

# WOOD You Recycle?

2nd Quarter 2019 Edition



## *Looking Forward to the Wood County Fair!*

We are busy getting ready to bring recycling and more to the Wood County Fair this year from July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>. You can't miss us at our new location on the left side of the entrance, across from the Republican and Democrat buildings. We will have a recycling activity, educational

display, take-home information, and sustainable giveaways. Make sure to use our ClearStream containers to recycle your plastic bottles and aluminum cans while enjoying the fair this summer. We look forward to seeing you and answering your recycling questions!

## *Reminders for 24/7 Locations*

Thank you Wood County residents for taking advantage of the permanent 24/7 residential mixed recycling drop-off containers! We currently have twelve locations throughout the county and a map with their locations can be found on our [website](#). We encourage you to continue

reducing landfill waste by utilizing this convenient recycling program. A few reminders so we can continue to make recycling in Wood County as successful as possible:

- **No illegal dumping**
- **No garbage** - Please review [what can and can't be accepted](#) in the containers.
- **No plastic bags**- Plastic bags can clog up machinery at the recycling facility.
- **No bagged recyclables**- Place loose recyclables directly into the container.
- **Flatten all cardboard** - This maximizes the amount of recyclables that the container can hold.
- **No shredded paper** - Shredded paper can also clog up machinery at the recycling facility.

**RECYCLE WOOD COUNTY!** 

**Multiple Locations**  
**Residential Mixed Drop Off Recycling**  
**Available 24 hours/7 days a week**

## Meet the New Recycling Outreach Coordinator – Hannah Smith



Hannah Smith is Wood County's new Recycling Outreach Coordinator! She is excited to share her passion for conservation with the citizens of Wood County. Growing up, she spent much of her time outdoors enjoying nature and learning about wildlife. Her desire to share this interest with others led her to major in Environmental Management with a focus on Environmental Education from Indiana University. Having interned at both Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Oak Harbor and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, she gained an appreciation for the coordination needed to execute environmental programming. Over the last two years, she has been a Program and Outreach Coordinator, working to engage the community in river cleanups and other volunteer opportunities. In her new role at the Wood County Solid Waste Management District, she hopes to encourage responsible recycling and educate the community to reduce, reuse, and recycle. When she's not picking pop cans out of trash bins, she enjoys reading, running, and working with her aunt at the Perrysburg Farmer's Market. To schedule a presentation, composting workshop or Landfill tour, call Hannah at (419) 354-1515 or email her at [hsmith@co.wood.oh.us](mailto:hsmith@co.wood.oh.us).

### Mulch Available at the Landfill

Need mulch? The Wood County Landfill (15320 Tontogany Rd. Bowling Green, OH 43420) has you covered! Mulch is available for \$26.63/ ton. They are open Monday – Friday from 7am – 3:30pm and Saturdays from 8am – 12pm. Stop by and get your mulch today! Make sure to bring a pick-up truck or trailer for the mulch, which is loaded by our staff.



Now that summer is officially here, it's time to keep your lawn and your lifestyle green. There are so many simple ways to reduce your waste and increase your recycling without changing your summer plans.

**Nothing beats a good summer cookout.** Next time you have your friends and family over for a barbeque, you can limit what ends up in the landfill by using reusable plates, silverware, and glasses. Keep a recycling bin next to the trash can to encourage your guests to properly dispose of their drink containers. If you do use plastic cups, have people write their names on them so they get reused. All your leftover fruits and veggies can go right into the compost along with your grass clippings and twigs.

**Going on a roadtrip?** Fill up with a reusable water bottle. Buy snack foods in bulk to reduce plastic packaging waste and carry them in your reusable shopping bag. You can keep an empty bag in the car for recyclable items like pop cans. When walking along the beach or at a park, pick up any trash you see and leave the area

### Summer Recycling Tips and Tricks



nicer than when you found it.

**Start a garden!** Growing your own plants, fruits, and vegetables is a great way to develop a green thumb and a green routine. Your wallet and your taste buds will thank you. The landfill will thank you too as you can compost your organic waste and use the soil in your garden. Call the SWMD today at (419) 354-1515 for more information on starting your own compost bin!



### TAKE ME TO THE STORE!

The SWMD is helping you reduce, REUSE, and recycle this summer! We have new, reusable shopping bags that we will be giving out at the Wood County Fair, local Farmer's Markets, and other events. Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade in a landfill. Do your part to prevent plastic pollution by using these bags at the grocery store, running errands, or just around the house or office.

Help us spread the message by showing and telling your friends and family!

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Nicki Kale, *Public Representative* (term – 2 years, expires 11/2019)

Judy Hagen, *Citizen Representative* (term – 2 years, expires 12/2019)

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## Wood County Solid Waste Management District

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