

Monthly Utility Tips

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ENVIR-O-NEWS

September 2013

Make a Difference Clean-up

The City of Hamilton is sponsoring a clean up **October 26** from 9 a.m.-Noon. Rain or shine. Volunteers can sign up at the following locations: Bailey Square (2nd and Chestnut); Northend Ball Fields (Joe Nuxhall Blvd); Carriage House German Village; Crawford Elementary (Hensley and Hancock); Partners in Prime (Ross and S B) and Lowes (Main St). Volunteers are encouraged to wear a yellow or orange shirt. Bags and gloves will be provided. This is a litter only clean up and there will be NO curbside pick ups. Tires can be taken to Bailey Square. Tree Limbs up to 4 inches can be taken to Northend Ball Fields for chipping.

Household Hazardous Wastes can be taken to the Miami University Hamilton on University Blvd. from 9-noon for disposal. Residents may bring paints, mineral spirits, varnishes, sealers, automotive fluids, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, pesticides, and mercury containing devices. Do **NOT** bring electronics such as televisions or computers. *This event is sponsored by Butler County Recycling, City of Hamilton and Miami University Regionals.* Support responsible recycling!
To volunteer call 844-8050. Other inquiries call 785-7229.



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How to Get Rid of Difficult Items

Yard Waste: Yard waste can be set out with your weekly garbage collection when bundled in 4 foot lengths. Free chipping services for tree limbs and brush clippings only is offered every second Saturday from April to October at the City's Water Reclamation Facility at 2451 River Road; 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Freon Appliances: Pick up is available at no charge through Butler County Recycling from April 1 through October 31. Call 1-888-886-9268 to arrange pick up for refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Monitors or TVs: Televisions (with tubes up to 32" and LCD and Plasma televisions up to 60") and computers can be recycled at Best Buy in Bridgewater Falls at no charge. Cohen Hamilton will accept computer towers call 863-3474 for details. Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 896 Fairview Ave, will accept computer towers and monitors; call 893-1102 for details.

Hazardous Waste: No hazardous waste should be placed in regular trash. Every Thursday, May through October from 2pm-7pm, Butler County residents can drop off

paint, mineral spirits, motor oil, antifreeze and other hazardous materials at Environmental Enterprises, 10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, West Chester, OH 45069.

Old Latex Paint: Latex paint should be opened and allowed to dry. Cans less than half full and still wet can be filled with kitty litter and let sit until dry. Once dry, leave the lid off and place with regular garbage for pick up. Rumpke will not accept any cans that are sealed or still have wet paint enclosed.

Large Items Disposal: Large items such as couches, chairs, dressers, mattresses etc. can be put out with weekly garbage collection. Call Rumpke at 867-8661 to arrange for a no charge large item pick up.

Construction Items: No construction items can be placed for regular garbage collection including plaster, roofing, lumber, dry wall, fencing etc. Construction debris can be taken to the Hamilton Transfer Station at 1000 North Third Street and disposed for a fee. Call 867-8661 for details.



At Work for You!

345 High Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

City Garage/Emergency
Phone: 785-7550

Customer Service
Phone: 785-7100

Community Recycling Drop-Off locations are located at the following Fire Stations:
Pershing Ave
N. Brookwood Ave.
N. Erie Hwy.

What to do with Pet Wastes

Bury it in the Yard

Dig a hole or trench that is about 5 inches deep; away from vegetable gardens; and away from any lake, stream, ditch or well. Microorganisms in the top layer of soil will break down the waste and release nutrients to fertilize nearby plants.

removes most pollutants before the water reaches a lake or stream. To prevent plumbing problems, don't try to flush debris such as rocks, sticks or cat litter. Cat feces may be scooped out and flushed down the toilet, but used litter should be put in a securely closed bag in the trash.

Flush it Down the Toilet

The water from your toilet goes to a septic system or sewage treatment plant that

Put it in the Trash

It is not the best solution. Waste taken to landfill or incinerator can still cause pollution problems.

If you think it is gross to pick up after your dog, think about stepping in it or swimming in it because it went down the storm drain ...

ONE MORE REASON TO SCOOP THE POOP!



What Can I place in my Bin?

In general, the following types of materials are acceptable in Rumpke Recycling's residential programs:

Paper—white, construction, envelopes, mail, cardboard, cereal, cake boxes, etc. NO paper towels, text books or candy wrappers.

Plastic Bottles—labeled with numbers 1-7. NO plastic bags, butter tubs, plastic plates, toys, wrappers, or film containers.

Glass—clear, brown, blue or green—wash and no lids. No glass panes, drinking glasses or fish tanks

Cans—steel or aluminum (including aerosol cans). No scrap metal, pots and pans or coat hangers. For more information visit www.rumpkerecycling.com.

It's a Toilet not a Trash Can

Some Things Just Don't Belong in the Toilet...

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong thing is flushed, results can include costly back-ups on your own property or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant. That's why it's so important to treat toilets properly and flush only human waste and toilet paper to the local

wastewater treatment plant.

Don't rush to flush any items like:

- Baby wipes and diapers
- Rags and towels
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Clothing labels
- Cleaning sponges
- Toys
- Plastic items of any description
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter

- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Cigarette butts
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Underwear
- Prescription or over the counter medication
- Disposable toilet brushes



Natural Gas Safety

Natural Gas is odorless. A chemical, mercaptan, which smells like rotten eggs, is added to the natural gas so it is apparent when natural gas is present. If there is a natural gas leak, no matter how small or large, it will be detected.

If you smell a strong gas odor in or around your home, leave. Go to a neighbors house and call our customer service to report the leak. We will respond as quickly as possible to determine the cause, and advise you when it is safe to return to the premises.

•If possible, eliminate any source of ignition. Do not smoke. Do not use lighters or matches.

•Do not turn on/off any switches or appliances.

•Do not use a phone or cell phone.

•Leave the area! If in your home or business, leave and go to a safe location and call the City of Hamilton 24-Hour Emergency Service at (513)785-7550.

What is Being Done Locally to Protect Your Drinking Water Supply?

The City of Hamilton is a member of a Consortium or Group of local Groundwater Suppliers. The Consortium is implementing a variety of drinking water protection program-related activities geared toward protecting your drinking water supply. This includes installation and sampling of monitoring wells to measure groundwater quality, development of public education materials including a website (gwconsortium.org), school and civic group presentations and administration of locally developed source water protection ordinances that include facility inspections and emergency spill responses. Upcoming events for this year include the Butler County Children's Water Festival October 11, Water for People 5K on October 26 and Great Miami River Sweep on Nov. 2. For more information visit the Consortium Website www.gwconsortium.org or contact the Administrator Tim McLelland at 513-785-2464.