# Reducing and Reusing

Join the Pike County Solid Waste Management District in practicing the 3 R's – reduce, reuse, and recycle. Help us conserve natural resources and prevent climate change. Most importantly, it helps us ensure that future generations have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, as well as forests, fields, and beaches to enjoy.

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy: raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated and then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment, and save money.

## Benefits of Reducing and Reusing

- Prevents pollution caused by reducing the need to harvest new raw materials.
- Saves energy.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emission that contributes to global climate change.
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations.
- Saves money.
- Reduces the amount of waste that will need to be recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators.
- Allows products to be used to their fullest extent.

## Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse

- Buy Used. You can find everything from clothes to building materials at specialized reuse centers and consignment shops. Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new.
- Look for products that use less packaging. When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. This reduces waste and cost. These extra savings can be passed along to the consumer. Buying in bulk, for example, can reduce packaging and save money.
- Buy reusable over disposable items. Look for items that can be reused; the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work rather than using disposable items.
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- Maintain and repair products, like clothing, tires, and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.
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- Donating or selling unwanted things instead of discarding them. Not only will you be reducing waste, but you will also be helping others. Local churches, community centers, thrift stores, schools, and nonprofit organizations may accept a variety of donated items, including used books, working electronics, and unneeded furniture.

## Recycling

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away and trash and turning them into new products. Recycling can benefit your community and the environment.

## Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Prevents pollution caused by reducing the need to collect new raw material.
- Saves energy.
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations.
- Helps create new well-paying jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States.

Help the Pike County Solid Waste Management District in practicing the 3 R's. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Please use your local Recycling Drop-Off Centers.



### **Recycling Drop-Off Site Locations**

#### Village of Beaver

The Corner of 1st Street and Eastern Avenue Beaver, Ohio 45613

#### **Beaver Township Building**

28 Vulgamore Road Beaver, Ohio 45613

#### **Benton Township**

Williams Hardware Store 13192 OH-124 Piketon, OH 45661

### Bristol Village Drop-Off

7<sup>th</sup> Street – Bristol Village Waverly, Ohio 45690

#### Camp Creek Township Building

14 Spunk Run Road Lucasville, Ohio 45648

#### **Community Action Committee**

941 Market Street Piketon, Ohio 45661

#### **Jackson Township Firehouse**

2111 St. Rt. 335 – Omega Waverly, Ohio 45690

#### **Marion Township Youth Center**

Old Stockdale School Lot Stockdale, Ohio 45683

#### Mifflin Township Garage

5236 SR 124 Latham, Ohio 45646

#### Pebble Township Firehouse

330 Carl Penn Road Waverly, Ohio 45690

### Pee Pee Township/Village of Waverly

Pike County Government Center 230 Waverly Plaza (Kroger parking lot) Waverly, Ohio 45690

## Perry Township Garage

2623 State Route 41 Cynthiana, Ohio 45624

#### Village of Piketon Pike County Fairgrounds

311 Mill Street Piketon, Ohio 45661

#### Scioto Township Firehouse

253 Wakefield Mound Road Wakefield, Ohio 45687

#### Seal Township Garage

12032 SR 220 Waverly, Ohio 45690

#### **Union Township Building**

Corner of Adams and Germany Road Beaver, Ohio 45613

## **Recycling Bin Instructions**

# Please Help Us Recycle Successfully by **Using These Recycling Bin Instructions**

### **PAPER**

Magazine Junk Mail **Envelopes** Newspapers **Flyers Brochures** Writing, Typing and **Computer Paper Paperback Books** 

#### Separation:

Must only put clean dry paper into the bin

#### **Items not accepted:**

Wet, waxed, or soiled paper Used paper towels and plates Carbon paper Hard back books

### Metals

**Aluminum Beverage Cans Metal Food Cans Aerosol Spray Cans Aluminum Foil** 

### Preparation:

**Empty and Rinse to** remove all residue.

## Items not accepted:

Cans used for chemicals or paints.

#### **DO NOT**

Put the following materials into the recycling collection bins:

Liquids, Food, Glass, Waste, Wax paper products, Fabrics, Wood, Styrofoam Carpet, Furniture, or Mattresses

### CARDBOARD

**Corrugated Boxes Paper Tubes** Wrapping Paper **Cereal Boxes File Folders Poster Bards** 

## **Preparation:**

Flatten Boxes. Remove plastic or waxed paper liners and all Styrofoam packaging material.

### Items not accepted:

Wet, soiled, or waxed cardboard Wax coated food/beverage containers (Juice, milk, ice cream, etc.

### **Plastics**

Plastic Jugs used for Milk, Juice, Soap and Soft Drinks, **Plastic Household Cleaning** Containers (Bottles/Jugs) and No. 5 Plastics

#### Preparation:

**Empty and Rinse containers** to remove all residue.

Polyvinyl sheeting

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**Plastic Toys** 

**Items not accepted:** Containers used for chemicals or automotive products (Oil, antifreeze, etc.) Rubber products Styrofoam cups/plates and packing materials Photographic film **Plastic bags** 

Heat shrink wrapping **Plastic food Containers of** Plastic planting pots/trays of

## Want to Learn More?

Contact Pike County Solid Waste Management, Pike County General Heath District, or Ohio EPA office.

Pike County Solid Waste District http://pikecountydevelopment.com

Pike County General Health District http://www.pike-health.org

OSU Extension http://ohioline.osu.edu

Ohio EPA

http://epa.ohio.gov

Information from the Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center

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