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FY2012 DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 09/02/11—Preliminary applications for small grant projects due
- 09/23/11 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for small grant projects due in MMSWMD office
- 11/11/11—Preliminary applications for large projects (no small projects considered this process)
- 01/04/12 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for large projects only due in MMSWMD office
- 03/02/12—Preliminary applications for small grant projects due
- 03/23/12 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for small grant projects due

HHW attendants receive recertification

There are four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities in operation in Region H. They are located in Audrain, Boone, Callaway, and Cole counties. The cities that house one of these facilities have employees that must be trained to properly handle HHW that residents drop off. After receiving the initial 3-day training a year ago, employees that took the course must be recertified every year. This took place Tuesday, September 20th in Fulton.

Thirty HHW workers from Audrain, Boone, and Callaway Counties attended the recertification training provided by Dave Epema of Midwest Environmental Services. Cole County workers received their recertification from their local LEPC on September 19th.

Next year, two additional HHW facilities are targeted to open in Fayette and Tipton. Training on how to handle HHW will be given to employees before these facilities open.



Creek Clean Ups in Region H

On October 1st, the **City of Jefferson** hosted their first annual Wears Creek Clean Up. A group of volunteers were provided gloves, bags, and other supplies to pick up and safely handle waste. After the three hour event concluded, lunch was provided along with entertainment and 'green-friendly' booths to visit.

The **City of Columbia** will be hosting their annual Hinkson Creek Clean Up on Saturday, October 8th. Beginning at 10am, trained staff will escort volunteers through several miles of the creeks bank to collect waste that has been neglectfully dumped into it. Please visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com for additional info.

Thank you to both the City of Jefferson and Columbia for organizing these great events and bringing awareness to their communities!



Game Day Sustainability

There are many ways to incorporate recycling at your University, College, and High School football games. Some take more long range planning than others, but here are some potential ideas to implement this academic year:

- Purchase reusable plastic cups and have them printed with your school logo or mantra for concession beverages. They make great souvenirs, promotes team spirit and reduces game day waste going to the landfill.
- Place recycle bins near solid waste receptacles. Promote using the recycle bins via announcements and on your Jumbotron. Having recycle bins near trash cans make it convenient for patrons.
- Donate unused concession foods to your local food bank or pantry to eliminate it going to the landfill. You also feed those in need.

Support your local Habitat for Humanity!

Your local Habitat for Humanity is a great way to give back to your community. Not only are you able to recycle your unwanted items like furniture, appliances, clothes, and other household items, you are raising funds for the construction of a home for those in need. The resale of your donated goods makes this happen!

District News

Tire and Ewaste

Collection in Callaway County

It was a rainy Saturday, but Callaway County collected over 25 tons of tires in Fulton on September 17th. ABC Tire was on hand along with four volunteers to greet residents and load up their unwanted scrap tires. Tires collected are transported to a facility in Kansas City that shreds them into material that can be used for mulch or playground surfaces.

Also present to collect electronic waste was Mid Missouri Recycling of Columbia. 4.29 tons of electronic waste made up of things like TV's, computers, telephones, and VCR's were accepted.



Presiding Commissioner, Gary Jungermann helps get tires prepared for loading.

District Manager Speaks at Rotary Club

MMSWMD Manager, DeAnna Trass, was invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Columbia on September 21st. They were interested in learning more about who Region H is and what we do for our communities. Ms. Trass gave a brief 20 minute presentation resulting in many good questions. MMSWMD appreciates the time the Rotary Club gave us in helping educate the public about our organization and it's benefits.



MDNR announces their FY2012

Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants

Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants are available annually for the cost and delivery of scrap tire surface material for playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails or other surfacing projects approved by the department.

There are two categories under which grants will be awarded:

- Non-playground Scrap Tire Surface Material Grant – Approximately \$200,000 is available.
- Playground Scrap Tire Surface Material Grant – Approximately \$200,000 is also available.

For more information about what types of organizations qualify for grant funding through MDNR, visit dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm.

MMSWMD encourages and supports organizations in Region H to apply.

Fall 2011 MMSWMD Collection Events

On these Saturdays,
9:00am-1:00pm

October 15—Audrain County
Tire & Electronic Waste Collection
221 S. Morris
Mexico, MO

October 29 — Boone County
Tire & Electronic Waste Collection
Boone County Fairgrounds
Columbia, MO

America Recycles Day November 15th, 2011

Take this day to motivate and educate your friends, neighbors and community leaders about the benefits of recycling.

www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org

Thank you!

There were 15 that attended our grant writing workshops on both August 17th & 25th

I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas!



Not many people want to think about it, but it's pushing "that" time of year.....Christmas. Don't get us wrong, it is a great time to get together with family and celebrate the meaning of the holiday, but the merchandizing side of it can sometimes be a headache and not so friendly to the environment. Put the green in Christmas with these eco-friendly ideas provided by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources:

- Buy rechargeable batteries for electronic gifts and encourage proper disposal for when it becomes necessary.
- Give gifts made of recyclable materials. Things like craft projects made of reclaimed wood, welcome mat constructed from old tires, items made from recycled plastic bottles, or clothing.
- Don't give too much. Less stuff means less waste to end up in the landfill. What gifts you do give, use recyclable bags and wrapping paper.
- Buy high quality or durable goods. This may be a bigger hit to the pocketbook, but a better quality, durable product may last longer and reduce the amount of waste ending up in the landfill.
- Give gifts that promote life-style change: cloth napkins and matching tablecloth, stationary made of recycled paper, cloth shopping bags, or a recycle bin.
- Receive a gift shipped to you from a family member? Does it have packing peanuts or bubble wrap? Take these items to your local mailing or shipping store so they may reuse it.

For additional green ideas for the holidays, including ones regarding your Christmas Tree disposal, visit: <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/pubs-reports/holiday.htm>

City of Vandalia opens new Playground

In August, the City of Vandalia completed their MMSWMD grant funded project to install ADA compliant playground equipment and fall zone material at Tri County Park. \$5,000 was awarded toward the purchase and placement of this equipment. The activity center is made of recycled structural plastic that is nontoxic with no splintering and is flame, rot, and fungus resistant. It is geared for children ages 2-5. Old park benches made of wood were also replaced with new ones made of recycled material with this grant.



The tan and green equipment in the foreground was purchased with MMSWMD funding along with the washed pea gravel that covers the fall

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