

# Window to Waste

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## Summit attendees agree biggest challenges are “Education” and “Infrastructure”

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the MMSWMD Executive Board was pleased to welcome approximately 55 participants from universities, colleges, recyclers and sheltered workshops to their third recycle summit. The objective was to foster discussion between them about challenges and successes in the business of recycling.

Scott Ammon, Assistant Professor of Safety Sciences at the University of Central Missouri, started the festivities with a talk on the EPA’s Resource Conservation Challenge and composting programs as a way to increase diversion.

After Mr. Ammon’s presentation, Executive Board Vice Chair Tom Groves suggested a free form discussion in which participants were encouraged to share whatever challenges or triumphs came to mind. Kelley Hill from Fayette began the conversation stating that recycling levels remain low in Howard County. All agreed that education was needed and the school system was a good place to start; educated children not only grow up to be recyclers, but they encourage their parents to participate.

On the subject of improving diversion in the schools, Corey Toebben of New World Recycling expressed his concern that bins at schools were not



**Ruth Anne Parrott discusses recycling in schools with Mark Robinett & Corey Toebben.**

fully utilized. There seemed to be a disconnect between the superintendent who allowed him to place his bins and the teachers who were in charge of the classrooms. Summit participants dissected this to a problem of infrastructure; Mr. Toebben had dumpsters in the parking lot, but nothing in the classrooms to collect the materials.

Gary Ryan of Ryan Enterprises noted that one of the things that makes land filling cheaper than recycling is that infrastructure already exists for trash. Novy Foland from Endless Options also pointed out the need when he said that “Americans are lazy, we have to find a way to make it convenient for people [to recycle]”. In the end, infrastructure and education were the hot topics of this summit. Many participants remarked that this was a discussion that needs to continue.

## FY2011 DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 11/12/10—Preliminary applications for large projects (no small projects considered this process)
- 01/05/11 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for large projects only due in MMSWMD office
- 03/04/11—(Optional) Preliminary applications for small grant projects due
- 03/25/11 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for small grant projects due

To receive a packet in the mail or for additional information, contact:

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## Save the Date! Saturday, October 16th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Howard County Recycles HHW and Electronic Waste

On October 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., residents may bring their household hazardous waste and electronic waste to recycle at the Howard County Road and Bridge Maintenance Building, 349 Highway 240, in Fayette, MO. Residents bringing household hazardous waste must pre-register at least 48 hours prior to the event (by October 14). To register, call 573-874-7574 or register online at [www.mmswmd.org](http://www.mmswmd.org). Acceptable items to bring to the collection are posted at the website [[www.mmswmd.org](http://www.mmswmd.org)].

This event is open to residents of households and farms in the counties of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau and Osage. Partners include the Howard County Commission, City of Fayette, Howard County Recycle Committee, Pollution Control Industries, Inc. and Mid-Missouri Recycling. This project is funded by a grant from the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District and approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



# District News

## District Trained for Household Hazardous Waste Operations



The City of Fulton offered their brand new facility to be used for the mock HHW collection as part of the 24 hour Hazwoper training course.

As of September 22nd, 46 more people in the District are prepared to participate in Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections. As part of the contract with PSC Environmental, the District coordinated a 24-hour Hazwoper (hazardous waste operations/emergency response) certification class from September 20-22.

Dave Epema of Midwest Environmental Consultants, went through basic safety and EPA/DOT regulations about hazardous waste. Gil Kauffman of PSC concluded the training with instruction on HHW collection events, bulking, and lab packing. The grand finale was a mock collection at the city of Fulton's new HHW facility which is scheduled to open October 9th.



Two Fulton firemen assist Debbie Backus, Cole County, with a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.



Eric Wyss and Mr. Epema demonstrate Level A PPE.

## Spring 2011 MMSWMD Collection Events

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

**May 14**—Moniteau County Scrap Tire & Electronic Waste Collection in California, MO

**May 21**—Cooper County Scrap Tire & Electronic Waste Collection in Boonville, MO

**June 25** — Osage County Scrap Tire & Electronic Waste Collection in Linn, MO

## November 15th, America Recycles Day

Keep America Beautiful launches America Recycles Day website.

To get involved in making recycling work in your community, go to [www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org](http://www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)

Did you know the MMSWMD is offering classroom recycling presentations this Fall?

To request a recycling presentation for your student group, call 573-874-7574 or submit your request online at: <http://www.mmswmd.org/about/request-a-presentation/>

Notice: The Missouri Department of Natural Resources plans to announce its call for scrap tire surface material grant applications in mid-November 2010. Watch for details coming soon.



### **MMSWMD welcomes Jessica Sapp as new Administrative Assistant**

If you have called or visited the District office recently, you have already met Jessica .

Jessica joined the District staff on September 7th; she worked previously at the Boone County Commission office in Columbia.

### **Do you have items to recycle and you're not sure where to take them?**

A "Guide to Recycling in Mid-Missouri" is available on line at [www.mmswmd.org](http://www.mmswmd.org); this guide lists outlets for many items that can be recycled within the District's eight counties of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau and Osage.

## **Residents recycled 21 tons of waste at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Hyde Park Collection**

The District teamed up with the City of Jefferson and Cole County to host this household hazardous waste and electronic waste collection event, which kept 21 tons of materials out of the Jefferson City landfill.

Mid-Missouri Recycling collected 9.74 tons of electronic waste from 179 cars. Pollution Control Industries, Inc. packaged and transported over 10 tons of household hazardous waste to their Memphis processing facility for recycling. September 25<sup>th</sup> was also "National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day". City and County law enforcement officers were present to accept resident's unwanted pharmaceuticals and medicines for proper disposal. Over 300 citizens participated in the pharmaceutical and household hazardous chemical collections.



**Chemicals were packed into boxes and drums for transport while volunteers bulked 300 gallons of latex paint to be filtered and reused locally. Lead acid batteries and waste oil will be recycled locally.**



**City and county volunteers emptied vehicles filled with paint, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, oil, cleaning products and other household chemical wastes.**

The District appreciates the overwhelming support of citizens who participated in this collection, and, of course, the hard-working volunteers. A permanent Cole County/City of Jefferson household chemical facility is scheduled to open in early Spring 2011. Residents who missed the Hyde Park collection event are encouraged to watch for future announcements of the new facility opening.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Partners include the Cole County Commission, the City of Jefferson, Pollution Control Industries and Mid-Missouri Recycling.

## The House That Cans Built



**This house, located at 815 Montana in Jefferson City, will be the proud home of a young woman and her daughter in what Habitat for Humanity calls “a hand up, not a hand out”.**

For the last 7 years, the River City Habitat for Humanity’s Aluminum Can Recycling Program has been recycling cans for money. The cans were collected at 15 can cottages (shed type bins located outside businesses) and 30-40 bins inside businesses. The money earned has been saved - until recently.

This year, Chairwomen Rayma Grohs and Carol Scott realized that they had enough money to sponsor a house. Since it began in July of 2003, the program has recycled over 3 million cans that Ms. Scott says are “so easy to throw away, but powerful when added up.” Through countless volunteer hours they have raised \$45,000, which will be paid back by the homeowner with a 20 year no interest loan.

The Can Cottage Program was the recipient of District Grant #2010018, which will fund the construction of four new can cottages 11-14.

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