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Woodward Township Recycling Site Closed

On May 8, 2006, the Woodward Township recycling site was closed due to illegal dumping. This site has been an item of discussion between the Solid Waste Authority and Township for the past several years and finally both parties agreed that it was time to close the site. The Woodward Township site typically generated close to 100 tons or 200,000 pounds of material each year. The term "material" is used because approximately 15 percent or 30,000 pounds was typically trash and ended up in the landfill.

The recycling site was setup to accept aluminum & tin cans, plastic bottles & jugs, glass bottles & jars, newspaper, and corrugated cardboard. For some reason certain people used the site as their own garbage can. The following is a partial list of the "non-recyclables" that have been left at the site: plastic lawn chairs, plastic sandboxes, car tires, sneakers, fish remains, bags of household trash, car parts, glass dishes, dirty diapers, the list could go on and on. Maybe the instructions are not clear, plastic bottles does not mean plastic lawn chairs even though they are both made of plastic! But seriously, there is a growing trend of this type of activity in the County and until we all take some type of action this abuse of the recycling program is not going to stop. Statistics show that 90 percent of the people who recycle are doing the right thing, however it is the other 10 percent that is causing the problem. So if you observe an illegal activity at one of the county recycling sites please write down the license plate number and send the information to our office. All reports will be kept confidential.



2006 John B. Hoy, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Authority is pleased to announce the recipients of two \$1,500 John B. Hoy, Jr. Memorial Scholarships. The environmental scholarships have been awarded to Clinton County High School students graduating during the 2005-2006 school year. The first recipient is Lori Dotterer who will be attending Mansfield University and majoring in biology. The second recipient is Lindsay Gould who will be attending Penn State University and also majoring in biology.

Clinton County Residential Tire Collection Event

On Friday, May 19th from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, May 20th from 8 am to 12 pm the Authority held another Residential Tire Collection Event. During recent years these events have collected more than 18,000 tires. This year's event allowed Clinton County residents to bring in up to 12 tires free of charge. If more than 12 tires were on the load, then charges applied, according to our daily price for tires.

The event was very successful. Residents from 25 of 29 municipalities participated and 306 vehicles came through the recycling facility. The event collected 4,715 tires.

The Authority would also like to remind residents that this is not an annual event. It is better for the environment if you dispose of tires on a regular basis. The price to dispose of tires at the landfill if you are a Clinton County resident is \$1.00 per tire without a rim and \$1.50 per tire with a rim, and \$4.00 per tire for large truck or tractor tires (greater than 17"). Residents outside of Clinton County will need to inquire about our daily tire prices. Please feel free to contact us for more information regarding tire disposal.



Message from the General Manager:

Spring is a busy time at the Wayne Twp. Landfill. We are working on several projects on and off-site.

On-site projects include cleaning up after the long winter, regrading areas landfilled over the winter, seeding and mulching, keeping up with mulch customers, scheduling our trucks which haul waste for our customers outside of the local area and maintaining day to day operations. We recently installed a floating cover over our leachate pond to minimize precipitation entering the leachate collection system. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have conducted our 4th free tire collection event at the landfill. Please read the article in this newsletter to see the results of this year's event.

Off-site the big project is the regional sewer by-pass holding tank and pump station. The Authority chose to step up to the plate on this issue with several things in mind. The first being without new growth in the County, the courthouse and the school district would be in an even tougher situation to make ends meet, which would make for a bad situation for all tax payers in the County. New tax base is needed in Clinton County and this only comes from growth. With this new tank the sewer tap-ons that have been restricted throughout the Lock Haven sewage treatment plant system will be lifted. This is the green light for new industrial and residential growth and this is the new tax base that is needed in the County. We hope that our efforts will assist in creating a regional approach to resolving not only the area's sewage needs but also the much needed development in the most economically feasible way possible.

We have also been putting extra effort into increasing our recycling volumes and our County recycling rate. The main way to make this happen is to expand our customer base. We are working at increasing our commercial recycling program and our residential curbside program. We would like to increase the County recycling rate by 2 percent in 2006, from 31 percent to 33 percent. In 2005 the County diverted approximately 11,000 tons of material from the waste stream for recycling purposes. This alone saved approximately 1 month of air space in the landfill this past year.

You may have read that we are in the early stages of redeveloping the north side of our landfill to add life to the facility. We are currently planning and preparing the application to request a permit to utilize the old closed landfill over again instead of looking for new land around the County to build a new landfill. This is looked at as recycling the old landfill. The basic concept is to initially excavate and transfer waste from a 5 acre parcel of the old landfill to the current landfill. Once the trash has been removed the area would be prepared for the installation of a state-of-art landfill liner system, similar to what has been installed for our active landfill. This construction method will continue in 5-acre increments until we develop the entire North Side. This is a very big project and when permitted could take several years to accomplish the initial phase. We are excited about the future of this project and the benefits it can bring to our community.

Thank you for your time and business, and if we can be of any assistance to you or your business please feel free to call.

*Jay Alexander
General Manager*

Brush & Yard Waste and Mulch

With the change of seasons everyone is cleaning up from winter and that means yard work. If you have brush and yard waste excluding grass clippings, the Authority would like to suggest that you recycle that material at our mulch facility. There is no charge for dropping your brush and yard waste at the landfill. We just ask residents to stop at the office and sign in so we know you are on site and then sign out before you leave.

And for your one stop shopping needs you can pick up a load of mulch from the mulch facility on your way out. This year we have two types of double ground mulch products, natural and colored. Our natural mulch (#1) for \$13.00 per cubic yard and our colored (red or dark brown) mulch (#2) is sold for \$22.00 per cubic yard. We can also deliver mulch to your location for a nominal fee.

