

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

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Introduction

The Solid Waste & Recycling Department is responsible for all solid waste and recycling service delivery for the residents of Oldham County. The Department also addresses illegal dumping, permitting of waste haulers, and preparation of the annual State report and implementation of the Solid Waste Five-Year Plan.

Agency Programs

1. Recycling Center
 - a. Non-staffed drop-off facility – accepts electronic items year-round
 - b. Available 24-hours
 - c. All residents of County who do not have or wish to participate in curbside recycling and all for electronic recycling as well as lead acid and dry cell batteries
 - d. General Fund
 - e. Watershed Management Role – become familiar with what Center accepts and promote recycling whenever possible

NOTE: Solid Waste is responsible for the collection of recyclables for the Oldham County School System and Oldham County Government facilities. Fiber and Co-mingled materials are collected weekly.

2. Garbage Collection
 - a. Provided to the unincorporated areas of Oldham County under a franchise agreement with a private waste hauler – incorporated cities may join as well – Crestwood has folded into the agreement
 - b. Once/week garbage & yard waste collection as well as one bulky item
 - c. Noted above
 - d. Subscription based – billed quarterly to residents by contractor
 - e. Watershed Management Role – encourage recycling and proper disposal of household hazardous waste through annual event and utilize take-back programs such as CFL's and rechargeable batteries offered by businesses.
3. Litter Abatement Program
 - a. Roadside litter pickup program utilizing non-profit groups
 - b. Annual – Calendar Year
 - c. N/A
 - d. State funds
 - e. Watershed Management Role – inform Solid Waste Director of any littered roads – assist in educating the public about the negative effects of littering to change behavioral patterns.

- Two-day electronic collection event held after Christmas – staffed to assist public with excessive or large items obsolete after replacement
- Two-day junk drop-off event – funded by garbage contractor

- Shredding event held to assist with identify theft prevention – paper is recycled as well as cardboard boxes – time and equipment donated by A+ Paper Shredding
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection event – funded by State grant and 25% match from Solid Waste and Storm Water Management
- Planning stages for a drug medication collection program for expired or unused medications for proper disposal rather than flushing down sinks or toilets

Watershed Plan Engagement Opportunities

1. Education
2. Identification of BMPs
3. Partnering

Resources

1. www.oldhamcounty.net
2. Five-Year Solid Waste Plan
3. Ordinances governing Solid Waste
4. Identify Theft Information
5. Fact Sheets on HHW alternatives, how, what and where to recycle and recycling “did you know” facts

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