



Ogle County Solid Waste
Management Department

2016 Annual Report To the Residents of Ogle County

This annual report highlights the many activities which the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) accomplished in 2016 to reduce waste, increase recycling, enforce solid waste laws and regulations, and provide safe disposal options for county residents.

In 2016, collection events were held for electronics, oil, antifreeze and oil filters, waste medicine, Christmas trees, and Christmas lights.

Our electronics recycling program continues to be very popular with over 2,400 residents participating and 124 tons collected—both new records! Our overall recycling rate also increased to 34% of the waste generated in Ogle County!

I appreciate the efforts of Ogle County residents who have made waste reduction, recycling and safe disposal of waste a part of their everyday life. Your efforts do make a difference! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions. Our department looks forward to serving Ogle County in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Rypkema, Director

2016 Ogle County Board HEW/Solid Waste Committee

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department is to promote a clean and healthy environment by encouraging recycling, waste reduction, and safe disposal options for waste generated in Ogle County. The Department strives to fulfill this mission through educational programs, recycling grants and initiatives, local monitoring and enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations, and the implementation of special collection events that benefit the residents of Ogle County.

Ogle County Drop-Off Recycling Program

The OCSWMD continued to maintain five drop-off recycling sites (Byron, Forreston, Monroe Center, Oregon and Rochelle) and assisted with promotion of two other private sites (Moring in Polo and Orchard Hills Landfill in Davis Junction.) In 2016, the sites collected about 1,731,126 pounds (866 Tons) of materials for recycling. This program continues to be very popular among county residents. Business owners are reminded that this program is intended for household recycling and not businesses. Users of this program are urged to read and follow on site instructions on what items are and are not accepted for recycling.

Annual Recycling Survey

In order to monitor progress towards recycling and waste reduction goals, the OCSWMD sends surveys to businesses, schools, waste haulers, and other entities in the County to determine how much waste is recycled or disposed. Based on the information received, the estimated recycle rate increased from 30% in 2015 to 34% in 2016. Thank you, Ogle County residents and businesses, for continuing to recycle a significant portion of your waste.

Business Recycling Recognition Program

For the 13th year, businesses, schools, and agencies that responded to our annual recycling survey and recycled at least three different materials or a significant amount, were recognized in paid display ads in local newspapers, and with a door sticker that states "Recognized by Ogle County for our Recycling Efforts." Thirty-eight businesses, schools, and agencies were recognized for 2016.

Environmental Education Efforts

The OCSWMD maintains an educational library consisting of books, DVDs, and curriculum for county residents, schools, and businesses to use. To help promote Earth Day and environmental education in Ogle County, the Department sponsored 16 school performances by The Illusion Maker. The “Super Survivor” Environmental Game Show featured games and quizzes based on reducing, reusing, recycling, litter prevention, storm water protection, and electronic waste. In addition, classroom presentations and educational supplies such as recycled pencils, activity booklets and bookmarks were provided to many students & teachers. Donations of educational DVD’s and books about recycling and environmental topics were provided to schools and public libraries throughout the county .

Special Collection Events

- 1) Our fourth annual **Christmas lights Recycling Program** was held at nine locations throughout the county. 826 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected. The OCSWMD donated \$148.68 to the United Way of Ogle County from the price paid by Secure Recycling Services in Dixon.
- 2) The 18th Annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, FFA groups and local businesses. The 2015/2016 program collected 499 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 344 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) An **oil, antifreeze, and oil filters recycling event** was held in August. 84 participants brought in 2,021 gallons of motor oil, 75 gallons of antifreeze, and one barrel of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 4) The OCSWMD worked with the Oregon Park District, the Sheriff’s Department and other groups to hold the 8th Annual Oregon Area **Rock River Sweep** in September. 50 volunteers cleaned up a nine mile section of the river and collected three dump truck loads of trash, which were sorted for recycling.
- 5) In April 2016, the department worked with local law enforcement agencies and LSSI to promote and hold a **waste medicine take back event** in which about 226 pounds of medicine were collected and disposed through the DEA program.
- 6) For the third year, the department sponsored a **monthly electronics recycling program** at our facility for Ogle County residents. 124 tons of electronics were collected, sorted and recycled, up from 71 tons in 2015.
- 7) A local government tire cleanup co-sponsored by the IEPA, was held in November. About 13 tons of tires were collected and disposed of properly.

