



Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department

2017 Annual Report

To the Residents of Ogle County

This annual report highlights the many activities that the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) accomplished in 2017 to reduce waste, increase recycling, enforce solid waste laws and regulations, and provide safe disposal options for county residents.

In 2017, collection events were held for electronics, oil, antifreeze and oil filters, waste medicine, Christmas trees, and Christmas lights. Free oak trees were given out on Earth Day.

Our electronics recycling program continues to be very popular with over 2,560 residents participating and 139 tons collected—both new records! Our overall recycling rate remained the same at 31% of the waste generated in Ogle County.

I appreciate the efforts of Ogle County residents who have made waste reduction, recycling 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

2017 Ogle County Board HEW/Solid Waste Committee

- Dorothy Bowers, Chairman
- Bobbie Colbert, Vice Chairman
- John Finfrock
- Lee Meyers
- Patricia Saunders

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

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 2017, the sites collected about 832 Tons of materials for recycling, a reduction of about 33 tons from 2016. This program continues to be very popular among county residents. 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 remained about the same as 2016 at 31%. Thank you, Ogle County residents and businesses, for continuing to recycle a significant portion of your waste.

Business Recycling Recognition Program

For the 14th 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-four businesses, schools, and agencies were recognized for 2017.

Environmental Education Efforts

To help promote Earth Day and environmental education in Ogle County, the Department sponsored 12 school performances by Stan Slaughter, the Eco-Troubador. His program focused on food waste reduction and composting, while educating the students on environmental issues by guitar and song. 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 5th annual **Christmas lights Recycling Program** was held at nine locations throughout the county. 1,182 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected. The OCSWMD donated \$330.96 to the United Way of Ogle County from the proceeds by Dynamic Recycling, Onalaska, WI.
- 2) The 19th Annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, FFA groups and local businesses. The 2016/2017 program collected 603 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 359 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) An **oil, antifreeze, and oil filters recycling event** was held in August. 78 participants brought in 1,700 gallons of motor oil, 50 gallons of antifreeze, and 2.25 barrels of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 4) The OCSWMD worked with the Oregon Park District, the Sheriff's Office and other groups to hold the 9th Annual Oregon Area **Rock River Sweep**. In September 40 volunteers cleaned up a nine mile section of the river and collected 2,200 pounds of trash, which was sorted for recycling, along with six tires.
- 5) In April 2017, the department worked with local law enforcement agencies and LSSI to promote and hold a **waste medicine take back event**. Medicine collected was disposed through the Drug Enforcement Agency Take Back Program.
- 6) For the 4th year, the department sponsored a **monthly electronics recycling program** at our facility for Ogle County residents. There were 139 tons of electronics collected, sorted and recycled, up from 124 tons in 2016.
- 7) OCSWMD helped distribute 5,000 oak trees saplings in eleven counties bordering the Rock River in Wisconsin and Illinois. 900 went to Ogle County residents. The free trees were provided by Living Lands & Waters.

Grants Awarded

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:	Village of Adeline	\$ 295.00
	Village of Leaf River	\$1,093.00
Oregon Park District, \$1,350.88, for the purchase of recycling/trash containers.	Village of Forreston	\$224.12
Serenity Hospice & Home, \$539.19, for the purchase of nylon bags for their textile recycling program.		
The Pool Guy Randy Holland, \$680.52, for the purchase of a baler and supplies for recycling plastic bottles and cardboard.	Other Grants:	
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, \$259.18, for the purchase of two compartment stainless steel trash/recycling bins.	For the thirteenth year the OCSWMD provided a grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for Outdoor Stewardship Days. The amount for 2017 was \$3,500. 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.	
Clean-Up Day Grants:	The Illinois Renewable Energy Association received \$1,000 towards sponsorship of the 2017 Renewable Energy Fair held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.	
Village of Stillman Valley	\$ 1,832.50	
Monroe Township	\$ 1,534.43	

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 2015 -2017 (12/01/XX–11/30/XX)

Complaints Investigated	2015	2016	2017	Number of Inspections Conducted	2015	2016	2017
Illegal Dumps	24	11	13	Permitted Landfills	43	38	39
Waste Burning Violations	9	4	9	Open Dump/Burning/Other	15	17	20
				Other Grant Related Activities	41	12	7
Nuisance/Other	12	15	11	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	1402	1384	77
Total # Complaints	45	28	33	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$0	\$0	\$250

Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Statement (December 1, 2016–November 30, 2017)

Revenues	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$3,603,709	\$3,928,383	\$1,993,899
Landfill Host Fees	\$4,449,067	\$3,571,254	\$3,106,388
Interest	\$20,042	\$9,737	\$23,600
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$56,311	\$56,317	\$43,600
Recycling Income	\$672	\$1,553	\$7,066
Fines/Restitution	\$0	\$0	\$250
Interfund Transfer in IMRF			\$100,000
Misc. Income	\$341	\$123	-\$454
Total Revenues	\$8,130,142	\$7,567,367	\$5,274,355
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Salaries	\$135,026	\$143,113	\$147,407
Fringe Benefits	\$57,512	\$62,458	\$70,071
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$4,836	\$4,524	\$4,889
Telecommunications	\$2,046	\$1,776	\$1,629
Contractual Services	\$17,100	\$8,939	\$21,766
Travel & Training Expenses	\$3,910	\$1,978	\$1,871
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$87,080	\$79,420	\$76,952
County Grants Paid	\$14,187	\$12,546	\$12,134
Total Expenditures	\$321,697	\$314,754	\$336,719
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$191,546	\$176,036	\$105,753
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,690,516	\$3,082,679	\$2,700,388
Transfers Out for IMRF Loan (from Solid Waste Fund)		\$2,000,000	
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$4,203,759	\$5,573,469	\$3,142,860
Ending Balance	\$3,928,383	\$1,993,898	\$2,131,495

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