Environmental Resource Guide
A Publication of the Daviess County Solid Waste Management Area

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DAVIESS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Daviess County and its City of Owensboro deals with issues that include Recycling Programs, Composting, Landfill & Disposal Issues, Household Hazardous Waste, Education, Community Affairs, Presentations, Illegal Dumping, Litter Control, Enforcement, and Resource Material. Call your local Solid Waste Departments for more information.

DAVIESS COUNTY LANDFILL
Phone: (270) 229-4484
Open Monday through Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Daviess County Landfill Manager: Robbie Hocker
rhocker@daviessky.org
Daviess County Landfill Project Manager: Jim Rhinerson
jrhinerson@daviessky.org

Daviess County Solid Waste Coordinator:
Mike Hamilton
mhamilton@daviessky.org

DAVIESS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION
Phone: (270) 688-8138
Open Monday through Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Transfer Station Supervisor: Brian Lanham
blanham@daviessky.org
Transfer Station Floor Supervisor: Jim Drury
jdrury@daviessky.org

EAST CONVENIENCE CENTER
Phone: (270) 281-9427
Open Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attendant: Don Bunch

OWENSBORO SANITATION & RECYCLING
Phone: (270) 687-8760
Open Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sanitation Superintendent: Downey Ward
wardwd@owensboro.org

DAVIESS COUNTY SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PANEL
Bryan Reynolds, Rethel Lowe, Mike Koger, Joe Sublett, Karen Lane, Sarah Castlen, John Fentress
Robbie Hocker, Mike Hamilton, Downey Ward, Mark Irby.

DC-SWEEP is a seven member voting panel and four non-voting members appointed by the Daviess County Fiscal Court. We offer presentations such as videos, educational material and are available to come to your school. We educate about: litter, illegal dumping, recycling, composting and tours of our state of the art landfill and transfer station. If you have an interest and would like to know more about education, solid waste, recycling or tours of our facilities, please contact our office at the Daviess County Landfill or Owensboro Sanitation & Public Works.
PERMITTED WASTE HAULERS & RECYCLERS

NEW TO THE AREA!

SUBSCRIBING TO TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE IS AS EAST AS 1-2-3!

FIRST, if you live in a subdivision or planned neighborhood, find out if there is a Homeowners Association for your community. Often, the HOA contracts trash collection and recycling services for the neighborhood.

SECOND, if you don’t have a Homeowners Association, contact your city. Cities usually manage trash collection and recycling services for incorporated areas.

THIRD, if you live in an unincorporated region and not in a city, you are free to contract trash removal and recycling services with any permitted hauler or recycler that you prefer. Check the list below of companies that offer waste disposal and recycling services.

Report a Garbage Dump: If you see a garbage pile on someone’s property, you can call the Kentucky Division of Waste Management’s Illegal Dump Hotline at 1-888-No Dumps.

If you see someone in the act of dumping, call 911. You can anonymously visit www.daviessky.org to report a garbage dump violation or contact your local Solid Waste Coordinator.

$$$ Money for Recyclables

The following companies may offer compensation for recyclables:

- Dahl & Groezinger Inc.
  (270) 684-1404
- River Metals Recycling
  (270) 264-4004
- Southern Recycling
  (270) 926-6611

Daviess Co. Landfill & Transfer Station
* Electronics Recycling*
(270) 229-4484

All Star Waste Services
(270) 264-7953

Construction Removal & Container Rental

Piranha Mobile Shredding
(812) 424-5595
Document & Paper Shredding

Tire Recycling (270) 264-5700

DAVIESS COUNTY AND THIS RESOURCE GUIDE DO NOT SEEK TO ENDORSE OR PROMOTE ANY COMPANIES. THE LISTINGS ARE PROVIDED AS A SERVICE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF PROPER DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OPTIONS. ANYONE WITH SUGGESTIONS, ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS OF OPTIONS OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO CALL DAVIESS COUNTY LANDFILL (270) 229-4484
RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

You can always collect your household recyclables and take them to any of the drop off locations below free of charge. Please be sure to place only acceptable recyclables in the designated containers. Dumping unauthorized materials in or around containers may cause contamination and is considered illegal.

