

2019

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ABOUT THE DEARBORN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



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The Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District, known more familiarly as the Dearborn County Recycling Center or DCRC, employs 17 individuals at the main facility in Aurora, Indiana. This facility serves as the operation's hub for recycling collection, as well as holds the Drive Thru, Household Hazardous Waste collection, and Creation Station, which includes Costume Swap and ReProm. From this hub, fourteen 24/7 recycling drop-off locations around Dearborn County are serviced, as well as recycling collection from 19 schools and 187 small businesses in the county.

As of 2019, DCRC was in its 26th year as a solid waste district and its 15th year as a collection agency. It continues to be the only entity within Dearborn County that accepts televisions for recycling, as well as the only collection point for household hazardous waste.

Looking into 2020, the DCRC will continue to seek ways to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfills through reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. We pride ourselves on being the local recycling experts for Dearborn County. Feel free to contact us anytime.



Mission

The mission of the Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District is to foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Dearborn County residents to reduce solid waste by creating an awareness and commitment to reduction, reuse and recycling programs.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OVERVIEW

General Recycling Program

- Brown, white & gray paper boxes & bags
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin food containers & empty aerosols
- Cardboard boxes (flattened), clean pizza boxes
- Newspaper, magazines, office paper & envelopes
- Plastic bottles/jugs and cartons

Drive Thru Service

- General recycling
- Document shredding
- Electronics (computers, monitors, phones, small kitchen appliances, etc.)
- Non-alkaline batteries
- Motor oil and filters
- Cooking oil
- Scrap metal
- Televisions
- Appliances
- Tires
- Latex paint

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- Including, but not limited to, household chemicals, oil based paints and stains, cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, and flammable liquids

Commercial/School Recycling

- Program serves small businesses and schools throughout Dearborn County

Education Programs

- Education and outreach programs on a variety of environmental issues provided to schools, youth, and other community organizations

Creation Station

- Reuse center dedicated to the diversion of reusable materials from disposal in landfills to educators and non-profit groups in Dearborn County
- Featuring *Costume Swap* and *ReProm*, programs focusing on the reuse of gently worn Halloween costumes and formal dresses



RECYCLING
LOCATIONS

24/7



The DCRC owns and operates 19 source separated recycling trailers, with one, two, or three trailers located at 11 of the sites listed below 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2018, the DCRC determined that time and resources would be better utilized by contracting with Rumpke Recycling to have a 30 yard commingled recycling container at the New Alsace and St. Leon locations. Based on usage, the trailers are emptied on regularly scheduled days each week.

Location	Address
AURORA	The Heart House 6815 US 50 Behind Lions Club Between Main & Judiciary Sts.
BRIGHT	Merrilee's Hardware 2045 Business Center Dr. Bright Elementary School 22593 Stateline Rd. Bright Meadows Park 2059 Einsel Rd.
DILLSBORO	Behind Fire Dept. between Front St & Western Row
GREENDALE	Behind Greendale Park Rand St.
LAWRENCEBURG	County Fairgrounds US 50
MANCHESTER	Manchester Ballfields Intersection of St R 48 & County Farm Rd.
MOORES HILL	Intersection of Manchester St. & College St.
NEW ALSACE	American Legion Post 452 25329 Legion Rd.
N. DEARBORN	Lot on Sawdon Ridge Rd 5678 N. Dearborn Rd.
ST. LEON	St. Leon Fire Department 28870 St. Joe Dr.
STATE RT. 1	Tanner Valley U.M. Church 19235 St R 1

Rumpke Recycling Containers: no need to sort at locations listed in **green**. Loose, mixed recyclables will be taken to the Rumpke Material Recovery Facility in Cincinnati for sorting and recycling.

RECYCLING CENTER DRIVE-THRU



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Drive-Thru Hours;

Monday — Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Wednesdays 9 am to 6 pm

Various facts:

A tire amnesty day was held at the DCRC Drive-Thru in August of 2019 to incentivize tire recycling in the county. A total of 42 customers brought in 748 tires at no cost to them, which was an average of 18 tires per person.

In 2019, 31.5 tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) was collected by the DCRC and sent for recycling or proper disposal. Of that 31.5 tons, 7 tons of water-based paint were collected and donated to Matthew 25 Ministries for reblending and use in their reconstruction projects. Another almost 12 tons was used oil, which is re-refined into the highest quality recycled oil. The remaining 12.5 tons of collected HHW consisted of various flammables, pesticides, corrosives, and batteries.

