



# WASTE NOT

Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention Newsletter  
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## Fun Ways to Recycle Holiday and Greeting Cards

It's so nice to receive cards for birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, in sympathy or just a note that someone is thinking of you. As we move into the holiday season, Christmas cards will start finding their way into our mailboxes, too. Cards are nice to receive, but let's be honest; we can't keep them all forever! Of course, most cards can be recycled in the bin with our newspapers, junk mail and other paper, but with a little creativity they can be given a second life.

Do you have little ones at home? Allow them to cut out pictures from old cards; giving them practice with their fine motor skills and perhaps using those images to make their own cards or pictures with a little glue and supervision. How about making a paper chain? Removing a link each day and counting down the days until a special event helps kids learn about time, counting and maybe patience!

Make your own present tags with old cards. They can be cut into any shape or size and these homemade tags will give an added special touch to any gift. Images from cards can also be cut out and used as embellishments to a plain gift bag turning the boring into bling.

Some people are fond of giving special homemade gifts in Mason jars. Instead of lining the lid with fabric, cut circles from greeting cards to fit in between the lid and ring for a festive touch.

Homemade magnets can be made with clear, glass accent marble gems (found in the floral or craft section of stores), 3/4- 1 inch round or oval card cut-outs, craft adhesive and flat, craft magnets. Glue the card's image to the flat side of the glass gem and then adhere the magnet to the back of the image. Make sure there are no air bubbles and allow to dry. You could even package your magnet set in an origami gift box made from a recycled greeting card.

Finally, St. Jude's Ranch for Children offers a recycled card program. They accept the fronts of recycled greeting cards (except for Hallmark, American Greetings and Disney due to copyright laws) for use in their recycled card program to provide teens with life and work skills. Cards can be sent to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, NV 89005. This organization also accept new cards (any occasion) with or without the envelopes. For additional information, visit: <https://stjudesranch.org/recycled-card-program/>

Enjoy reusing and recycling and consider reducing your waste in small ways throughout the year for a big impact.

## Before You Light It... Know Ohio's Open Burning Regulations

Open burning is defined as any time you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack. Open burning can release many kinds of toxic fumes. Leaves and plants send millions of spores into the air when they catch fire causing many people with allergies to have trouble breathing. Gases released by open burning can also corrode metal siding and damage paint on buildings.

Under Ohio law, these materials may not be burned anywhere in the state at any time:

- Garbage— any waste created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food.
- Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum products such as plastics
- Dead animals— unless approved for control of disease by a governing agency

What can you do instead of open burning?

- Reduce the amount of waste you generate
- Reuse items in another way
- Recycle what you're able (curb-side or County drop-off locations)
- Compost yard trimmings and food scraps, while creating a natural, free fertilizer.

Ohio EPA's website has a handy brochure describing all open burning regulations as well as local air pollution control agencies and Ohio EPA District Offices and can be viewed here: <https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>

The complete OEPA open burning site: <https://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning>



## Annual America Recycles Radio Contest

All Sixth Graders in any Coshocton County School are encouraged to get creative and submit a radio ad promoting recycling for America Recycles Week, November 14-20.

Ads must be no longer than 25 seconds in length and use at least one Coshocton County recycling fact. Ads must be electronically submitted by their teacher by Monday, November 8. For complete criteria, email [tammirogers@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:tammirogers@coshoctoncounty.net) or visit our Facebook page. Five winners will be selected and asked to record their ad through WTNS Radio for promotion of America Recycles Week.

Share this contest with your favorite 6th Graders! Good Luck!

### ***Did You Know...***

So far in 2021, 147,080 pounds of OCC (old corrugated cardboard) has been collected from the Coshocton County "Cardboard Only" drop-off bins and recycled through WestRock?

That's over 75.3 tons! Keep recycling, Coshocton!



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