**Daviess County Landfill**- 7772 Hwy 815, Owensboro, KY
- Plastics #1 and #2, aluminum, steel, copper, brass metals, cardboard, automotive batteries, motor oil,
- Electronics, clothes, books, shoes.

**Daviess County Transfer Station**- 2129 Grimes Ave., Owensboro, KY
- Aluminum, steel, copper, brass metals, automotive batteries, motor oil, electronics, clothes, books, shoes.

**East Convenience Center**- 11027 Hwy 144, Philpot, KY
- Aluminum, steel, copper, brass metals, automotive batteries and motor oil.

**Owensboro Recycling Center**- 1401 W. 7th St., Owensboro, KY
- Plastics #1 and #2, aluminum cans, steel cans, cardboard, newspaper, phonebooks, magazines.
- Open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

**Appliance Recycling**
Daviess County Waste Facilities accepts certain items for free from the public year-round and recycles them. Acceptable items include: Cook stoves, clothes washing machines, clothes dryers, hot water heaters and most other non-refrigerant metal appliances.

**Plastic Bag Recycling**
Wal-Mart and Kroger company locations in Daviess County have receptacles for customers to drop off plastic grocery bags to be recycled. Please keep in mind that it is much more environmentally

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**Auto Recyclers**
The following businesses may offer compensation for the recycling of your junk vehicles. Give them a call today.

Lane’s Auto Salvage (270) 785-4488
Panther Motors & Auto Salvage (270) 785-4131
DNJ Auto Salvage (270) 684-2391
Grider’s Auto Salvage (270) 684-1373
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Prescription Drugs:

You can take your unwanted prescription drugs to drop off boxes at the following locations for proper disposal:

Daviess County Sheriff’s Department: For more information call (270) 685-8444

Owensboro City Police Department: For more information call (270) 687-8888

- **Pesticide Containers:**
  The KY Department of Agriculture offers a FREE (Rinse & Return) Pesticide Container Collection & Recycling Program located at the Daviess County Landfill. Call (270) 229-4484

- **Propane Tanks:**
  Tanks can be turned into cylinder exchange companies like Blue Rhino at local stores. Empty tanks can be accepted at waste facilities as long as the valve stem is completely removed from the tank.

- **Solvents:**
  Solvents, such as paint or thinner do not go bad. Allow the particulates to settle out, drain off the clear liquid. Mix the remainder with kitty litter, let dry and dispose in trash.

DIVISION FOR AIR QUALITY

**ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING**

**Home & Farm:**
- Animal Bedding, Grass Clippings,
- Hay, Agricultural Plastic,
- Muck Piles (horse manure/hay)

**Construction:**
- Asbestos Materials, Buildings
- Construction Debris, Demolition Debris,
- Renovation Debris, Drywall,
- Shingles

**Household Garbage:**
- Animal or Vegetable Matter, Cans
- Plastic, Glass,
- Coated paper products

**Wood Materials:**
- Fence Posts, Pallets, Sawdust, Wood Chips,
- Wood Mulch, Wood Shavings,
- Painted, Stained, or Pressure-Treated Wood,
- All wood building materials

**Miscellaneous:**
- Chemical Containers, Coated Wire,
- Insulation, Furniture,
- Carpeting, Rubber,
- Tires, Used Oil,
- Waste from Industries, Businesses, Schools,
- Churches and Farms

To report illegal burning activity, contact Air Quality
Phone: (270) 687-7304
or
Daviess County Fire Chief: Dwane Smeathers
Phone: (270) 685-8440

**LEGAL OPEN BURNING**

**Agriculture:**
- Plant Beds
- Tobacco Curing

**Land Management:** (Onsite Only)
- Leaves & Weeds
- Storm Debris (tree limbs)
- Natural Growth from Land Clearing
- Natural Land Management

**Construction Site Warming Fires:**
- Contained in 55 gallon drum (maximum)
- Clean lumber only
- Only when air temperature is below 50°

**Miscellaneous:**
- Camp Fires (cured/seasoned wood)
- Ceremonial Bonfires
- Cooking
- Uncoated Household Paper & Cardboard Products

**RESTRICTIONS**

**Fire Emergencies:** ALL open burning is prohibited when a fire emergency is declared.

**Fire Hazard Season:** From Oct. 1 - Dec. 15 and from Feb. 15 - Apr. 30, burning within 150 feet of any wood-land area is allowed only between 6 p.m. & 6 a.m.

