

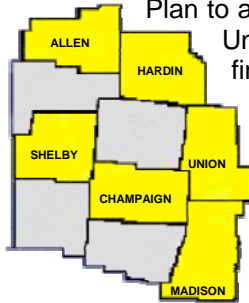


North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

Serving Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties

Introduction

The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (District) will submit its updated Solid Waste Management Plan to all cities, villages and townships in Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties for approval. This approval process, also known as ratification, is the final step before the District seeks approval from Ohio EPA to implement this new plan.



The following executive summary of the solid waste plan has been created for the elected officials within each county to demonstrate how the District's solid waste plan benefits each community. The District offers a wide variety of programs and initiatives that offer real value to its counties and communities.

The District has been a leader in solid waste management programming including developing Pay-As-You-Throw curbside programs, conducting highly successful household hazardous waste recycling events, assisting communities with trash and recycling contracts with private sector haulers and supporting and investing in recycling processing including Union Recyclers and the London Recycling Center.

Recycling Programs

The District offers numerous recycling collection programs designed to divert as much solid waste from landfills as possible: The programs include:

- 21 Curbside Recycling Program – **5,500 tons recycled**
- 38 Drop-off Recycling Programs – **2,800 tons recycled**
- 33 Yard Waste Management Operations – **28,445 tons recycled**
- Household Hazardous Waste Management – **360 tons recycled**
- Scrap Tire Recycling – **153 tons recycled**
- Scrap Tire Clean-Ups – included above
- Automobile Batteries and Used Oil Recycling – **57 tons recycled**
- Commercial Recycling – **39,964 tons recycled**
- Industrial Recycling – **224,509 tons recycled**
- Recycling Pilot Projects – two projected completed
- Electronics Recycling – **10 tons recycled**
- Material Recovery Facilities – **17,364 tons recycled**
- Private Recyclers, Scrap Yards, and End-Use – **238,976 tons recycled**
- Recycling Through Private Waste Hauler/Recycler Collection – **9,338 tons recycled**



Residential/Commercial/Industrial Grant Programs



- ODNR Market Development Grants
- Recycle Market Development Promotion
- ODNR Community Development Grants
- Scrap Tire Grants – Farm Science Review Project
- Recycling Assistance Funds - **\$85,146 awarded**
- Community Clean-Up Program - **\$15,000 awarded**

Residential/Commercial Education and Awareness Programs

- Hundreds of education presentations, promotions and events conducted



Solid Waste Disposal Capacity

This demonstration is one of the fundamental requirements of the solid waste plan. The District conducted a regional capacity analysis that has demonstrated that there is enough disposal capacity for all of the solid waste generated by residents and businesses for the entire planning period.



Goals



The District meets or exceeds all of the State Solid Waste Management Plan goals as required by Ohio EPA. The District has demonstrated that over 90% of the population in each county has access to recycling such as curbside and drop-off programs.

Financing the Plan

The District will finance the updated solid waste plan through the continued reliance on a generation fee for all solid waste landfilled by District residents and businesses. For this Plan Update, the District will raise the current generation fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per ton starting in 2011 upon approval/ratification of the solid waste plan. The \$1.00 per ton increase will be used to fund the District's Material Recovery Facility Program and/or in-district recycling facility capital improvements and its strategies. The following describes the fee increase:



- Creates \$310,000 - \$350,000 in new Revenue/Year
- Implement Material Recovery Facility Program Only
- Becomes Effective Upon Approval of This Plan
- Costs Approximately \$0.96-\$1.04/Year/Person; or
- Costs Approximately \$0.08-\$0.09/Person/Month; or
- Costs Approximately \$2.55-\$2.76/Year/Household; or
- Costs Approximately \$0.21-\$0.23/Household/Month

Your Community's Responsibility

Each community in the six county area comprised of the District will be asked to approve the solid waste plan in 2010. The process requires each community to: review a copy of the plan, act on the plan within 90 days and submit a copy of the resolution or legislation to the District. Failure to act on the plan is considered by the State of Ohio to be a negative vote.



What if the Plan is Not Ratified

If local ratification does not occur, the Director of Ohio EPA is required, by state statute, to prepare a plan for the District and order the District to implement the state's plan. This could negatively affect the District because local control of our plan would be relinquished to Ohio EPA. The plan you will vote on was developed through a local planning process and contains the recommendations, programs and initiatives from the District's Policy Committee. These programs and initiatives will provide for a cost effective and environmentally safe solid waste system for the District and will expand recycling opportunities and increase recycling participation. The District urges communities to learn more about this plan in order to make an informed decision.

For more information, contact the District at 419-228-8278 or visit online at www.ncowaste.org.