



Ogle County Solid Waste
Management Department

2020 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 2020 to reduce waste, increase recycling, enforce solid waste laws and regulations, and provide safe disposal options for county residents.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic did restrict and alter the activities of the department, the staff was able to hold ten recycling events with added COVID precautions to ensure the health and safety of the workers and the participants. These events and more are detailed in this report.

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

2020 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 Electronics Recycling Program

In 2020, our monthly electronics recycling events were shut down from March until June due to COVID-19. When we started back up, we were inundated with over 350 vehicles at the June and July events, and our office decided to start a “free permit in advance” policy for the events due to the risks to the participants as well as the workers and volunteers. The permit program has been working well with the residents, we have more control over what is coming into the event, and are better able to safely handle the amount of electronics and vehicles.

A total of 1,728 participants brought in over 116 tons (229,125 lbs.) of electronic waste which were diverted from local landfills and recycled. That included almost 900 TVs, approximately 50 tons, 139 computer monitors, 174 microwave ovens, and a variety of other electronics.

We appreciate the help from volunteers, and the public service workers and the Ogle County Probation Department to make this program possible.

Other Programs & Collection Events

- 1) Our 8th annual **Christmas Lights Recycling Program** was held at ten locations throughout the county. Approximately 1,200 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected.
- 2) The 22nd annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, and local businesses. The 2019/2020 program collected 502 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 398 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) The 6th annual **Oil, Antifreeze, and Oil Filters Recycling Event** was held in August. 80 participants brought in 1,290 gallons of motor oil, 290 gallons of antifreeze, and almost one full toter of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 4) A **Latex Paint Recycling Events** was held, in August along with the oil, antifreeze, and oil filters event. A total of 90 participants brought in 756 gallons of latex paint.
- 5) 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. 1,750 oak tree saplings were distributed to Ogle County residents or agencies to help improve the Rock River watershed.
- 6) Due to COVID-19, the OCSWMD and the **Oregon Area Rock River Sweep** did not hold the annual Rock River Sweep in 2020. Individuals were encourage to clean up the river on their own.

Grants Awarded

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and lack of interest there were not any waste reduction/recycling grants issued.

Clean-Up Day Grants:

Village of Stillman Valley	\$2,000.00
Monroe Township	\$1,522.32
Village of Adeline	\$415.00
Village of Leaf River	\$1,598.50
Village of Forreston	\$1,858.81
Lynnville Township	\$1,137.25

Other Grants:

Outdoor Stewardship organized by the Lee and Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. The event is usually offered to third grade students in Lee and Ogle Counties, and provides hands-on resource conservation, outdoor and environmental education activities. OCSWMD has sponsored the event for 14 years and also provides 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 2018 - 2020 (12/01/XX—11/30/XX)

Complaints Investigated	2018	2019	2020	Number of Inspections Conducted	2018	2019	2020
Illegal Dumping	22	16	13	Permitted Landfills	44	43	39
Waste Burning Violations	18	7	17	Open Dump/Burning/Other	35	29	47
				Other Grant Related Activities	20	9	9
Nuisance/Other	27	53	12	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	1909	1044	1349
Landfill Complaints	-	-	114				
Total # Complaints	67	76	156	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$600	\$550	\$250

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Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Statement (December 1, 2019—November 30, 2020)

Revenues	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$2,131,495	\$2,401,245	\$2,237,054
Landfill Host Fees	\$2,748,099	\$3,407,429	\$2,592,498
Interest	\$30,162	\$40,841	\$43,200
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$69,009	\$56,297	\$60,744
Recycling Income	\$2,747	\$7,573	\$2,114
Fines/Restitution	\$600	\$550	\$250
Interfund Transfer in IMRF Loan	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$500,000
Misc. Income	\$100	\$0	\$0
Cares Act (Covid)			\$7,415
Total Revenues	\$5,274,355	\$6,113,935	\$3,206,220
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Salaries	\$149,618	\$154,364	\$159,732
Fringe Benefits	\$72,081	\$74,750	\$77,334
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$4,458	\$4,083	\$4,553
Telecommunications	\$1,755	\$1,370	\$1,303
Contractual Services	\$17,520	\$10,303	\$6,868
Travel & Training Expenses	\$2,127	\$2,831	\$1,414
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$84,677	\$79,761	\$12,811
County Grants Paid	\$15,310	\$12,283	\$8,532
Total Expenditures	\$347,546	\$339,745	\$272,547
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$56,448	\$63,216	\$64,848
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,376,973	\$3,388,871	\$2,202,445
Transfers Out - County General Loan	\$0	\$40,780	\$29,800
Transfers Out County Officers (interest)		\$44,269	\$43,239
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$2,780,967	\$3,876,880	\$2,612,879
Ending Balance	\$2,401,245	\$2,237,055	\$2,830,397

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