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Resources for Educators



Spring, 2018

Let's Clean Up!



The 2018 Great American Cleanup begins taking registrations on Feb. 20. School groups, 4-H clubs, Boy Scout troops, and other volunteers are needed to help with this effort to improve our community. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual litter pickup, beautification, and community improvement program.

During the 2017 Great American Cleanup, volunteers picked up enough litter from public places in Clark County to fill 645 trash bags. We hope this year's Cleanup will remove even more trash and debris from our public spaces and make Clark County truly clean and green.

In 2017, the Great American Cleanup enlisted 1,426 volunteers in Clark County. Those people – both children and adults – gave 2,350 hours of their time.

School groups play a major role in the Great American Cleanup. Participating in the Cleanup can be an extension of classroom lessons about community service, nature, and the environment.

Keep Clark County Beautiful, the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, sponsors the Great American Cleanup in Clark County.



Students from Ridgewood School spread mulch on City Hall Plaza during the Downtown Cleanup in April 2017.

Join the Great American Cleanup

- Organize a group of volunteers, then pick a public place and a date (from March 1 through May 31) to clean it up.
- KCCB will provide each group with trash bags and gloves, a token prize for each volunteer, and help with pickup of collected litter, if needed.
- Register by filling out the form on page 2. You can also go to www.32trash.org or call 521-2023.

The Clark County Solid Waste 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.

ART CONTEST

High school students can enter a contest to design a decorated rain barrel for Keep Clark County Beautiful. The winning student will win prizes for his/her class or club.

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Register any time from February 20 through May 25, 2018.

Complete this form and return it to :

Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45504

You can also fax to (937) 327-6648, or scan & email to lmittchell@clarkcountyohio.gov

A link for registering online will be available at 32trash.org.

Contact Name

Group name (if any)

Address

City / Zip

Phone

Email

Number of adult volunteers: _____ number of children: _____ Date of your cleanup: _____ (must be during March 1-May 31)

Location of your cleanup (public places only): _____

Date you will pick up supplies: (must be during Feb. 22-May 25) _____

Please circle the location where your group will pick up supplies:

Pickups are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Moorefield Township, which is open 10-3 Monday to Thursday.

1. Clark Co. Solid Waste District
1602 W. Main St.
Springfield
(937) 521-2023

2. City of New Carlisle
331 S. Church St.
New Carlisle
(937) 845-9492

3. Moorefield Township
1616 Moorefield Rd.
Springfield
(937) 390-9972

Questions? Call (937) 521-2023

Decorate grocery bags for Earth Day

Meijer stores will distribute the paper sacks to shoppers the week of April 15-22

A paper grocery bag can become a medium for a young person's environmental message in the Earth Day Groceries Project. The Clark County Solid Waste District works with Meijer to provide the bags.

To participate in this free activity, a school or other organization should designate a coordinator and fill out the form below. Requests should be made **no later than Feb. 23**. Call Linda Mitchell at 521-2023, or email to lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov.

The paper grocery bags will be delivered to your school the week of March 5-9. Once the bags are decorated, someone from your school should take them to the Meijer store during the week of April 9-13. The store will distribute the bags to shoppers during the week of Earth Day, April 15-22.

The Solid Waste District distributed a little over 3,000 bags to 14 schools, four Girl Scout troops, a Cub Scout Pack, and Project Jericho in 2017. Thousands more participated in this project nationwide.

Students can be as creative as they want in sharing their thoughts on how to respect the Earth. We do ask that teachers review what students create to be sure the message is a positive one. For ideas, check out www.earthdaybags.org.



Third-graders in Catholic Central's Limestone campus work on decorating grocery bags for Earth Day in 2012. The Solid Waste District has offered this activity every year since 2010.

This activity is also 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/Group: _____ Contact: _____

Complete Address: _____

Bag Delivery Instructions, if any: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

When is your spring break? _____

of students participating _____ # of bags requested _____

Call 521-2023 or email: lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov to participate.

Please call or email no later than February 23.



Earth Day is April 22.



Art contest for high school students

Local high school students can enter a contest to design a painted rain barrel that will promote beautification. Keep Clark County Beautiful will raffle the decorated barrel to raise funds for its beautification projects and to raise awareness about the value of rain barrels. The winning class or club would receive a pizza party and \$200 in art supplies.

Designs should showcase themes of recycling and beautification and may incorporate the 200th anniversary of Clark County. The primary quality of the design should be aesthetic, i.e., it should be beautiful. In 2017 a rain barrel (shown above) was painted to resemble the mural on the Clark County Solid Waste District building. The mural and the rain barrel feature a young girl catching fireflies in a natural setting. The girl is using jars made of glass, a



commonly recycled material, and a recycling bin filled with glass jars is in the picture. Thus, recycling features in the image, but the viewer is not hit over the head with a "recycling message." Rather, the image conveys a beautiful surrounding enhanced by recycling.

Designs will need to be done on a sheet 12 inches high by 26 inches wide to make the correct dimensions to cover the rain barrel. Every individual in a class/club can submit a design or a group can submit a joint effort. Entries will be due by March 1. The winner will be announced by April 1, and the winning club/class will then be expected to paint its design on the rain barrel by May 1.

Get more details at www.32trash.org or call Steve Schlather at 521-2022.

Presentations for schools

The Clark County Solid Waste District offers presentations on waste reduction, litter prevention, and recycling. Presentations can be tailored for different ages and are free.

The skit "Keep Clark County Beautiful" is geared to first and second grades and teaches about recycling and litter prevention through a fast-paced, entertaining story. District staff can provide programs suited for other grade levels.

To schedule a program, contact Steve Schlather at sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov or at 521-2022. Get more information about the Solid Waste District's programs for schools by clicking on the "Schools" page of www.32trash.org.

KCCB seeks youth representative

The Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) board is seeking a youth representative. Any Clark County high school student with a GPA of at least 3.0 (on 4-point scale) is eligible.

The youth representative will be expected to attend board meetings six times a year, serve on a subcommittee, and volunteer for events as available. The term is from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

KCCB is the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest volunteer-based organiza-

tion, that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

Applications for this position are available through high school counselors, at the "Schools" page of www.32trash.org, or by calling Steve Schlather at 521-2022.

Candidates should apply by **April 13** to Steve Schlather, Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504. If applying electronically, send your email by 5 p.m. April 13 to sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov.

District can support waste reduction efforts

The Solid Waste District can provide support up to \$500 for waste reduction programs in schools.

Waste reduction programs can include starting or enhancing a recycling program or a field trip or other educational program that deals with solid waste issues.

A school can apply for assis-

tance by downloading an application form from the District's web site, www.32trash.org. Go to the "Schools" page and click on the link for the application form.

Anyone interested should contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022 to discuss their proposal before submitting an application.