Total Customer Report

Program	2019 Total	2018 Total	% change from 2018 to 2019
Drive Thru total visitors	4,963	4,742	5%
Breakdown of services used:			
General Recycling	2,955	2,681	10%
Household Hazardous Waste	154	157	-2%
Document Shredding	374	327	14%
Reuse Donation	571	506	13%
Costume Swap	1,019	627	63%
Re-Prom	601	407	48%
Creation Station	658	609	8%

GENERAL RECYCLING

Commodity/General	Total pounds 2019	Total pounds 2018
Aluminum	12,780	16,980
Cardboard	1,031,673	933,466
Glass	196,940	247,120
Tin Cans	55,840	33,440
Mixed Paper & Sorted Office Paper	574,589	618,746
Plastic Bottles and Mixed Paper*	536,285	396,572
Bright FD, New Alsace, St. Leon**	352,800	309,380
General Items Total	2,760,907	2,555,704
Commodity/Nuisance	Total pounds 2019	Total pounds 2018
Cellular Phones	50	93
Scrap Copper & Aluminum	2,082	2,169
Scrap Metal and Refrigerators	66,047	68,240
Refrigerator Compressors	1,993	4,462
A/C Coils/Refrigerant	603	0
Hard Cover Books	41,257	37,322
Tires	122,145	110,160
Alkaline Batteries	1,803	2,175
Electronics (non computer)	110,251	125,559
Computers (includes monitors)	9,620	13,027
Commercial Copiers	474	1,752
Household Hazardous Waste	62,967	62,299
Nuisance Items Total	419,292	427,258

*For 2019, this number also includes glass

**The Bright FD location was removed at the end of July 2019; these locations are Rumpke single-stream recycling containers

2019 saw an increase in corrugated cardboard. There appears to be a decline from 2018 to 2019 in mixed paper and glass but this is because the DCRC combines some materials for shipment so it is not weighed separately (see the Plastic Bottle and Mixed Paper figures above). There was an overall increase in tonnage for materials collected, which means that more people are using the DCRC's services. Still, work remains to increase the County's diversion rate.

WASTE VS. RECYCLING

Dearborn County Waste 2019

		Waste (tons)
Best Way	City of Greendale	1853.01
	City of Lawrenceburg	6097.58
	Rest of Dearborn County*	5017.65
Rumpke	Hidden Valley Lake	1511.98
	Rest of Dearborn County*	12610.38
Total		27090.6

*may include trash collected outside of Dearborn County

Dearborn County Recycling 2019

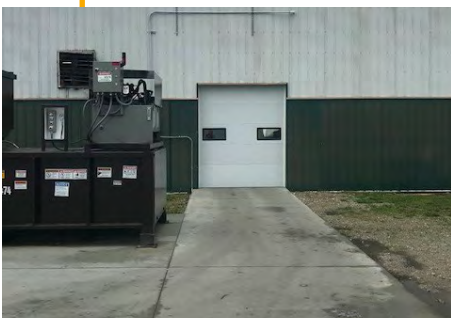
		Waste (tons)
Dearborn County	Recyclables & Nuisance	1558.6
	Household Hazardous Waste	31.5
Rumpke	City of Greendale	325.6
	City of Lawrenceburg (OCC)	85.82
	Hidden Valley Lake	332.75
	Rest of Dearborn County	48.16
Total		2382.43

The diversion rate is the percentage of waste diverted away from landfills. While the weights of all recyclables are not captured in the table to the left due to limitations of data collection from private industry, this picture does give a fair representation of the County's waste and recycling picture as a whole. Dearborn County's diversion rate for 2019 is 7.8%.

Two waste haulers, Best Way and Rumpke, offer private trash hauling services in Dearborn County. Greendale and Lawrenceburg have their own sanitation departments and haul waste for their respective cities; both haul their waste to the Best Way Transfer Station in Greendale. Greendale offers single-stream curbside recycling to its residents and Lawrenceburg offers corrugated cardboard collection to its businesses; both haul their materials to Rumpke in Cincinnati for processing.

New Compactor

DCRC was awarded grant funds in 2019 to install concrete, a new garage door, and a compactor to more efficiently process and ship recyclables. DCRC had 16 less hauls but 38 tons more of recyclable material over 2018. Had the price per haul not increased, DCRC would have saved roughly \$4000.



AWARDS AND IMPROVEMENTS



Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

Press release from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Press Release: City of Greendale, Dearborn County, for "Curbside Recycling Program."

