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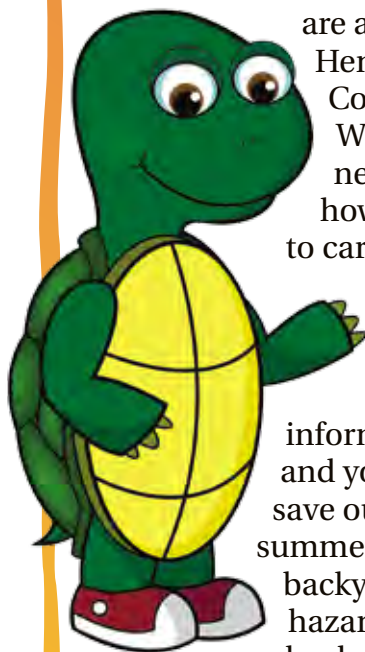


Trash Talk!

Summer 2011

365: Every Day Counts!

Have you seen these signs around town? Have you wondered what they are all about?



Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District has begun a new campaign aimed at informing residents how to make every day count when it comes to caring for our Earth. Your family can help by signing up for our free e-newsletter at www.365everydaycounts.com or by friending our mascot, Sheldon B. Greene, on Facebook. When you do, you will get information twice a month about what you and your family can do today and every day to save our resources and make less waste. This summer, look for more information on these topics: backyard composting, grasscycling, household hazardous waste, and environmentally friendly back-to-school ideas.



Instead, properly dispose of your HHW at the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District's Tox-Away Days. In addition to HHW, electronics, tires, and appliances are accepted at our Tox-Away Days. HHW is accepted at no charge; however, fees apply for some electronics and tires, as well as all appliances. There are three more events scheduled for 2011:

- Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Danville High School, 100 Warrior Way, Danville
- Saturday, August 13, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Hickory Elementary School, 907 State Road 267, Avon
- Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Plainfield Middle School, 709 Stafford Road, Plainfield

For more information, including a list of items accepted and fees, visit www.HendricksSolidWaste.com or call 858-6070.

Safe Disposal for Hazardous Leftovers

Did you know that chemicals like motor oil and bug killer shouldn't be dumped in the trash? Items like these, which are usually called household hazardous waste (or HHW, for short), contain chemicals that can harm the workers who handle your trash and can pollute the soil



and water at landfills. HHW needs to be handled at special facilities where the chemicals can be recycled or disposed of safely.

HHW includes many items commonly found in and around your home, such as oil-based paint, paint thinner, motor oil, antifreeze, old gasoline or kerosene, weed and bug killers, plant foods, tub and tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, hobby glues, nail polish and remover, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs (like twisty CFLs), automotive and rechargeable household batteries, and mercury-containing items. Please don't ever dump these items on the ground, pour them down the drain, or put them into the trash!

See you at the Fair!

We hope your family will stop by our booth at the Hendricks County Fair. We will have lots of great information available






about recycling and proper disposal of HHW in your town. We will be more than happy to answer your questions! Your parents can also sign up at our booth for our free e-newsletter and be entered for a chance to win awesome enviro-prizes for your family!



Fraction Action

Instructions: Read the story problem. Write your answer on the line.

Jamal's family knows that HHW (household hazardous waste) doesn't belong in the trash, so they took their HHW to a drop-off event last weekend. They dropped off 12 gallons of HHW: $\frac{1}{3}$ was paint; $\frac{1}{4}$ was used motor oil; $\frac{1}{6}$ was old kerosene; $\frac{1}{6}$ was household cleaner; and $\frac{1}{12}$ was weed and bug killer. How many gallons of each material did Jamal's family drop off?

Paint		_____	Motor Oil		_____
Kerosene		_____	Household Cleaner		_____
Weed and Bug Killer		_____			

A CAPITAL IDEA

Instructions: Rewrite these sentences with correct capitalization.

brianna and gabi are looking forward to summer vacation.

they are planning to host a Garage Sale on june 11 to earn some Money.

brianna wants to sell her old nintendo ds.

gabi hopes to sell barbie dolls she doesn't play with anymore.

