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Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention Newsletter
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Let's Get Together for a Low-Waste Gathering

It's the time of year for outdoor gatherings! From casual cookouts to graduations and the upcoming holidays, I think we are all looking forward to getting together again after 2020 and it's important to reduce our waste while having fun!

Low waste is simple, cost effective and easy with just a little planning. Do you really need that flimsy, plastic tablecloth (by the way, these are NOT recyclable)? Why not use a real cloth tablecloth? Don't have one? Surely you can borrow one! The same for cutlery, dishes and cups— don't buy disposable; use the real thing! Disposable plastics are not recyclable! Use your own dishes, cups and silverware or ask guests to bring their own. Clean up isn't a big deal with friends. You may want to remind guests to bring some "to-go" containers with them to take home leftovers. This can alleviate food waste and who wouldn't like a snack later?

Just say no to bottled water— or any beverage packaged in plastic. Use a jug or pitcher of water with ice and buy soda in cans. Aluminum cans are easily recycled and, when buying 12-packs, the paperboard case it comes in is recyclable, too! Try making food items from scratch to avoid food packaging waste. Try to buy foods locally and keep in mind the Coshocton Farmer's Market will be starting their season on Saturday, May 1.

Forgo disposal plastic decorations like balloons or food trays. Flowers in a vase or your great-grandmother's pitcher are a beautiful accent and get out all those decorative plates, trays and dishes that we all have "put away."

Lastly, don't forget to place a recycling box or can near a trash can. Mark it well as "Recycling" and encourage your guests to recycle. When gathered together, it's simple to get those recyclable items to the curb or one of our 12 recycling sites in the county.



THE BUYERARCHY OF NEEDS

by Sarah Lazarovic

Clean Up! Clean Up!

Annual clean-up days are scheduled and we're all happy to get out and about while beautifying our County!

April 10- Lake Park Clean up, 9 am-noon, lunch provided, meet at the Park Office

April 17- The BIG Coshocton Clean-up day, 8:30-11:30 am, meet at the Court Square Gazebo

May 2- Plogging at Kids America, 1:00 pm

May 15- Our Town Coshocton Clean up, 9:00 am, meet at the Court Square Gazebo (held monthly through October)

Try these clean-up tips:

1. Grab a bag, some gloves and wear bright-colored clothing if near roads. Practice safety first!
2. Start a neighborhood or family "contest." Who has collected the most? Who separated the litter into waste and recyclables? Who found the most unusual object?
3. Encourage others to join in and encourage people to stop littering— even cigarette butts!
4. Have some fun and share your pictures with Coshocton County Recycling & Litter Prevention on Facebook then dispose of the bags in your trash bins.

Report a Dumper

Coshocton County's Litter Law Enforcement Deputy Kevin Cichon, patrols the county to investigate open dumping, unsecured loads, and other litter violations. If you know of an illegal dump site, or witness illegal dumping please report it to the Coshocton County Sheriff Department at 740.622.2411.

Thanks to those that clean up our beautiful county regularly!

Think Spring! Green Cleaning Tips

- Use one-part vinegar and one-part water to clean almost anything— grease, mildew and soap scum. Do not use vinegar on marble, granite or stone.
- Remove stains on countertops, cutting boards and stainless steel with a paste made of baking soda and a little water.
- Salt and a little scrubbing can cut through tough grease on frying pans.
- Lemon juice can remove hard water deposits and soap scum.
- Sprinkle baking soda on carpet to control odors. Allow to sit overnight before vacuuming.
- Save those spray bottles and foaming soap dispensers to re-use with your new favorite homemade cleaner.
- Reduce waste by using old t-shirts or re-usable towels and sponges instead of paper towels.

What are we forgetting to recycle?

- * Cardboard tubes (paper towel/ TP rolls)
- * Body wash and mouthwash bottles
- * Shampoo/Conditioner bottles
- * Bread/bun bags (take back with plastic grocery bags)
- * Junk mail
- * Medicine bottles
- * Food boxes



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