"During the 2016 Mayoral race, Mayor Alan Weiss found that many Greendale residents were interested in curbside recycling. Through extensive research, public input, and a partnership with the Dearborn County Recycling Center and Rumpke, Greendale's curbside single-stream recycling program began on April 2, 2018. Prior to the start of the curbside program, the only recycling option for Greendale residents was a county owned drop-off trailer. These trailers are source separated, meaning all materials must be sorted by the individual recycling. Since the launch of the single stream curbside recycling program, Greendale has raised its recycling rate by 10 percent, diverted over 374 tons of material from going to the landfill and saved \$5,775.21 over the last year on landfill tipping fees."

This award was presented to the City of Greendale by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Commissioner Bruno Pigott September 18, 2019 at the Partners for Pollution Prevention conference. Director Sandy Whitehead represented the DCRC and accepted the award with Mayor Weiss at his request due to DCRC's extensive involvement with the development of Greendale's program.

Building F Renovation

The DCRC makes constant efforts in caring for its property and buildings. The original wood siding of Building F on the south side of the property was found to be extremely weathered. In 2019 the exterior skin was removed and replaced with aluminum siding.

New Truck Purchase

DCRC's trucks and trailers are on the road Monday through Friday collecting recyclables around the county. In 2019, a new Ford F-250 was purchased from Haag Ford to replace a 2004 Ford with high mileage. The high-mileage truck will be kept for occasional use.

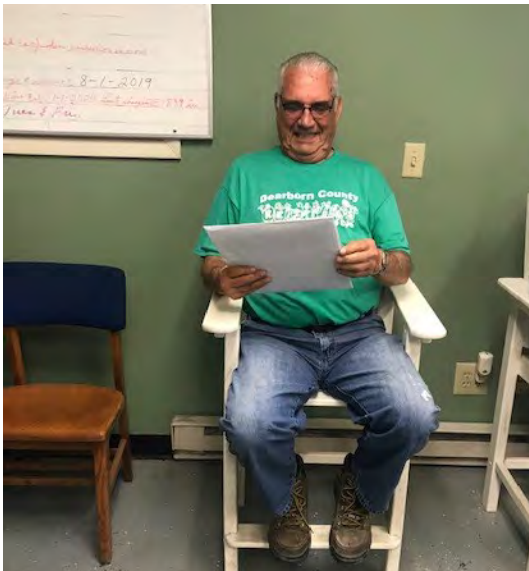


EMPLOYEE MILESTONES



Molly Resendes, Educator and Outreach Coordinator for DCRC from March 5, 2012 to September 12, 2019, took on a new position as full-time mother to Margot Louise Resendes on September 13, 2019. We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication Molly gave to the DCRC during her employment. We wish her and her family all the best.

Stefanie Hoffmeier was hired as the new DCRC Educator and Outreach Coordinator on September 9, 2019. Stefanie brings with her extensive experience in marketing and design, as well as experience with students. We look forward to working with Stefanie and the expertise she has to offer.



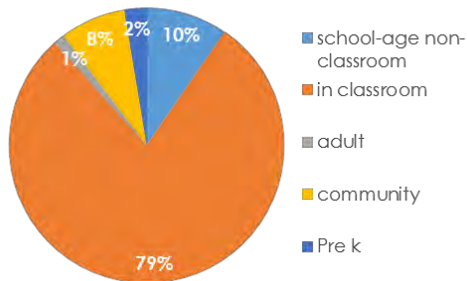
Jim Johnston celebrates 10 years at DCRC

Residential trailer driver Jim Johnston celebrated 10 years at the DCRC on April 21, 2019. Jim has driven more miles than one can even imagine: 7 years for the Dearborn County Co-op, 22 years at the old Schenley Distillery, 20 years for Aurora Casket, 6 years at Schneider's scrapyard, and 10 years for DCRC. Jim enjoys spending time with his family as well as his DCRC friends. He always has a smile and a friendly word.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS



2019 SESSIONS



Program	Sessions
Story of Stuff	1
Holiday Greenery	1
America Recycles Day	1
Green Choices	1
How Do They Do That?	1
Arbor Day	2
CCS STEAM Recycling	2
Renewable is Doable	3
Enviro-Jeopardy!	3
Tour	4
Enviro-Careers	7
Edible Landfill	9
Litter Bugs	11
3Rs	19
Outreach	22
Paper Recycling	23
Worm Composting	46

Programs in 2019 were mostly conducted in classrooms, which is very typical. The number of classroom programs was comparable to 2018, however, the number of adult programs was down. In 2019, there was a planned shift to reach adults via social media and marketing.