Digital Divide

1. 33% of teens use an MP3 player daily.
 Write 33% as a fraction: _____
 Shade the area that represents 33%:

2. 40% of Americans access the Internet from their cell phones.
 Write 40% as a fraction: _____
 Reduce the fraction to lowest terms: _____
 Shade the area that represents 40%:

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3. 74% of Americans regularly use the Internet.
 Write 74% as a fraction: _____
 Reduce the fraction to lowest terms: _____
 Shade the area that represents 74%:

4. 10-year-olds spend 34% of the time when they are on the Internet watching videos.
 Write 34% as a fraction: _____
 Reduce the fraction to lowest terms: _____
 Shade the area that represents 34%:

TURN BACK

In 1750, Benjamin Franklin started the first public street-cleaning service in Philadelphia.

Instructions: Circle the letter of the item that doesn't belong.

- A. Franklin also suggested improvements in street lighting, recommended paving Philadelphia's streets, founded the first volunteer fire department, created a system for night watchmen, and established a hospital.
- B. This public street-cleaning service was the first organized trash collection by a city in North America.
- C. Other cities also had problems with trash, sewage, and animal waste gathering and rotting in the streets and alleys.
- D. The President of the United States recognized Philadelphia's street-cleaning service in his weekly address to the nation and thanked Franklin.

SAFETY ROUND UP

Instructions: Round each number up or down. Then write the letter found next to the number on the line above the correct answer. You'll find some good advice for handling hazardous products in and around your home.

Round to the tens place:	Round to the hundreds place:
O 13,366 _____	F 11,888 _____
W 11,452 _____	L 12,123 _____
E 12,978 _____	O 13,702 _____
Round to the thousands place:	Round to the ones place:
S 12,655 _____	A 12,655.3 _____
F 11,999 _____	
L 11,111 _____	

Be _____ ! Read and _____

13,000 12,655 11,900 12,980

12,000 13,700 12,100 11,000 13,370 11,450

all label instructions.

ALL in the ANALOGY

Instructions: Complete these analogies.

Tires are to running tracks as _____ is to appliances.
 Poison is to antifreeze as _____ is to spray paint.
 Department store is to garage sale as _____ is to secondhand.
 Chlorine is to swimming pool as detergent is to _____.



Summer Environmental Programs Are Back!

We are offering summer environmental programs for 4-H clubs, scout troops, and summer camps. Please have your group leader or summer camp counselor contact Katie Archer, Youth Education Coordinator at Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District, for more information about summer programs. A program brochure is also posted on our website at www.HendricksSolidWaste.com. All of the youth programs we offer are free of charge.

We also have a traveling environmental library which is full of books, music, and games. If your group or summer camp is interested in borrowing the traveling library, please have your leader or counselor contact Katie Archer, 858-6070.

Fun in the sun? Not quite yet!

Summer vacation is almost here—but not quite! Before heading home for a couple of months of fun in the sun, you'll have to clean out your desk and help get the classroom ready for next year. As you are clearing out and cleaning up, remember waste reduction.

Here are some ways to make your school cleanup less wasteful:

- Separate paper. Notebooks with unused paper can be saved for next year. Paper with a blank back can be reused as note paper during the summer. Paper that has been used on both sides can be recycled.
- Put reusable binders, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, markers, and other supplies in a special box. Mark the box "School Supplies." Before you head to the store for new school supplies in a couple of months, pull out your box and "shop" at home.



- Clean your desk without using toxic chemicals. Use soap (such as dishwashing liquid), water, and rags. You might have to rub hard to get off all of the pencil and eraser marks.
- Sort recyclables and keep them separate from trash. Plastic water bottles and aluminum cans should be recycled instead of being placed in the trash. Even glue bottles, if marked with a #1 or #2 in the recycling symbol, can be recycled. Empty and rinse them, of course!
- Empty your backpack. Use a vacuum cleaner and rag to clean out the inside. Then, hang up the bag for use during the summer or next fall.

- Donate books that you no longer want or need to a library or charitable organization. Or, give them to a younger friend or relative.
- Coordinate a playground cleanup. Pick up the litter that has gathered, and dispose of it properly. Be sure that any recyclables go into a recycling bin.
- Oh...and remember to thank your teacher for a great year!



Bang for your buck

Would you like to stretch the value of your allowance? Shop at garage sales! Used items cost less than new. Plus, you'll be making sure that good stuff gets reused, which reduces the amount of waste that is disposed in landfills.

Remember to carry a backpack. You can put money in one pocket and a bottle of water in another and still have room to store your purchases.

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