

CAMPTON TOWNSHIP SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT . CTSWDD .

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What do we do?

The Campton Township Solid Waste District was established in 1990 by voter referendum. Our mission is to reduce the volume of trash which ends up in landfills, and to negotiate the most cost-effective and convenient means of solid waste disposal for the residents of Campton Township.

We hold meetings every other month and encourage the public to attend, we are a presence at local festivals and events, and are constantly on the lookout for information about new trends and options to pass on to our residents.

Our board consists of five volunteer trustees, appointed by the Campton Township Board for five-year terms. We receive no compensation for our service. Our trustees bring unique viewpoints from their varied backgrounds. We are pleased to be able to serve the residents of Campton Township.

You are encouraged to look at the entire contract which is posted on our website at www.ctswdd.com. If you have questions, please feel free to fill out the form available on the website or contact president@ctswdd.com. You may also address any concerns you may have about your service with Waste Management directly at 800-796-9696.

Paint - Do You Have Oil Or Latex Paint?

Latex Paint.

An easy way to know if it is latex paint is to look on the can at the cleaning instructions. If it says to clean up with water then you know you have latex paint. Unlike oil-based paints, which are considered HHW, today's latex (water-based) paint has a very low level of toxicity. Disposing of it as hazardous waste is unnecessary, so most facilities do not accept it. The Illinois EPA and Kane County encourage people with unwanted latex paint to use other options.

Buy a smaller can.

The best way to reduce waste is by buying only as much as you need.

Use it up.

Add an extra coat or paint something else. Use an old piece of cardboard, some scrap lumber, or the inside of your garage. Let the empty can dry and recycle it.

Recycle it.

Earth Paint Collection Systems (www.earthpaintscs.com or 847-231-6044) may have locations near you to recycle

unused paint. Recycle empty paint cans and lids; a thin coating of dried paint on the inside walls and bottom is OK. ReStore in Elgin will also take unopened/unused paint; 800 N State Street, Elgin, 847-742-9905.

Donate or share it.

Find a friend or neighbor who needs to paint a small area.

Dry it out.

Dried latex paint can be disposed of in your regular household trash. Add kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper and stir it in to help the paint dry more quickly. Once solidified, place cans in trash, lids off (in fact you can recycle the lids).

Store it for later.

If you want to save the leftover paint for touch-ups, just cover the opening with plastic wrap, and replace the lid securely by hammering it down.



Where Can I Recycle?



- Cell phones.
- Old TV's / Video cameras.
- Computer components.
- Hardcover books.
- Cameras.
- Microwave ovens.
- VCR tapes, CD's, DVD's, and Cases.
- Electronic office equipment.

At the monthly County drop-off behind the Circuit Clerk's Office at 540 Randall Road across from the Fairgrounds from 8am to 2pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, Jun. 8, Jul. 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Just because it's plastic... Doesn't mean you can recycle it!

..THESE CAN BE RECYCLED..



..BUT THESE CANNOT..



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CFL Bulbs and Batteries.

PLEASE remember not to dispose of them in your garbage! Take them to any Home Depot, where there is a recycle "center" for the CFL bulbs inside the store. The center even provides a plastic bag in which to place the bulbs before placing them in the bin. Menards and Ace hardware will take used CFL's, too.

The Campton Township Waste Management contract allows us to place batteries in sealed plastic baggies and put them on top of the recycle bin cover. In addition, Home Depot also has a recycle bin for batteries.

Give me some space.



Your recycling bin needs a clearance of 3 feet all around in order for the automated truck to collect and empty it. Please be sure it's well away from your mailbox, your garbage bins, and other objects that might get in the way of the truck's collection arm.



Many thanks to Waste Management for providing the funds to make the printing and distribution of this newsletter possible.

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Ideas for making waste reduction a daily event? All you need to do is... think it through!

- Reuse products whenever possible— like shopping bags, resealable containers, refillable pens, both sides of paper.
- Choose well-made products that are easy to repair and have long warranties.
- Share magazines and newspapers with a friend, nursing home, hospital or library.
- Look for concentrated products— their smaller size means less packaging.
- Rent or share rarely used items, like floor polishers or party supplies. Try reusable plastic ware for picnics and tailgate parties!
- Try setting up a neighborhood lawn equipment program, to share less-used tools and machinery.
- Reuse children's toys by donating to a day care center, thrift shop or charity.
- Give old clothing a second life by donating to local clothing drives or thrift shop. Shop at secondhand stores.

The best way to discover where you can reduce waste is to actually sort through your trash. What does your family throw away as waste? What materials take up the most space? Is anything reusable or repairable? Can you reduce the amount of disposable products you use? Can you substitute environmental friendly products and packaging made of reusable, recyclable, or non-hazardous materials? If you are throwing away unusable leftover products as waste, could you purchase these products in smaller sizes in the future?

