

Simply Green



PREBLE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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The Preble County Solid Waste District Fair Booth Was a Huge Success!



What a wonderful week everyone had at the 2015 Preble County Fair! Our office put up a fair booth underneath the grandstands again this year and we communicated helpful recycling tips to many of the 21,372 persons in attendance that week. We passed out recycling literature, informed people of where to find our county's public recycling drop-off sites, answered recycling questions and concerns, and passed out some awesome handcrafted jewelry made out of recycled materials or broken jewelry parts. The jewelry was a big hit with children and adults alike and was given out for free. The great part about these creations are that they are largely made from items that come from the US 127 garage sales held every August. An exceptionally nice older lady named Jules sells her "scrap" jewelry parts every year along US 127 in the Boulder Belt Eco Farm's lot. She has given us great deals on the parts to create the beautiful pieces that help us promote recycling to the county's youth and older citizens.

Along with running the fair booth, our office also collects all of the cardboard boxes, plastic milk jugs, aluminum cans and plastic drinking bottles. We collected a total of 1.70 tons of recyclables and helped keep the fairgrounds and the Earth clean.

Recycling keeps reusable materials from going into our landfill. It keeps our environment clean and it makes us feel good to recycle. If you would like to learn more about how to recycle in Preble County, you can visit our website at www.preblecountyrecycles.org. We also have a Facebook page that showcases our office's many events we host. We would love to receive more Facebook "likes". For answers to your recycling questions, you may call the Preble County Solid Waste District at 937-456-6880 between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

Nominate A Business for Our Office's Outstanding Recycling Program Award...

The Preble County Solid Waste District gives out an annual award to a local business that shows improvements in its recycling efforts or does an outstanding job overall in recycling. The award is given out yearly at the Preble County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Banquet held in January. We are looking for suggestions for businesses to feature. The business will get free promotion in our Simply Green Newsletter, as well as a beautiful glass award for display. Past featured businesses include Henny Penny, Neaton Auto, Silfex, TimkenSteel, Pratt Industries and smaller entities such as the Once Around Shop and Habitat for Humanity. To nominate a business or your place of employment call Beth at 937-456-6680.

Top 10 Ways to Recycle (Adapted from an article from www.kidzworld.com)

Learning to recycle and waste less is important for keeping our planet green. If you care about the environment, there are tons of easy ways to help out by recycling everyday items! Check out our top 10 ways to recycle...

No. 10: Reuse Plastic Bags

Often plastic shopping bags get used once and thrown away, but that bag can be used for future groceries or as a garbage bag. Some retailers such as Wal-Mart will have a collection box in their customer service center where they will collect used shopping bags and recycle them into brand new ones.

No. 9: Buy Rechargeable Batteries

Batteries are filled with toxic materials that are terrible for the environment, so go green by buying batteries that you can recharge. There are special companies that will collect your old batteries and recycle them safely. The Preble County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) trailer at the landfill (4239 US Rt. 127 South, Eaton, Ohio) accepts household and car batteries for free.

No. 8: Recycling at Home, School or for Outdoor Events

Recycling at home is easy! You can place recycled items in a curbside collection bin or visit one of the county's public recycling drop-off sites. Visit www.preblecountyrecycles.org to find recycling drop-off locations near you. Schools and teachers may call 937-456-6880 to request 18 gallon recycling tubs for their classrooms making it easier to transport recyclables to a central school recycling bin. If you attend an event and you notice they don't have recycling containers, take your recyclables home to recycle. Have the event organizers call the Preble County Solid Waste District for suggestions on obtaining recycling containers.

No. 7: Spending Green

Support eco-friendly companies by buying products made from recycled material— this could be anything from pencils and paper to wallets and clothing!

No. 6: Electronics and the Earth

What to do when your cell phone dies? Don't just trash it, many cell phone providers will recycle your phone for you when you get a new one, but if not the Preble County (HHW) trailer will accept them for no cost.

No. 5: Compost the Most

Start a home composting pile. All your biodegradable food garbage-like egg shells and banana peels will soon turn to soil that is great for planting.

No. 4: Sheets, Towels, and Clothing

Old sheets, towels and clothing can be donated to charity to be sold in thrift stores, or to an animal shelter as bedding and cleaning materials.

No. 3: Get Crafty!

If you are artistic, you know that there are a million ways to reuse jars, tubs, and paper. We use recycled bottle caps to make jewelry for our fair booth.

No. 2: Green Thumb

If you have a green thumb, try making old 2 liter pop bottles and empty jars into planters for flowers and herbs.

No 1: Recycle Every Day

The best way to recycle is to do it everyday in your home and wherever you go. Remind friends and family to look out for ways to recycle too!