries Project gives young people a chance to create their own environmental messages, using paper grocery bags as their medium. The Clark County Waste Management District is working with Kroger to provide the bags.

All a school has to do to participate in this free activity is to designate a coordinator and fill out the request form below. Requests should be made **no later than Feb. 18** by calling Program Assistant Linda Mitchell at 521-2023 or by sending an e-mail to [lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov).

The paper grocery bags will be delivered to your school the week of March 14-18. Once



the bags are decorated, someone from your school should take them to a nearby Kroger store during the week of April 11-15. The store will distribute the bags to shoppers during the week of Earth Day, April 17-23.

Hundreds of schools nationwide have been involved in this project for years. Students can be as creative as they want in sharing their thoughts on how to respect the Earth. For more information and for ideas on how

to decorate the bags, take a look at the Web site [www.earthdaybags.org](http://www.earthdaybags.org).

This activity is open to organizations other than schools. Cub Scout packs, 4-H groups, home-schooling groups, after-school programs, and many others can join in. All are welcome!

### Earth Day Grocery Bag Request

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bag Delivery Instructions, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

When is your spring break scheduled? \_\_\_\_\_

# of students participating \_\_\_\_\_ # of requested bags \_\_\_\_\_

To which Kroger do you plan to deliver your bags? \_\_\_\_\_

**Call 937-521-2023 or e-mail: [lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov) to participate.**

**Please call or e-mail no later than February 18th.**



**Earth Day is April 22.**





1602 W. Main St.  
Springfield, OH 45504

Visit the Clark County Waste Management District on the Web at [www.32TRASH.org](http://www.32TRASH.org).  
Or call 521-2020 for information about our programs and services.

## Presentations are available

The Clark County Waste Management District provides several programs for schools:

- The skit “Keep Clark County Beautiful” is a fast-paced, entertaining show about preventing litter and the 3 R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) aimed at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- Program Coordinator Steve Schlather can do programs about recycling, litter prevention and waste reduction for any grade.
- Tours of the Clark County Recycling Center can be arranged for groups of up to 25.
- To schedule a program, call Steve Schlather at 521-2022 or email [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

## Schools can apply for grants up to \$500

The Clark County Waste Management District can provide grants of up to \$500 for waste reduction education projects and activities.

All Clark County/Springfield teachers and school districts are eligible to apply. Projects that have been funded in the past include:

- Waste reduction education
- Setting up recycling programs
- Field trips to recycling facilities
- Buying recycled content equipment

Applications are available at the District’s Web site, [www.32TRASH.org](http://www.32TRASH.org). Click on the “Schools” link in the menu on the top of the home page. Then click on the “Waste Reduction Grant” link.