**Common Sense Precautions**
- **Do not** burn within 50 feet of any structure.
- **Do not** burn near landfills.
- **Do not** burn near streams or sinkholes.
- **Do not** burn near utility lines.
- **Do not** burn on windy days.
WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL

When you purchase new tires for your automobile, you are also generating waste tires. In Kentucky, the disposal of these waste tires is regulated through a state program. That program requires retailers to collect a $1.00 fee for each tire purchased, which becomes part of a fund for managing waste tires in the state. In addition to that $1.00 fee, retailers will often add a small charge to dispose of the tires you leave behind. Even though it increases your expense, paying an additional fee to "leave it where you buy it" is the best disposal option for waste tires.

If you choose to take your waste tires home, you’ll also take home the responsibility for proper disposal. Kentucky’s regulations allow waste tires to be reused only for their original purpose or for an agricultural purpose. Any other waste tires you have must be taken to a permitted landfill that accepts tires, an incinerator registered with the waste tire program or a transporter or processor registered with the waste tire program. So keep it simple next time you buy new tires, and "leave it where you buy it". For more information about waste tire disposal, contact the Daviess County Landfill.

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

We’re sorry if you missed out or couldn’t make the Waste Tire Collection Event for 2015. Do you still have old tires lying around? Daviess County may help to dispose of them for FREE. Contact Mike Hamilton for more information.
(270) 229-4484 or e-mail mhamilton@daviessky.org

WASTE TIRE FACTS!

Waste tires pose an environmental and health risks through fire hazard and serving as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and snakes. Research has shown that mosquitoes breed 5,000 times faster in water that collects in old tires than in water that collects naturally in forests. Take the time to check your property of discarded tires, and be sure to properly dispose of any you have. Let’s all help keep Kentucky clean and healthy by proper tire disposal.
LITTER CONTROL & SPECIAL EVENTS

Litter is unhealthy, harmful and considered an intolerable blight. It affects our quality of life and creates a negative impression of our community. It also pollutes our land and water and is detrimental to wildlife. Litter is also expensive to remove- Kentucky spends millions of dollars every year cleaning up roadways. Doing your part helps keep your community healthy and clean!

Daviess County Solid Waste has a sustainable Trash for Cash program that was established in 2007. We donate a minimum of $100 to each non-profit group for every mile of roadway they clean. In 2015 Daviess County nonprofits picked up 444 miles of littered right-of-ways and removed 9.10 tons of trash from our roadway, that’s more than 2044 bags of trash! If you have an eligible group and would like to participate in our program, call the Daviess County Landfill at (270) 229-4484 or email Mike Hamilton at mhamilton@daviessky.org for more information.

Daviess County Detention Center also has a litter control program that helps ensure our roadways stay clean. Inmates pick up litter on a daily basis and cover much of Federal and State Highways. In 2014 inmates covered 212 miles and picked up more than 66,680 pounds of litter and tires from our roadways. This valuable Community Service Program allows eligible inmates to perform services for the community at no cost. Call the Daviess County Detention Center at (270) 685-8466 or e-mail Jailer David Osborne at dosborne@daviesscojail.org for more information.

COUNTY PROGRAMS

- March 1st - Trash for Cash (Start Date)
- March 4th - Paper Shredding Day @ Owensboro Sports Center. (10 am- 1pm)
- Free Computer & Electronics Recycling @ Daviess County Landfill & Transfer Station
- Free Clothing, Shoes & Book Recycling @ Daviess County Landfill & Transfer Station
- Free Disposal Day- TBA
- Free Rinse and Return Pesticide Recycling @ Daviess County Landfill
- September 9th - Paper Shredding Day @ Owensboro Sports Center. (10 am -1 pm)
- November 1st - Trash for Cash Applications for 2017, Website (daviessky.org)
- Mobile Recycling (270)-229-4484