Overall, 5,517 students and 1,168 adults participated in the DCRC's education programs.

Classroom sessions are always higher than other types of sessions because there are almost always multiple sessions for each day spent at a school. In-classroom programs were split very evenly among the three Dearborn County school districts.

The **Program Sessions by Title** table to the left shows how many sessions of each program were completed. Worm composting was the most popular program in part because it is used for the Ag Days event, serving all county 3rd graders.

Program sessions for Kindergarten through 2nd grade made up 52% of the total while 3rd through 5th was 57% and 6th through 12th accounted for 13%.

Adult education sessions such as Holiday Greenery were conducted at libraries or with various community groups.

2019 was a good year for programming, as it maintained several key statistics while reaching anticipated numbers and ratios.

OUTREACH



Outreach efforts in 2019 included Lawrenceburg Music on the River, the Dearborn County 4-H and Community Fair, an America Recycles Day bag give-away at Kroger, two mobile electronics collections, a tire amnesty day, and a few other community events.

At the Lawrenceburg Music on the River, DCRC representatives handed out two types of ashtrays: cup holder and pocket style. Handing out these containers aims at reducing cigarette litter, which started with a grant the DCRC received in 2017.

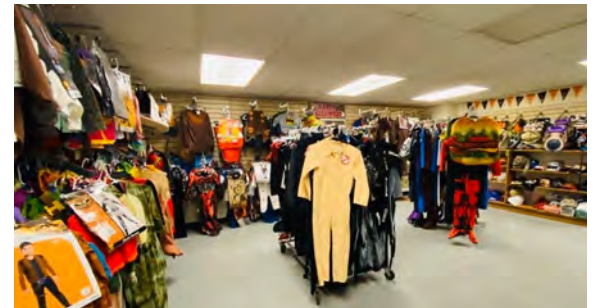
The Dearborn County 4-H and Community Fair is always time well-spent out and about in the community, meeting with residents as well as people from the surrounding communities. Although our recycling services only cover Dearborn County, we work with other industry leaders like Rumpke to provide consistent messaging regarding recycling.

To celebrate America Recycles Day, the DCRC held a bag give-away at the Lawrenceburg Kroger. Staff and volunteers distributed information about the detriments of plastic bags and gave each customer a free reusable bag. Two Bag Monsters (pictured above) drew attention to the event and underscored the wastefulness of plastic bags. The District gave away 450 reusable bags to customers.

The DCRC strives to make its services as convenient as possible to the population it serves. In 2019, two mobile electronics collections were offered in St. Leon at the Volunteer Fire Department and in Bright at the Lion's Club park, Bright Meadows. One hundred and fifty-six customers were served at these remote locations where 136 televisions, 82 computers, and around 100 miscellaneous electronics were collected.

The DCRC was invited to participate in the Make-It-Take-It Night at Moores Hill Elementary School and Halloween Sensation in Lawrenceburg. Both events included crafts made from reusable items from the District's Creation Station, and reached over 400 students from Dearborn County.

REUSE PROGRAMS



10,144 lbs.
of materials
taken

Creation Station continues to be a great resource for non-profit organizations in Dearborn County. Thanks to donations from county residents and businesses, Creation Station has remained fully stocked with an assortment of educational, office, school, craft and miscellaneous supplies. Teachers and other non-profit groups including 4-H, Scouts and churches take advantage of this program. Many teachers and non-profit leaders must pay for items out of pocket. Many tell us that this program saves them a lot of money. There were 658 Creation Station customers in 2019 and 10,144 lbs. of material were taken. Since 2004, the Creation Station has diverted 59 tons of material from the landfill!

1,019
customers
used
Costume
Swap

The School Delivery Program finished its second year. This program was setup to provide materials to teachers who are unable to visit Creation Station. Deliveries are made to teachers once a month during the school year based on e-mailed requests. In 2019 there were 200 school deliveries made totaling 1,715 lbs.

Costume Swap proved to be an overwhelming success with 1019 customers in its 10th year. This was a 63% increase over the previous year. For the second year in a row, a Cincinnati radio station visited Costume Swap and aired a segment on the news showing interviews with customers and staff and featured the costumes. With over 1000 costumes and walls full of makeup, accessories and decorations, people find this program fun and well worth the visit. When surveyed during their visit, many people were found to be repeat customers, which proves the value of the program.



