



## LICKING COUNTY RECYCLES

PROVIDING EDUCATION AND RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE A "GREEN COMMUNITY."

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## LEAF PROBLEMS? TRY COMPOSTING

Trees will soon be showing off their beautiful colors of autumn. But when those leaves begin to fall we ask ourselves the question, "What do we do with them now?" Why not recycle them. Leaves, like many other forms of yard, garden, and kitchen scraps, can be recycled by composting into nice rich humus. Humus or compost is a wonderful source of nourishment for your garden.

To begin composting you will need a bin or bare area of at least one cubic yard, situated in a partly sunny spot. Layer materials by

placing 6 to 12 inches of brown material, such as dried leaves, pine needles and newspaper in the bin then add a layer of green material, such as grass



clippings, kitchen scraps and coffee grounds. Continue to alternate layers as you add material. Initially the pile will need to be watered, eventually normal rainfall should keep it wet enough. Turn the pile once a week with a garden fork or shovel and in a few months you will have compost. By composting you are not only benefiting from the end product but you are also keeping waste out of the landfills. Yard and food wastes make up approximately 30% of the waste stream in the United States.

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## RED IS FOR RECYCLING AT LICKING VALLEY

It all started with the kids, according to Licking Valley Middle School Principal Scott Beery. A group of Girl Scouts, led by Barb Hurst, took their concerns to the Licking Valley Board of Education. They wanted to start recycling plastic milk bottles at the elementary. Beery heard the presentation and thought, we can do that and more at the middle school. Jesse Bennett, the middle school janitor and a key component, agreed that it could be done in their building. So Beery funded the Girl Scouts recycling bins for the elementary and worked with Big O Refuse to start a comprehensive recycling program at the mid-

dle school.

The middle school began their recycling program in mid-October 2010. To make it simple they decided the theme would be **Red is for Recycling**. The majority of the recycling is done in the cafeteria, so Beery and Bennett swapped out one of their regular trash cans for two red trash cans. The students quickly caught on to putting their recyclables in the red trash cans.

Beery worked with Big O representative Seth Ellington to begin the recycling program. Ellington and Beery agreed to take away one of their trash dumpsters and replace it with a co-mingle dumpster. That dumpster can

take any kind of plastic, cardboard, paper and glass. The dumpster is than hauled to a processing plant in Columbus. There the items are sorted and prepared to be sent away for recycling.



Licking Valley Caught Being Green

Neither Beery or Ellington could give us an exact cost to the school for the service. Ellington says this is a service that they can offer to most of their customers.

## Volunteer for the River Round Up

Storms and inconsiderate people have made the rivers and streams in Licking County dirty. We are asking for volunteers to help us clean up our waterways so everyone can enjoy them. The 2011 Licking River Round Up is September 10th.

Volunteers will meet at Everett Park at 9:00 am to register. We will be put into teams and go to our designated area. A celebration will be held at Everett Park after the clean up from 12:30-3:00 pm. There will be food, prizes

and activities for everyone in the family.

LICKING RIVER ROUNDUP



To volunteer you can call 740-670-5330.

**CANOE & PEOPLE ARE NEEDED!!!**

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## Register, Recycle and Win with Al the Can



Al the Can extends an invitation to your school to earn money, recycle and party. Registration is now open at [www.cancentral.com](http://www.cancentral.com). During the inaugural event, schools recycled over 2.3 million cans, raising more than \$34,000 in the Great American Can Roundup School Challenge. Expedition Academy in Green River, Wyoming not only was the number one recycling school in the state, but continues to celebrate as the national winner. We encourage you to challenge your school to see how many beverage cans they can recycle per student between America Recycles Day (November 15) and Earth Day (April 22), 2011. It's an extraordinary opportunity for schools to show their

true green spirit and environmental leadership by stepping up to the Great American Can Roundup School Recycling Challenge.

The Can Manufacturers Institute, the national trade association of can manufacturers and their suppliers, is giving away \$1,000 per state to the top per capita school and an additional \$5,000 to the top recycling school for a total of \$56,000. Your school could win up to \$6,000, plus the value of the cans and the chance to win \$50 pizza cards.

Put your school in contention by going to [www.cancentral.com/RoundUp](http://www.cancentral.com/RoundUp) and register by December 15 to be eligible for the School Recycling Chal-

lenge. There you will find everything needed to build recycling enthusiasm and rally the community for the win.