Here are some specific ideas for successful waste reduction at home:

- Repair/restore used items before replacing them.
- Buy items you can re-use. For example:
 - Drink tap water, not bottled water.
 - Use china or enamel crockery rather than plastic or paper plates and bowls.
 - Use real cutlery rather than plastic.
 - Pack school lunches in reusable containers with lids.
 - Use an electric shaver or a razor with replaceable blades.
 - Use plug-in appliances instead of those that operate on batteries.
- Avoid excess packaging when choosing product brands. Buy products in bulk, but only buy an amount you will use: larger sizes reduce the amount of packaging, but smaller sizes reduce leftover waste.
- Buy concentrated products to reduce packaging. Examples are concentrated fruit juice, laundry detergent, fabric softener and window cleaner.
- Pass unwanted items on to friends and family. Sell unwanted items or offer them for free. Several good websites now exist that allow you to do this. You may also donate unwanted items to a local charity or place of worship.
- Make really good use of your backyard compost bin or get one. Keep a small container by the sink for fruit and vegetable scraps that can be transferred straight into the compost bin

(sources: Waste Age, Pennsylvania State DEP, EPA, Zero Waste Mann)

Think it through... It's up to you!

CTSWDD Meetings

**3rd Monday every
Jan. Mar. May. Jul. Sept. Nov.
at 7:30pm.**

Campton Township Community Center.

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Yard Waste and Brush Collection.

Yard waste is basically defined as any plant material such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds and trimmings you can put into a bag, and is collected by Waste Management from March 15 through December 15 if properly contained and carrying a pre-paid Yard Waste sticker. Waste Management cannot take large branches and brush, even if bundled.

•• Must be placed in biodegradable paper bags for collection. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

•• Yard Waste must have 1 sticker attached properly to each can or bag.

•• Residents may purchase yard waste stickers at the following locations.

- Campton Hills Village Hall - 40W115 Campton Crossings Drive, Unit B (Campton Square Shopping Center).
- Jewel Foods - 2073 Prairie Street (Corner of RT 38 & Randall Road) St. Charles. Phone: 630-584-7228.
- Jewel Foods - 375 Randall Road, South Elgin. Phone: 847-608-1460.
- Caputo's Fresh Market - 622 S. Randall Road, South Elgin. Phone: 847-289-0600.
- Jewel Foods - 800 N. Main Street, Elburn. Phone: 630-365-4215.

•• You may also purchase stickers from Waste Management over the phone with a credit card or check.

Brush and Tree Trimmings.

Bundled brush or twigs cannot be collected by commercial waste haulers because of a quarantine issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. This is due to the infestation of the emerald

ash borer beetle in Campton Township. However, brush that is bundled in accordance with the Campton Township Highway Department guidelines is collected twice a year, free of charge.

The Campton Township Highway Department collects brush according to an announced schedule each year. For details visit the Campton Township website at: www.camptontownship.com. Click on the Highway District button at the top of the page, then click the Brush Removal button on the left. They can also be reached at 630-365-9300.

Please make sure your brush conforms to the Highway District guidelines for pick-up.

Spring Up.

Reducing Yard Waste Reduces Cost:

Residents who wish to reduce or avoid yard waste costs can use mulching mowers, leaf shredders, or backyard compost piles. Information on these methods can be widely found on the internet. The best way to reduce yard waste is to use a mulching blade in your mower and leave grass clippings in the lawn to decompose. Lawn mowers should be kept sharp and only one-third of the grass blade should be cut. Grass trimmings and leaves can also be composted or used for mulch in flower beds and vegetable gardens. Not only is backyard composting sensible from an economic perspective, it also effectively converts yard wastes into a useful soil additive that can make your garden healthier by returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

The best method for getting rid of yard waste is also the easiest. Composting is nature's way of turning your yard "waste" into a valuable soil conditioner.

Composting:

Saves you money by reducing the need for expensive bags and commercial soil additives.

Helps your garden and lawn by improving the fertility and health of your soil.

Saves water by helping the soil hold moisture and reducing water runoff.

Benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the lives of our landfills.

Do Compost.

- grass clippings
- leaves
- weeds & garden debris
- small brush, twigs
- wood ash
- sawdust & wood chips
- egg shells*
- coffee grounds*

Do Not Compost.

- meat, bones, fat
- dairy products
- oils
- whole branches, logs
- charcoal briquette ash
- sawdust or ash from treated wood

*Contact your local community to see if food scraps may be composted in your area.

Troubleshooting.

Symptoms	Problems	Solutions
Bad odor.	Not enough air, or too much green material.	Mix the pile, or add in more brown material.
Composts too slowly.	Not enough water.	Moisten and mix the pile.
Pile is damp and warm only in center.	Pile is too small.	Collect more material and mix it into the pile.
Pile is damp and sweet smelling but no heat.	Lack of green material.	Mix in more green material like fresh grass clippings, yard trimmings, and weeds.

Earth Machine Compost Bins are available at the: **University of Illinois Extension Office.**

For more details visit: www.earthmachine.com

Rain Barrels are for sale at the **Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District's** office in St. Charles. 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL 60175. www.kanedupageswcd.org

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