Grants Awarded

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:	Monroe Township	\$ 1,417.50
	Village of Adeline	\$ 229.78
Camp Kupugani/Camp White Eagle, \$2,000 for the purchase of recycling/trash containers.	Village of Leaf River	\$849.62
DLR Jr. High School, \$546.92, for the purchase of 8 recycling bins for school.	Other Grants:	
Eswood CUSD #269, \$167.93, for the purchase of 14 recycling bins for classrooms.	For the twelfth year the OCSWMD provided a grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for Outdoor Stewardship Days. The amount for 2016 was \$3,500. Over 1,000 third grade students from Lee and Ogle Counties were provided hands-on resource conservation, outdoor and environmental education activities. Staff provided recycling information and activities at the event.	
Oregon High School, \$230.40, for the purchase of 24 yellow recycle bins.		
White Pines Ranch, \$1,101.44, for the purchase of water bottle filling station/drinking fountain, to reduce plastic water bottle waste.		
Clean-Up Day Grants:	The Illinois Renewable Energy Association received \$1,000 towards sponsorship of the 2016 Renewable Energy Fair held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.	
Village of Stillman Valley	\$ 1,520.28	

IEPA Enforcement Grant and Delegation Agreement

Ogle County has maintained a Delegation Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency since 1990. This agreement allows the OCSWMD to enforce State solid waste laws and regulations in Ogle County. Since the start of the program the IEPA has provided an enforcement grant to off-set some of the costs incurred. Enforcement activities conducted in the last three fiscal years are shown below.

Complaints and Inspections 2014 -2016 (12/01/XX—11/30/XX)

Complaints Investigated	2014	2015	2016	Number of Inspections Conducted	2014	2015	2016
Illegal Dumps	16	24	11	Permitted Landfills	35	43	38
Waste Burning Violations	13	9	4	Open Dump/Burning/Other	16	15	17
				Other Grant Related Activities	27	41	12
Nuisance/Other	4	12	13	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	149	1402	1384
Total # Complaints	33	45	28	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$0	\$0	\$0

Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Statement (December 1, 2015—November 30, 2016)

Revenues	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$3,563,496	\$3,603,709	\$3,928,383
Landfill Host Fees	\$3,979,469	\$4,449,067	\$3,571,254
Interest	\$20,361	\$20,042	\$9,737
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$56,312	\$56,311	\$56,317
Recycling Income	\$318	\$672	\$1,553
Fines/Restitution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc. Income	\$1,023	\$341	\$123
Total Revenues	\$7,620,979	\$8,132,143.07	\$7,567,367
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Salaries	\$128,091	\$135,026	\$143,113
Fringe Benefits	\$48,910	\$57,512	\$62,458
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$7,861	\$4,836	\$4,524
Telecommunications	\$2,101	\$2,046	\$1,776
Contractual Services	\$11,004	\$17,100	\$8,939
Travel & Training Expenses	\$2,739	\$3,910	\$1,978
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$78,439	\$87,080	\$79,420
County Grants Paid	\$15,246	\$14,187	\$12,546
Total Expenditures	\$294,390	\$321,697	\$314,754
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$141,229	\$191,546	\$176,036
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,566,662	\$3,690,516	\$3,082,679
Transfers Out for IMRF Loan (from Solid Waste Fund)			\$2,000,000
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$4,002,281	\$4,203,780	\$5,573,469
Ending Balance	\$3,603,709	3,928,383	\$1,993,899

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