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Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention Newsletter
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Reduce Your Plastic Usage!

Plastic, it's everywhere! It's not hard to figure out why: it's lightweight, durable and cheap. An extremely versatile material, plastic is found in everything from appliances to zippers. The same pros to plastic are also what makes plastic a con in the environment. It will not degrade in the environment, it is easily spread around both land and water because it is so lightweight and animals can mistake it for food. Since the 1950s, over eight billion metric tons of plastic have been produced and, of that, only about nine percent has been recycled.

There's no way to completely eliminate plastic from our lives, but we can all do better at reducing our plastic usage. Consider adopting at least one of these tips to reduce your waste.

- Say no to plastic cutlery. American use 100 million plastic utensils everyday! Keep silverware at work or in your lunch box and decline the plastic. While you're at it, skip the straw, too.
- Ditch the bottled water. Use a reusable bottle and perhaps invest in a water filter, if you don't care for the taste of tap water.
- Remember to use your reusable grocery bags. It's easy to forget them, but start practicing and it will soon become a habit.
- Buy in bulk. Instead of prepackaged, single serving snacks buy a bigger or bulk portion and divide them into serving sizes using reusable containers instead of plastic baggies. It's less expensive and a great way to reduce waste.

When you master these steps, keep going! Take your own to-go containers or ask your favorite restaurants to use biodegradable options instead of plastic or Styrofoam. Stop using plastic ware at your events or family get-togethers and start championing the less-plastic cause. We can all make a difference.

Recycle Broken String Lights

Wait! Stop! Don't throw away those broken strings of holiday lights; turn them in to be recycled! Although string lights should not be placed in the regular recycling bins, there is a solution for this special item.

Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention is teaming up with Three Rivers Therapy and Premiere Fitness to provide drop-off sites for those old lights. From November 18- December 10 bring your broken string lights to Premiere Fitness (423 Main Street), Three Rivers Therapy (353 Walnut Street) or Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention (401 1/2 Main Street) for collection during business hours.

As you replace your holiday lights, consider purchasing LED lights. According to the US Department of Energy, LEDs use up to 75% less energy and last about 25 times as long as incandescent bulbs. LED bulbs also do not get hot to the touch, so they are safer, too.

Recycle Smart
Empty. Clean. Dry.™



Unsure what can be recycled?

Visit coshoctoncounty.net/recycle

or call 740.575.4813

"When in doubt; throw it out!"

America Recycles Radio Contest

Congratulations to the 2019 America Recycles Radio Contest winners! Local Sixth-graders submitted 30 second ads promoting recycling and litter prevention in Coshocton County. Five winners were chosen from 12 submissions. The winning ads were played on 99.3 WTNS Radio November 11-15, celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15. Winners were:

Roxanna Carlsen, Warsaw Elementary, Mrs. Justice
Landon Cochran, Warsaw Elementary, Mrs. Justice
Alivia Day, Ridgewood Middle School, Mrs. Prater
Maddie Larrison, Warsaw Elementary, Mrs. Justice
Caitlin Swiney, Ridgewood Middle School, Mrs. Prater

Congratulations to those students and thank you to all students and teachers that submitted entries!

As we move into the holiday season, more and more boxes are used! Please remember to break down your boxes for recycling. This greatly increases the amount of room in the bins, allowing for more recycling and less litter from materials falling out of the bins. Thank you!



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