

# WOOD You Recycle?



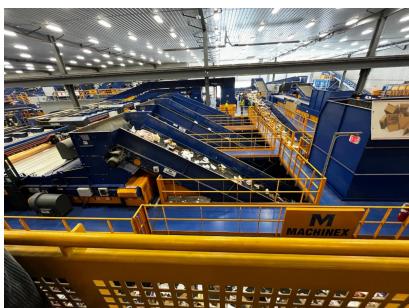
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## Have Waste and Recycling Questions?

Visit the Wood County Solid Waste Management District's webpage for all your recycling and waste disposal needs! You will find a directory of where you can take specific items, a location list of our 24/7 Residential Recycling Drop-off sites, and any upcoming county-wide events the District will attend. Click the link below to discover!

[recycle.woodcountyohipo.gov](http://recycle.woodcountyohipo.gov)



## Oh, the Places They Go!

Have you ever wondered where your recyclables go when you place them in any of our 24/7 Residential Recycling Drop-Off bins? Are they even being recycled? Well, wonder no more!

As you may know, Rumpke Waste & Recycling is the hauler for our 24/7 Residential Recycling Drop-Off bins scattered across Wood County. That means every time your recyclables are picked up, they are transported to Rumpke's newly constructed \$100 million Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Columbus! We're not joking! This is the largest MRF in North America, and your recyclables, along with 600 tons of other recyclables collected in Ohio, are taken in each day and sorted to be used again by manufacturers. You may have heard that only 9% of plastic gets recycled, but that amount only represents the plastic that is either placed into the recycling bin or thrown away entirely. Rumpke's new MRF is designed to recover 98% of all the recyclables it collects to be used again. So rest assured, your



recyclables are being recycled! Remember, Wood County, keep recycling!

## Welcome our New Staff Member, Zach!



In the summer of 2024, the Wood County Solid Waste Management District experienced a new staffing change! Zachary Nemec became the new Outreach & Program Planner for the District. Zach recently graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Environmental Science. While at BGSU, he interned for the Office of Campus Sustainability and the Falcon Food Pantry. The District is excited to see how well Zach will fit in, especially since he has been a lifelong resident of Wood County. Welcome aboard, Zach!

The District also wants to congratulate Rachel Sizer, the former Recycling Outreach Coordinator, on her new position as the second-ever Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Bowling Green. We know she will be successful with the knowledge and experience she acquired from her education at BGSU and her previous position with Wood County Solid Waste. She has even taken the time to help familiarize Zach with the District and ease him into his new role. Congratulations again, Rachel!



## What is Rumpke Berry Egg-cited About?

You are probably familiar with recycling plastic bottles, cups, tubs, jugs, paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and cups, and cartons. Rumpke has always accepted these items for our 24/7 recycling drop-off locations since the start of our service contract in 2023. However, we were recently notified that Rumpke will now accept a new item that can be included in your weekly recycling runs!

## Introducing... PLASTIC CLAMSHELLS!

Yes, you read that correctly. Plastic clamshells are now accepted! These include:

- Fruit and berry containers
- Clear plastic egg cases
- Residue-free take-out containers

You can recycle these plastic clamshells alongside everyday recyclables, such as plastic bottles, cans, and paper, just to name a few! It's that easy! If you have any questions regarding whether or not specific items can be recycled, don't hesitate to reach out to our Outreach & Program Planner, Zach Nemec, at (419) 354-1515 or [znemec@woodcountyohio.gov](mailto:znemec@woodcountyohio.gov).

## Educators, Look No Further...

Tours and waste reduction presentations are available for the 2024 academic year! The District offers tours of the Wood County Landfill and BG Recycling Center during the fall season. Landfill tours show how the Wood County Landfill works and includes information about water runoff management, methane venting, and yard waste composting. Recycling center tours show how recyclables are collected, processed, and transported to be used again. It's almost like a mini MRF! Presentations about recycling, composting, and proper disposal of electronics and hazardous waste are also available. This is an excellent opportunity for school and adult groups. To schedule a tour or presentation, please get in touch with our Outreach & Program Planner, Zach Nemec, at (419) 354-1515 or [znemec@woodcountyohio.gov](mailto:znemec@woodcountyohio.gov).



## Recycling Drop-off Schedule



Portage Township (9720 Mermill Rd): **Tuesday**  
Village of Wayne (125 Schoolhouse St): **Tuesday**  
Village of Pemberville (408 Sherman St): **Tuesday**  
Troy Township/ Luckey (258 Krozer Ave): **Tuesday**  
Village of Bloomdale (102 N Maple St): **Friday**  
Village of Tontogany (18545 Main St): **Friday**  
Village of Grand Rapids (176400 Sycamore Rd): **Friday**  
Village of Weston (13180 Broadway St): **Friday**  
Village of Custar (9110 Custar Rd): **Friday**  
Jackson Township/ Hoytville (19981 Railroad St): **Friday**  
Village of Portage (110 W Walnut St): **Friday**  
Perrysburg Township (26609 Lime City Rd): **Tuesday AND Friday**

# Upcoming Events

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Saturday, October 12th, 2024  
11 am - 2 pm

## Perrysburg Township Open House

This is an opportunity for you to visit the Perrysburg Township Fire Department, along with Perrysburg Township Police, Maintenance, Perrysburg Township Trustees, and other county agencies, including the Wood County Solid Waste Management District! This is a free event that will also include food and drinks. There will be awesome environmentally sustainable prizes, a trivia wheel, and more! See you there!

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Saturday, November 9th, 2024  
9 am - 12 pm

## Wood County 7th Annual Shredding Event

In partnership with the Wood County Commissioners, Wood County SWMD,

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Wood County Job and Family Services, and Vital Records Control, this event allows Wood County residents to bring up to five bags or boxes of paper items to be shredded onsite as you watch. What's the cost, you may ask? All you need to do is **provide a toy, gift card, or cash donation**, which will be donated to children who are involved with Wood County JFS to make their holiday a little brighter! The address is 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

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**Monday, November 18th, 2024**

**8:30 am**

## **Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee Meeting**

The Wood County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee will meet on November 18th, 2024, in the Wood County Courthouse's 5th-floor hearing room. These meetings are open to the public.

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