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Cool recycled vinyl record clock you
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TerraCycle: An Environmentally-Friendly Company with A Heart!

Join Us for Our New
TerraCycle Colgate
Oral Care Recycling
Collection Program at
the Landfill...

TerraCycle is a company that was founded in 2001 by Tom Szaky, who was then a 20-year-old Princeton University freshman. The company started out by producing an organic fertilizer (liquid “worm poop”) that was packaged and sold in used soda bottles. Now TerraCycle is one of the world’s fastest-growing green companies. It is more than just a recycling company, it provides support for individuals, groups, and communities that want to recycle more efficiently. Tips, statistics, facts and recycling tactics can be found on the company website. The main goal of TerraCycle is to eliminate the idea of waste.

The Preble County Solid Waste District is starting a new recycling program to collect oral care waste (Colgate products only) to send to TerraCycle to accumulate credits to purchase free recycled product school supplies to distribute to children in all five Preble County school districts. You can help. Just bring your empty Colgate toothpaste tubes, Colgate toothpaste boxes, Colgate toothbrushes, and empty floss containers to the collection box located in the landfill lobby. Recycle your waste, help some children get needed school supplies, and do your part to keep Preble County clean!

How does TerraCycle work? Individuals, groups, schools, and entire communities can collect “waste” such as empty juice pouches, snack bags, yogurt tubs, etc. and send it (for free) to TerraCycle for recycling. The company then makes the used material into consumer products such as backpacks and messenger bags, flowerpots, office binders, etc. Points are earned by weight for each item brought in and the individual, group, school or community can then redeem those points for TerraCycle products or even for cash to go to their favorite charity or school. There are points programs that can provide meals to hungry Americans, provide school supplies to children in need, preserve wildlife and help to pay for the planting of trees, etc.

TerraCycle works with more than 100 major brands in the U.S. and 22 countries overseas to collect difficult to recycle products that would otherwise be destined for the landfill. It repurposes that waste into new, innovative materials and products that are available online and through major retailers (like Wal-mart).

The benefits of recycling by sending items to TerraCycle are clear: 99% of the total material flow in the US becomes garbage within 6 months. That’s a lot of waste. For recyclables, many municipalities have the infrastructure to process and repurpose it. But for non-recyclables (such as potato bag chips, juice pouches, etc.) the materials are sent to either a landfill or an incinerator. By sending garbage to TerraCycle, the waste is not landfilled or incinerated. Instead, new products are made with the collected garbage, reducing the need to extract new materials from the planet and the subsequent environmental impact that results. This impact is often not small; for an average cotton pencil case, 91.1% of the carbon emissions associated with this product come from raw materials processing (the harvesting of the cotton and the weaving of it into textiles). By TerraCycle making that pencil case out of garbage instead of cotton, it reduces carbon emissions and also natural resource depletion of the cotton, as well as water usage to process the cotton and the ecosystem stays healthier. The added bonus to buying TerraCycle products is that when you are done with your item you can send it back to be recycled all over again instead of it taking up landfill space or creating pollution by being incinerated. How cool is that??? Visit www.terracycle.com today!



TerraCycle turns your trash into treasure.
You get something useful in return!



Tire Amnesty Collection

Event: Saturday, April 15, 2017
from 8 a.m. until Noon. For
Preble County Residents
Only.

Bring up to ten tires to be
recycled for free!

(Limit of four of the ten tires
can be farm, semi, or agricul-
tural).

You must pre-register for an
appointment.

Call Beth at 937-456-6880
during the week of Monday,
April 3, 2017 through Friday
April 7, 2017 to Make Your
Appointment.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to
4:30 pm. No Tires on Rims!

We now have a new House-
hold Hazardous Waste Collec-
tion trailer at the landfill.
Twice the space! Bring in
chemicals, oil-based paint,
used motor oil, cleaners, fluo-
rescent bulbs, etc.!



Earth-Friendly Spring Cleaning and Recycling Tips:

Spring is nearly here! It is a great time to de-clutter, , recycle and get some spring cleaning done in your home or office. Here are some tips for de-cluttering and recycling this Spring!

De-cluttering, Spring Cleaning and Recycling

Reduce: Go room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-by-closet and group the items that you haven't used in a while. If you cannot remember that last time you used it, or you forgot that you had it, it is a good sign that it is time to pass it on. Reducing waste and clutter in your home could also include unsubscribing from junk mail lists and credit card offers.

Reuse: Avoid the "throw it away" mentality and think about how the item can get re-used. Can old furniture be re-finished or re-upholstered? Are there creative uses for the item that you haven't thought of? Old fabrics could be used as rags and last year's birthday or Christmas cards could be used for art projects for the kids. Flip that office paper over and use the other side for scratch paper or art paper for the kids.

Recycle: As you are spring cleaning, look around your home and office to see how you can better set it up for easy recycling. For instance, is there a place in the bathroom or upstairs to put recyclables, like toilet paper rolls, paper, and plastic shampoo bottles? Is your workplace's lunchroom set up for easy recycling for plastics, aluminum, glass, and paper? There are a lot of items that commonly do not make it to be recycled because people just forgot to do it or did not know that the item was recyclable.

Donate or Sell: There are probably plenty of items that you don't need or want anymore, but someone else would appreciate. If you think the item has value, try selling it at a garage sale, swap and sell site, or on an online site like eBay. Donating your items to places like Goodwill, or a local clothing drive will help to give the items new life.

Avoid Waste: When doing your spring cleaning, aim for zero waste. For instance, instead of using paper towels to clean your windows, use old or washable towels or even newspaper. Instead of buying plastic bags for your trash, utilize any leftover plastic bags from the grocery or discount store.

Watch for Community Drives: During the Spring and also at other times of the year, local communities and recycling centers may have recycling or special collection events (like Preble County Solid Waste District's tire amnesty collection event— see details in grey sidebar), where they welcome and encourage recycling or disposal of certain items from clothing to electronics, or even large appliances. Sometimes it can be difficult to know what to do with certain items so that they can be reused, recycled, or disposed of properly and these events help to make it easy. Visit www.preblecountyrecycles.org for detailed instructions on what you can recycle and where you can recycle in Preble County. ***Article adaptation from harmony1.com.**