

THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators



Spring, 2012

Let's Keep It Clean

In 2011, 1,600 people helped in the Great American Cleanup; join them this year so we can reach the goal of 2,000 volunteers

This year marks the 20th time the residents of Clark County will join in an organized cleanup campaign to pick up litter and beautify public places. Those campaigns have gone by different names – Earth Day Community Cleanup and Great



American Cleanup – but they have

always depended on one key component: volunteers who are willing to commit their time and energy to making our community clean and beautiful.

Schools and school children have been the most reliable source of volunteers, but all kinds of groups get involved in the Great American Cleanup: neighborhood associations, civic organizations, Boy and Girl Scouts, churches, and families and friends.

In 2011, the Cleanup involved 1,603 volunteers who picked up over 14 tons of trash from roadways, parks, school grounds, and other public places in Clark County. We hope to reach 2,000 volun-



Students from Greenon High School work to clean up Porter Park in May 2009.

teers for this, our 20th year.

Please encourage your students, fellow teachers, parents, and all community residents to help keep Clark County a clean and beautiful community by joining in the Great American Cleanup. A couple of hours of your time can truly make a big difference in improving our environment in Clark County.

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 found on page 2 of this newsletter. You can also go to www.32TRASH.org or call 521-2025.

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.

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Register for the Great American Cleanup
Use this form or register online at 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 25



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 24 and May 29)

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 15-22

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.

To participate in this free activity, a school should designate a coordinator and fill out the request form below. Requests should be made **no later than Feb. 17**. Make a request by calling Program Assistant Linda Mitchell at 521-2023 or send an e-mail to lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov.

The paper grocery bags will be delivered to your school the week of March 12-16. Once the bags are decorated, someone from your school should



Sixth-grade students at Horace Mann Elementary School decorate grocery bags on April 4, 2011. In Clark County, 20 schools participated in the Earth Day Groceries Project in 2011, and 3,800 bags were distributed to schools.

take them to a nearby Kroger 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.

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 this Web site: www.earthdaybags.org.

This activity is also open to organizations other than schools. Cub Scout packs, 4-H groups, homeschooling 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 to participate.

Please call or e-mail no later than February 17th.



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.
Or call 521-2020 for information about our programs and services.



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The skit "Keep Clark County Beautiful" is one of the offerings for schools.

Need a school presentation?

The Clark County Waste Management District offers a variety of presentations on waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention. Presentations can be geared to different ages and sizes of groups and are free of charge.

To schedule a program, call Steve Schlather at 521-2022 or email sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov. Get more information about the District's school programs at this link: http://www.32trash.org/School_Kids/schools.html.

Schools can win grants of \$500

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

All Clark County/Springfield teachers and school districts are eligible to apply for these mini-grants. Projects funded in the past include:

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

Applications are available at the District's Web site, 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.