

Recycling at Richland County Solid Waste

Fall into Autumn 2021

New Educational Programs Offered *Educational Classroom Excitement!*

Richland County Solid Waste (RCSW) has a whole new line-up of programs for K through 5th grade, which coincides with Ohio's Learning Standards for Science - plus a few old and true In-Class activity kits! Our 3rd through 5th grade programs are versatile and can cover your specific time slot. If you desire a field trip, visit RCSW for a specialized program relating to natural resources; litter and trash; greenhouse gases; and of course, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

Each field trip may be accompanied with a tour to the Rumpke Landfill, Gorman Nature Center, or RCSW's Compost Facility. The flexibility of the tours allows for focused discussions that relate to classroom topics. Or schedule a program with web-based interface!



planters with RCSW compost.
Learn about the greenhouse effect

Build a sustainable community or reuse plastics to create self-watering



and cows!



interactive reading sessions for Kindergarteners.

Classroom programs are altered to fit into the expectations of 1st and 2nd graders. RCSW provides

*Programs and Field Trips may be altered to conform to COVID guidelines and expectations.

For more information on RCSW's educational programs, please visit www.richlandrecycles.com



2021 Tire Amnesty Day

Got old tires? Plan on attending the 2021 Tire Amnesty Event on October 3, at the Richland Co. Fairgrounds, Lantz Rd entrance. Beginning at 10am and ending when full capacity is reached – or 2pm.

RCSW is accepting only light truck and passenger tires off of the rim. Ten tires per vehicle will be accepted for a small fee of \$.50 each. This event is partially funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and is for Richland County residents.

*Thank you,
OEPA!*



Flatten Those Cardboard Christmas Boxes!

GET READY for 2022 Grants!

Don't use straws!

Can't Reuse? Refuse!

Overcoming and Welcoming Challenges

Share your school's recycling experiences to demonstrate how your efforts have increased recycling in your community. A community is defined as a neighborhood, school, or group.

The grant application asks how reduce, reuse and/or recycle is being implemented, improved and/or expanded. Photos of the project are mandatory as well as photo releases for individuals in the shots. Winning and honorable mention projects will be highlighted on RCSW's website www.richlandrecycles.com, Facebook page, and during local fairs and events.

This year's grant deadline is JANUARY 20th. For help with the application process, grant ideas, and questions, contact Kristin Yoshioka at 419-774-5861. Schedule a class meeting to review potential ideas and to discuss grant writing.

Past school grant winners can be found at https://www.richlandrecycles.com/?page_id=2833 or look under the Environmental Classroom Tab and click on contests/grants on the above mentioned website.

Two \$500 grants will be awarded. RCSW is excited to learn how the grant will contribute to your school or your school group's efforts to reduce, reuse and/or recycle.



The Board of Directors for the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority has approved funding for two \$500 grants to be provided to local schools. The deadline to apply for the grant is January 20th. Grants will be awarded to student projects that are focused on bringing awareness to the areas of reduce, reuse and/or recycle.

RCSW is also continuing to host the annual school recycling **calendar contest**. Last year's winners received great prizes from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Kingwood Center Gardens, The Carousel Park, Trampoline Park, and The Infield. More great prizes are in store for 2021/2022 poster calendar winners!

Look for updates in the very near future!



RCSW Receives Grant from OEPA

Richland County Solid Waste received a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for \$30,400 for a new S.C.R.A.P. recycling trailer and for a local Scrap Tire Event. On a monthly rotation, the S.C.R.A.P. Trailer (Schools and Community recycling as partners) visits schools for recyclables, returning any profits received back to the school. This program is sponsored by Milliron Recycling.

If your school is not on the recycling trailer list, give Eddie Hale, Executive Director, a call at 419-774-5861. Not only is the SCRAP trailer a great way to recycle, but it is a great way to build community within your district.

Hosting an Event? A Holiday Party? A Family Reunion? Need a bin? Reserve a Bin!

Richland County Solid Waste offers Recycling Bins for Consumer and Community Events.

For more information, call 419-774-5861.



Fun at the Richland Co Fair, Nature Park Building

One week of jam-packed activities was waiting for fair goers at the Nature Park Building. Seven organizations shared this site, RCSW, Soil & Water, Bee Keepers Association, Master Gardeners, Richland Co. Park District, Malabar Farm, and City of Mans. The organizations entertained visitors with discussions, lessons, games, and challenges. On Kid's Day, Wednesday, Aug 11, a scavenger hunt was engaged! Winners took home nature related prizes. For more information, check out our Facebook page @ Richland County Solid Waste, Mansfield Ohio. Hooray!

This summer's premiere presentation by RCSW, Lessons from the Lorax, was shared with Fair visitors on August 10 at 4 pm on the Nature Park Stage. This discussion focused on the environmental lessons preserved in Dr. Suess's 1971 story published by Random House. Greenhouse gases such as water vapor; carbon dioxide and methane; and the greenhouse effect became a central focus of this discussion. This presentation also weaved into the talk vanishing species and the importance of reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Summer Camps in Abundance!



The Theme is Green!

This summer was a great summer for summer kid's camps! Richland County Solid Waste (RCSW) joined many great organizations' summer programs for kids.

City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department put together a month-long program called "Being a Reader Makes You a Leader." Many area mentors contributed to this program, reading stories to the youth, encouraging them to reach for the stars and to follow their dreams. RCSW participated with Lessons from the Lorax, a litter pickup and creating compost. The Green Leader theme occurred at John's Park and North Lake Park for ages 5-12. The 2 locations are where the splash parks will be installed for future summer fun!

Kingwood Center's, Cultivation Education, encouraged kids to engage with nature. Kingwood provided many excellent activities, programs and visitors for the youth attending the Tuesday presentations. RCSW presented activities from the Lorax, Dr. Suess' 1971 Random House's book and assisted during the Ohio Bird Sanctuary's educational and uplifting experience with Emily presenting Seymore the great horned owl.

Richland County Park District, located at Gorman Nature Center, had a Critter Camp, where campers built trees, sought out butterflies, and learned about recycling for the benefit of community and nature.

Finally, Green Crusaders Camp, for Grades K-5, was hosted by Morrow County Recycling. This eco fair related to Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The kids got to experience their very first Tesla vehicle as well! RCSW participated, helping with events and campers.

Lesson learned from summer camps: Together we can soar! Recycling does make a difference in nature.

Let's Compost!

Backyard Composting: Begin creating compost for Spring planting

When classes go to the Compost Facility, students get firsthand knowledge on how compost is made from the ingredients brought into the facility by the community of Richland County. They get to dig in the dirt and to bring home nutrient rich soil for a budding plant... or kitchen potato.

They also get to create a terrarium from a plastic bottle. Once the plants in the bottle get big enough to plant outside, it will be Spring, and the classroom compost will be ready!

Did you know that compost, especially leaf compost is called black gold?



Compost Guide

Tips for home composting.

Almost any organic material is suitable for composting. Compost piles need a 1:1 ratio of carbon-rich materials, or "browns," and nitrogen materials, or "greens." Among the brown materials are dried leaves, straw and wood chips. Nitrogen materials are fresh or "green" such as grass clippings and kitchen scraps. Water provides moisture to break down the organic mixture. Turning the pile every two weeks helps the materials decompose, resulting in Black Gold.

Some items that can be added to your compost pile include: Leaves, Pine Needles, Grass Clippings, Vegetable and Fruit Scraps, Egg Shells, Coffee Grounds, Used Tea Bags, Shredded Paper, Wood Ashes, Garden Refuse, House Plants, Wood Chips and More!