If you have questions about brush and yard waste or would like more information on the mulch and delivery service please contact us at 570-769-6977 or email us at ccswa@waynetwplandfill.com.



Mock Trash Net Held At Wayne Twp. Landfill

Routinely PA DEP, PA DOT and PA State Police conduct Trash Nets at landfills across the state to inspect trash haulers to be sure they are in compliance with state regulations. As a customer service, the Authority holds a surprise Mock Trash Net each year to help our customers stay in compliance. We look at the same issues as the real Trash Net, and then we send the results to the waste haulers.

On May 2, 2006 we held our mock trash net. This customer service has paid off for some. Unknowingly, the PA DEP held the real Trash Net on the very next day, Wednesday, May 3. Because the landfill did their part to help customers, only 4 violations were given and we had a 92% compliance rate, according to PA DEP.



REMINDERS

- **Mulch** – The Wayne Township Landfill continues to sell landscape mulch. Wayne Township Residents are allowed to receive up to 10 yards free with proof of residency.
- **Tours** – Tours of the landfill and recycling center are typically 1.5 to 2 hours long. If your group would like to schedule a tour please contact us at 570-769-6977 to make a reservation.

Mercury!!! Mercury!!! Mercury!!!



Mercury is a toxic substance that is harmful to both people and wildlife. Mercury can be found in fever thermometers, thermostats and switches. Mercury is safe while sealed in these devices. However, when these instruments are thrown away, mercury can then be exposed to the environment causing serious environmental hazards. Mercury is particularly harmful when products containing mercury are spilled, discarded down drains or incinerated as waste. Once in the air mercury falls back to the ground in rain or snow, which contaminates soil and water. This mercury then bioaccumulates (builds up) in organisms which becomes more concentrated as it travels up the food chain, in the tissues of fish and shellfish. Consumption of contaminated fish is a significant health concern.

For this reason the Authority is partnering with the PA Department of Environmental Protection to hold a mercury collection event. This event is scheduled for July 12 – 15, 2006 at the Authority's Recycling Facility. Please stay tuned for announcements in the local papers and on local radio stations as time draws near. If you have questions regarding mercury please visit the PA DEP web site at www.dep.state.pa.us. If you have questions regarding our mercury collection event please call us at 570-769-6977.



Clinton County CleanScapes

Enjoying scenic Northcentral PA can be greatly decreased when our waterways and landscapes are strewn with man-made trash so Clinton County CleanScapes (CCC), formally PA CleanWays of Clinton County, is here to help restore the natural beauty that surrounds us all. CCC is an active environmental non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping communities cleanup our waterways and landscapes in Centre, Clinton and Lycoming Counties since 2000. With the help of over 718 volunteers, CCC has initiated and cleaned up 46 sites by removing 802 tons of illegally discarded trash, recycled 3,349 tires and there is still more work to be done!

In addition to organizing cleanup events and being the official Litter Control Agency for Clinton County, CCC, is currently working on a new partnership with Penn Dot and Clinton County's Probation Services. Under this new program, citizens on probation will have the opportunity to perform their community service hours by removing debris from the Lamar interchange at Interstate 80. We all deserve debris-free waterways and landscapes and CCC is here to help. To learn how CCC can help you organize a cleanup event or report a littered area, or to review their upcoming cleanup events and volunteer opportunities, contact Project Director Elisabeth Lynch at 570-893-4123, elynch@clintoncountypa.com or www.clintoncountypa.com and click "PA CleanWays."

Clinton County Municipal Drop-Off Recycling Sites

CCSWA Recycling Center, McElhattan	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, MG, CB, OP, JM, P1 & P2, MO, BA		
Bald Eagle Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Beech Creek Borough Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Castanea Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Chapman Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
City of Lock Haven	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, MG, CB, OP, JM, P1 & P2		
Crawford Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Colebrook Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Greene Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Kettle Creek State Park	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP		
Lamar Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Leidy Township Building - Crossfork & Tamarack	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Loganton Borough Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Logan Township Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2		
Mill Hall Borough Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Pine Creek Township-Chatham Run & Harrisland	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Porter Township Community Building	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP		
Porter Township - Conservation District/Extension	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB, OP, MG, JM		
Swissdale United Methodist Church	CG, BG, GG, A/S/T, NP, P1 & P2, CB		
Woodward Township Route 664	CLOSED		
CG - Clear Glass	A/S/T - Alum, Steel, Tin cans	MG - Magazines	OP - Office Paper
BG - Brown Glass	NP - Newspaper	CB - Corrugated Cardboard	JM - Junk Mail
GG - Green Glass	P1 & P2 - #1 and #2 Plastics	MO - Motor Oil	BA - Vehicle Batteries

18th Annual SWANA Road-E-O

The Wayne Township Landfill had four participants compete in the 18th Annual SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) Landfill Equipment and Truck Driver's Road-E-O hosted by the Atlantic City Utilities Authority in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey on April 28, 2006.

Participants from the Mid-Atlantic, Keystone, and New Jersey SWANA Chapters competed in one or more of the following events: Compactor, Bulldozer, Articulated Haul Truck, Articulated Rubber Tire Loader, Backhoe, Transfer Trailer, Rear Loader, Front Loader, and Roll-Off.

The WTL entourage included Adam Scott, R.J. Conser, Jon Welsh, and Tyson Hagen. Adam Scott took first place in the Compactor Event and Jon Welsh took first place in the Bulldozer Event. Jon Welsh was also given first place as the overall competitor. Both Adam and Jon will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona in August to participate in the International SWANA Road-E-O.

Congratulations to all of our participants for doing a fantastic job.

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