

THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators



Spring, 2019

Let's Clean Up!



The 2019 Great American Cleanup begins taking registrations on Feb. 25. School groups, 4-H clubs, Boy Scout troops, and other volunteers are needed to help with this effort to improve our community. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual litter pickup, beautification, and community improvement program.

During the 2018 Great American Cleanup, volunteers picked up enough litter from public places in Clark County to fill more than 630 trash bags. We hope this year's Cleanup will remove even more trash and debris from our public spaces and make Clark County truly clean and green.

In 2018, the Great American Cleanup enlisted 1,279 volunteers in Clark County. Those people – both children and adults – gave 1,279 hours of their time.

School groups play a major role in the Great American Cleanup. Participating in the Cleanup can be an extension of classroom lessons about community service, nature, and the environment.

Keep Clark County Beautiful, the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, sponsors the Great American Cleanup in Clark County.



Volunteers cleaning up along sidewalks and public spaces during the Downtown Cleanup in April 2018.

Join the Great American Cleanup

- Organize a group of volunteers, then pick a public place and a date (from March 1 through May 31) to clean it up.
- KCCB will provide each group with trash bags and gloves, a token prize for each volunteer, and help with pickup of collected litter, if needed.
- Register by filling out the form on page 2. You can also call 521-2021 to register.

The Clark County Solid Waste District is dedicated to providing resources and learning opportunities to promote waste reduction practices.

For information about the programs in this newsletter, contact Sam Perin at: 521-2022, or by mail at 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504 or e-mail at sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov.

ART CONTEST

High school students can enter a contest to design a decorated rain barrel for Keep Clark County Beautiful. The winning student will win prizes for his/her class or club.

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KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP



Register any time from February 25 through May 24, 2018.

Complete this form and return it to :

Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45504

You can also fax to (937) 327-6648, or scan & email to lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov

Contact Name

Group name (if any)

Address

City / Zip

Phone

Email

Number of adult volunteers: _____ number of children: _____ Date of your cleanup: _____
(must be during March 1-May 31)

Location of your cleanup (public places only): _____

Date you will pick up supplies: (must be during Feb. 25-May 24) _____

Please circle the location where your group will pick up supplies:

Pickups are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Moorefield Twp., which is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

1. Clark Co. Solid Waste District
1602 W. Main St.
Springfield
(937) 521-2023

2. City of New Carlisle
331 S. Church St.
New Carlisle
(937) 845-9492

3. Moorefield Township
1616 Moorefield Rd.
Springfield
(937) 390-9972

Questions? Call (937) 521-2021

Individual Classroom Education Programs Now Available

We welcome Program Specialist Sam Perin to the Clark County Solid Waste District. We are proud to offer a wide variety of new education programs. The new programs are designed to promote recycling as well as conserving natural resources.

The benefit to teachers is that the programs are specific to each grade level and they also meet various standards in the Ohio Department of Education's Learning Standards and Model Curriculum. Although the education components of the programs focus more on standards within the science curriculum, they also branch out to cover standards in both the social studies and math curriculums as well. This way recycling education can help teachers' lesson plans by adding supplemental information to lessons they are already teaching.

A brochure with a detailed list of these new recycling education programs for grades K-8 has been included in this newsletter as an insert. If you are interested in scheduling a program please contact Sam Perin at 937-521-2022 or by email at sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov.

We also have programs available for high school and college students. Please contact Sam to discuss what type of program works best for these audiences.

If you are member of a group, organization, or just want to learn more about the recycling opportunities available in Clark County, contact Sam to schedule a program, presentation, or answer whatever questions you might have.

Art contest for high school students

Local high school students can enter a contest to design a painted rain barrel that will promote beautification. Keep Clark County Beautiful will raffle the decorated barrel to raise funds for its beautification projects and to raise awareness about the value of rain barrels. The winning class or club would be recognized at raffle events and also will receive a pizza party and \$200 in art supplies.

Designs should showcase themes of recycling and beautification. The primary quality of the design should be aesthetic, i.e., it should be beautiful. In 2018 a rain barrel (shown here) was designed by



students at Emmanuel Christian Academy.

Designs will need to be done on a sheet 12 inches high by 26 inches wide to make the correct dimensions to cover the rain barrel. Every individual in a class/club can submit a design or a group can submit a joint effort. Entries will be due by March 1.

The winner will be announced by April 1, and the winning club/class will then be expected to paint its design on the rain barrel by May 1.

Get more details by calling Bonnie Martens at 521-2025.

KCCB seeks youth representative

The Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) board is seeking a youth representative. Any Clark County high school student with a GPA of at least 3.0 (on 4-point scale) is eligible.

The youth representative will be expected to attend board meetings six times a year, serve on a subcommittee, and volunteer for events as available. The term is from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

KCCB is the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest volunteer-based

organization, that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

Applications for this position are available through high school counselors or by calling Sam Perin at 521-2022.

Candidates should apply by **April 12** to Sam Perin, Keep Clark County Beautiful, 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504. If applying electronically, send your email by 5 p.m. April 12 to sperin@clarkcountyohio.gov.

Decorate grocery bags for Earth Day

Meijer stores will distribute the paper sacks to shoppers the week of April 15-22

A paper grocery bag can become a medium for a young person's environmental message in the Earth Day Groceries Project. The Clark County Solid Waste District works with Meijer to provide the bags.

To participate in this free activity, a school or other organization should designate a coordinator and fill out the form below. Requests should be made **no later than Feb. 22**. Call Linda Mitchell at 521-2023, or email to lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov.

The paper grocery bags will be delivered to your school the week of March 4-8. Once the bags are decorated, someone from your school should take them to the Meijer store during the week of April 8-12. The store will distribute the bags to shoppers during the week of Earth Day, April 22-28.

The Solid Waste District distributed a little over 3,000 bags to 14 schools and Project Jericho in 2018. Thousands more participated in this project nationwide.

Students can be as creative as they want in sharing their thoughts on how to respect the Earth. We do ask that teachers review what students create to be sure the message is a positive one. For ideas, check out www.earthdaybags.org.



Third-graders from Emmanuel Christian Academy show off the grocery bags they decorated with environmental messages for Earth Day 2018.

This activity is also open to organizations other than schools. Cub Scout packs, 4-H groups, home-schooling groups, after-school programs, and many others can join in. All are welcome!

Earth Day Grocery Bag Request

School/Group: _____ Contact: _____

Complete Address: _____

Bag Delivery Instructions, if any: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

When is your spring break? _____

of students participating _____ # of bags requested _____

Call 521-2023 or email: lmitchell@clarkcountyohio.gov to participate.

Please call or email no later than February 22.