CITY PROGRAMS

Owensboro Neighborhood Alliance Clean up
- April 4th - Apollo Area
- April 8th - Northwest Area
- April 11th - Mid Town Area
- April 25th - Wesleyan-Shawnee Area
- May 16th - Dugan-Best Neighborhood
- June 13th - Seven-Hills Neighborhood
- June 20th - Dogwood Azalea Area

MOBILE RECYCLING

- Do you have a recycling project or an event and don’t have a container to service your needs? Call Daviess County Landfill and ask us how we can loan you a recycling trailer at NO CHARGE. Contact Mike Hamilton at (270) 229-4484
YARD WASTE AND COMPOSTING

The Daviess County Landfill & Compost Facility recycles yard waste, garden and tree trimmings from the City of Owensboro, and surrounding communities. These materials are processed to create environmentally safe and beneficial composted soil amendments and mulches. Our facility diverts thousands of cubic yards of organic materials from the landfill each year.

Since September of 2007, the facility has diverted 19,369.71 tons of yard trimmings and 19,958.97 tons of biosolids from entering the landfill and is equivalent to 39,328.68 tons of landfill space saved. Today, the Compost Facility continues to be a great example of how Daviess County and Owensboro Reduces, Reuses and Recycles.

WHAT IS COMPOST?

Compost is dark crumbly humus like material high in organic matter and is the result of controlled biological decomposition of organic materials such as grass, leaves, food wastes, manures and biosolids (treated sewage sludge). While compost may resemble soil, it is used to improve the soil not replace it.

HOW IS COMPOST PRODUCED AT THE FACILITY?

Yard trimmings and biosolids are converted using a high technology aerated static pile composting system. High temperatures, greater than 132 Degrees Fahrenheit, are reached during the composting process. This destroys weed seeds and pathogenic, or disease causing, organisms. The finished product is a premium quality compost product, high in nutrients soil and plants need.

WHERE IS COMPOST SOLD?

Daviess County compost products are sold at the Daviess County Landfill & Compost Facility located at 7772 Hwy 815 Owensboro, KY. Retailers also carry our products. Daviess County has also been recognized for its compost products and practices. This has resulted in sales to businesses, farmers and residents. For more information contact Robbie Hocker at (270) 229-4484 or e-mail rhocker@daviessky.org

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Daviess County Property Maintenance Codes and the nuisance complaint form process are designed to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe commercial and residential structures, overgrown weeds, trash and rubbish, unlicensed and dismantled vehicles while ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, we ensure nuisances in the County meet minimum standards of safety and are less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and friends.

Your home or business is an investment. If a property does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. If you have an issue with your surrounding area and would like to file a complaint, contact Mike Hamilton at (270) 229-4484 or e-mail mhamilton@daviessky.org

You can download the complaint form yourself @ www.daviessky.org/departments/solidwaste.

DAVIESS COUNTY TIPPING FEE WAIVER

Daviess County Fiscal Court has a tipping fee waiver policy to encourage community wide cleanup events and to assist other community organizations in humanitarian efforts. Organized environmental cleanups and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for a 75% reduction charge or 100% waiver. For more information contact David Smith at (270) 685-8424 or e-mail dsmith@daviessky.org
DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Daviess County Public Works is dedicated to building a better community and is responsible to maintain our infrastructure that is reflected in areas such as emergency management and safety, storm water management, street/road repair and maintenance. These systems protect the health and safety of our citizens and help maintain the quality of life we enjoy in the Daviess County.

Daviess County Engineering uses best management practices on signs and speed limit applications that aid your daily commute. Signs are a means to communicate all types of information to the public. Whether it is the location of a bus stop, a street name, the speed limit, for traffic control or to identify the location of certain areas, signs are necessary communication devices. For more information or to find answers to your questions, contact Daviess County Engineer Mark Brasher at (270) 685-8456 or e-mail mbrasher@daviessky.org

Below are services provided by Daviess County Public Works Department:

- Mosquito Control Applications
- Debris Removal
- Entry Pipe and Culvert Installation
- Snow and Ice Removal

For more information on the listed services contact Allen Isbill at (270) 685-8456 or e-mail aisbill@daviessky.org