601 visitors
to ReProm
in 2019

ReProm - 2019 marked the 7th year for this formal dress exchange program which has over 1000 dresses. Early in the year, 6 local high schools were visited during lunch times. Sample dresses were taken and information was passed out. This gives the students an opportunity to see the quality of dresses offered at ReProm and to learn about the program. Many times a dress is purchased brand new and worn once. It ends up in a closet to never be worn again. Participants are asked to take a dress out of their closet and bring it to for exchange. This allows the participant to receive a new dress and their dress to be worn again by someone else, a win-win situation. Special hours were offered during spring break for the local schools.

This program is not exclusive to prom and helps provide dresses for all types of events throughout the year. ReProm had a total of 601 visitors in 2019, which was an increase of 48% from the previous year.

1,170 lbs.
of holiday
items
given away

The Second Annual Holiday Giveaway was a three-day event held in November. There were a total of 236 customers, which was more than double from the first year. Holiday items such as lights, trees, decorations, ornaments, wrapping paper, etc. donated throughout the year were displayed in the education room and 1170 pounds of holiday items were given away free of charge.

The Lending Station is the District's newest reuse program. It includes items that can be used for weddings, graduation parties, showers and other events. There is a wide variety of glassware, table covering and decorations in multiple quantities. There are also items like Cricket cutting machines, various paper punches and rubber stamps that can also be loaned out for projects. In its first year, Lending Station was used 14 times.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District Budget

Line Item	Description	2019 Budget Amount	2019 Actual
<i>Category: Personal Services</i>			
100	Salaried	\$70,000	\$70,941.92
110	Hourly Full-Time	\$250,000	\$247,989.14
111	Hourly Part-Time	\$124,000	\$121,449.74
171	FICA	\$34,000	\$33,862.85
172	PERF	\$36,000	\$28,509.91
174	SUTA	\$5,000	\$2,392.86
182	Advisory Per Diem	\$4,000	\$1,440.00
	Total	\$523,000	\$506,586.42
<i>Category: Supplies</i>			
211	Office Supplies	\$6,000	\$3,566.11
213	Reuse Center Supplies	\$4,100	\$3,436.21
221	Processing Supplies	\$8,000	\$13,357.55
231	Equipment Expense	\$2,000	\$4,958.25
232	Fuel Expense	\$34,100	\$29,351.17
241	Safety Supplies	\$4,400	\$3,857.15
242	Janitorial & Property Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,171.09
	Total	\$61,600	\$61,697.53
<i>Category: Other Services and Charges</i>			
312	Professional Services	\$14,000	\$20,873.44
321	Travel	\$1,000	\$1,064.25
322	Conference & Training	\$5,000	\$3,122.93
324	Subscriptions & Dues	\$1,000	\$818.00
332	Printing	\$1,700	\$854.05
333	Advertising	\$38,100	\$28,793.20
334	Promotions	\$8,000	\$7,225.07
341	Insurance	\$32,000	\$32,594.25
350	Utilities	\$32,000	\$19,961.43
351	Communications	\$6,300	\$5,699.05
362	Equipment repairs & maintenance	\$46,000	\$42,450.56
381	Property Loan	\$35,000	\$33,375.00
390	Education	\$3,200	\$1,171.84
391	Education Partnerships	\$10,000	\$6,057.05
392	Recycling Programs	\$2,000	\$6,781.02
393	Uniforms	\$2,000	\$1,996.31
394	HHW Disposal	\$30,000	\$38,992.32
395	Non-Hazardous Disposal	\$65,000	\$78,061.63
	Total	\$332,300	\$329,891.40
<i>Category: Capital Outlays</i>			
431	Property Improvements	\$30,000	\$21,400.28
444	Processing Center Equipment		\$14,517.89
450	Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles*	\$43,000	\$32,704.62
	Total	\$73,000	\$68,622.79
	Grand Total	\$989,900	\$966,798.14

THE PEOPLE OF DCSWMD



2019 Personnel

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Educator/Outreach Coordinator Molly Resendes
Stefanie Hoffmeier

Reuse Coordinator/Office Assistant Julie Robinson

Operations Manager David Craig

Drive Thru Supervisor/Freon Removal Randy Robinson

Residential Trailer Drivers Jim Johnston
Dale Workman

Commercial/School Collection Ross Cutter
Randy Bath

Lead Forklift Don Shelton

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