At [www.cancentral.com/RoundUp](http://www.cancentral.com/RoundUp) you will be able to compare your schools' recycling progress. Environmental educators will also appreciate grade appropriate, free interdisciplinary curricula and worksheets for the classroom to continue the discussion of the positive impact on the environment through aluminum can recycling.

We look forward to seeing some of our Licking County schools on the Great American Can Roundup School Challenge leader board.

## RECYCLE OUTDATED BOOKS, CORPORATE REPORTS & MORE

Grossman Environmental Recycling, Inc. says use your noggin and keep your books out of the landfill. The recycling company will purchase trailer loads of books for re-pulping. According to their website, they guarantee 100% of your books will be recycled leaving no waste to be sent to the landfill. Each day, tons of books, directories, corporate reports, pamphlets and

bound volumes of every type are processed and prepared for re-pulping at their numerous partnership facilities. They offer secure environments in which publishers and book distributors can be assured their out-of-circulation volumes will be processed and sent to a

Accepting hard cover, paperbacks, telephone books, spiral bound, text books, and library books for recycling in Columbus

mill for re-pulping. They promise to NEVER resell your material in original form under any circumstance. Their process recycles the entire book, and in many cases, even the cardboard boxes they come in.

For more information go to [www.book-destruction.com](http://www.book-destruction.com).

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Beery says that at least 70% percent of the middle school waste is now recycled. When asked what the biggest challenge has been, Beery says that people just needed to change the way they have always done things. He says there is no downside to the program and that students will push it. They are very conscious of it.

The middle school's recycling program has been so successful that the elementary and high school are also participating in the program.

At this time the only thing not recycled at Licking Valley is Styrofoam and food waste. But the school system is in the planning stages of school-wide composting.

Beery says he may have never went

forward with the school-wide recycling if it hadn't been for the students. He said over the past couple of years the students have said that the school should be recycling. Beery says that he and the students will continue to look for other opportunities.

If you would like information on how Licking Valley started their recycling program, you can contact Scott Beery at 740-763-3396.

## DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD RECYCLE THAT?

Did you know that most bottle caps are not #1 or #2 plastic? That means they cannot be recycled along with the bottles that you put in the recycling bins. But they can be recycled through Aveda. Aveda is a company that produce beauty products such as creams, shampoo and cosmetics. Aveda partnered with over 1600 schools who are now sending their bottle caps to them, who in turn will recycle them into new caps. For more information, contact [capcollection@aveda.com](mailto:capcollection@aveda.com) or call 1-877-Aveda09.

Elmer's glue and TerraCycle are two other companies that are doing their part to help with special recycling projects. Elmer's wants students, scouts

and other organizations to stop throwing away glue bottles and glue sticks. Instead, you can turn them in for recycling by being part of Elmer's Glue Crew Brigade.



*New ways to recycle*

You can find out more about "Save the bottles. Save the sticks."

Save the planet at [www.elmersgluecrew.com](http://www.elmersgluecrew.com).

TerraCycle is another forward thinking company. They take used potato chip bags and juice pouches and "upcycle" them by making new products. Schools and organizations can contact TerraCycle to be part of the Drink Pouch Brigade at [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net).

Each of these companies have found innovative ways to keep waste out of the landfills. They are also giving us new ways to teach our students, co-workers, family and friends how to reduce, reuse, recycle and keep it out of the landfill.

## ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE FAIR

Over 235,000 people took time to enjoy the Hartford Fair this year. Many of those people found their way back to the far corner of the fairgrounds to the Natural Resources Area. Once there, people of all ages took time to fish, learn about birds, insects and frogs. We also had another great year for contests. The Licking County

Commissioners judged the Wild Game and Sweets & Greens cook offs. After debating and lots of tasting, the choice of yellow perch chowder and banana



black walnut cake were judged the winners.

The NRA Advisory Board is already working on plans for 2012. We hope to continue offering programs that are educational and fun.

For more pictures or information on winners go to [lcounty.com](http://lcounty.com).

## BE GREEN DURING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

### Hey Kids ...

Ride your bike or walk to school.  
Use last year's school supplies.  
Buy a canvas and cardboard binders instead of plastic.  
Buy recycled paper.  
Use reusable water bottles.

Use a lunch box, not paper bags.  
Donate last year's clothes instead of throwing them away.  
Buy online to avoid driving.  
Buy organic food.  
Turn your computer off when you're not using it.  
Decorate your lunchbox.

Make your own bookmarks.  
Organize a clothes swap with your friends.  
Carpool to sports.  
Use refillable pens and pencils.  
Reuse your backpack. Decorate it with cool patches.  
Remind your friends to **BE GREEN!**