



Ogle County Solid Waste
Management Department

2019 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 2019 to reduce waste, increase recycling, enforce solid waste laws and regulations, and provide safe disposal options for county residents.

In 2019, collection events were held for electronics, oil, antifreeze and oil filters, Christmas trees, Christmas lights, and a food drive. Free oak trees were given out around Earth Day.

Our electronics recycling program continues to be very popular with over 3,045 residents participating and 148 tons collected.

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

2019 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

Unfortunately, the five drop off recycling sites in the County closed in May of 2019. The program, which started in 1994, collected over 18,000 tons of household recyclables. The program ended due to severe increases in hauling and recycling costs, poor global market conditions for materials, and increasing problems with contamination with non-recyclable items. We continue to look for alternatives.

Ogle County Drop-Off Electronics Recycling Program

In 2019, our monthly electronics recycling events continued to be very popular with county residents. A total of 3,045 participants brought in over 148 tons (296,000 lbs.) of electronic waste which were diverted from local landfills and recycled. That included 2,139 TVs, approximately 107 tons), 296 computer monitors, 353 microwave ovens, and a variety of other electronics. We appreciate the help from public service workers and the Ogle County Probation Department to make this program possible.

Other Programs & Collection Events

- 1) Our 7th annual **Christmas Lights Recycling Program** was held at ten locations throughout the county. 1,584 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected.
- 2) The 21st annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, FFA groups and local businesses. The 2018/2019 program collected 514 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 386 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) The 5th annual **Oil, Antifreeze, and Oil Filters Recycling Event** was held in August. 96 participants brought in 1,990 gallons of motor oil, 450 gallons of antifreeze, and 2 full toters of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 4) The 1st **Paper Shredding Event** was held in April in conjunction with one of the latex paint recycling events. There were 2,700 pounds of paper that was shredded.
- 5) Two **Latex Paint Recycling Events** were held, one in April along with the paper shredding event, and another one in August with the oil, antifreeze, and oil filters event. A total of 335 participants brought in 1,891 gallons of latex paint.
- 6) The OCSWMD worked with the Rock River Sweep board and Oregon Together to plan the 10th annual **Rock River Sweep** in Oregon. Around 50 volunteers cleaned up a seven mile section of the river north and south of Oregon.
- 7) To help promote **Earth Day** OCSWMD worked with the **Rock River Trail Initiative** to distribute 10,000 oak tree saplings in eleven counties bordering the Rock River in Illinois and Wisconsin. The free trees were provided by Living Lands & Waters Million Trees Project. 1,300 oak tree saplings were distributed to Ogle County residents or agencies to help improve the Rock River watershed.

Grants Awarded

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:	Village of Forreston	\$1,477.90
Stillman Valley High School Environmental Club	Village of Davis Junction	\$332.68
\$247.42, for the cost of implementing a composting system at school.	Village of Mt. Morris	\$772.50
W@SH \$166.57, for the purchase of recycling containers for the salon.		

Clean-Up Day Grants:

Village of Stillman Valley	\$2,000.00
Monroe Township	\$2,000.00
Village of Adeline	\$175.00
Village of Leaf River	\$1,110.59

Other Grants:

For the 14th year the OCSWMD provided a grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for Outdoor Stewardship Days. The amount for 2018 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.

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 2017 - 2019 (12/01/XX—11/30/XX)

Complaints Investigated	2017	2018	2019	Number of Inspections Conducted	2017	2018	2019
Illegal Dumping	13	22	16	Permitted Landfills	39	44	43
Waste Burning Violations	9	18	7	Open Dump/Burning/Other	20	35	29
				Other Grant Related Activities	7	20	9
Nuisance/Other	11	27	53	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	77	1909	1044
Total # Complaints	33	67	76	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$250	\$600	\$ 550

Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statement (December 1, 2017—November 30, 2019)

Revenues	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$1,993,899	\$2,131,495	\$2,401,245
Landfill Host Fees	\$3,106,388	\$2,748,099	3,407,429
Interest	\$23,600	\$30,162	\$40,841
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$43,606	\$69,009	\$56,297
Recycling Income	\$5,928	\$2,747	\$7,573
Fines/Restitution	\$281	\$600	\$550
Interfund Transfer in IMRF Loan	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Misc. Income	\$653	\$100	\$0
Total Revenues	\$5,274,355	\$5,182,212	\$6,113,935
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Salaries	\$147,407	\$149,618	\$154,364
Fringe Benefits	\$70,071	\$72,081	\$74,750
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$4,889	\$4,458	\$4,083
Telecommunications	\$1,629	\$1,755	\$1,370
Contractual Services	\$21,766	\$17,520	\$10,303
Travel & Training Expenses	\$1,871	\$2,127	\$2,831
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$76,952	\$84,677	\$79,761
County Grants Paid	\$12,134	\$15,310	\$12,283
Total Expenditures	\$336,719	\$347,546	\$339,745
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$105,753	\$56,448	\$63,216
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,700,388	\$2,376,973	\$3,388,871
Transfers Out - County General Loan	\$0	\$0	\$40,780
Transfers Out County Officers (interest)			\$44,269
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$3,142,860	\$2,780,967	\$3,876,880
Ending Balance	\$2,131,495	\$2,401,245	\$2,237,055

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