

Ashtabula County Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan Summary

Introduction

The Ashtabula County Solid Waste District (District) is submitting its updated Solid Waste Management Plan to all cities, villages and townships in Ashtabula County for approval. This approval process, also known as ratification, is the final step before the District seeks approval from Ohio EPA to implement this new plan.

The following executive summary of the solid waste plan has been created for the elected officials within Ashtabula County to demonstrate how the District's solid waste plan benefits each community. The District offers a wide variety of programs and initiatives that offer real value to its counties and communities.

The District's new solid waste plan includes the following programming: Curbside Recycling, Recycling Drop-off Program, Yard Waste Management, Household Hazardous Waste Management Program, Lead-Acid Battery Management, Scrap Tire Collection, County Office Building and School Recycling, Small Business Recycling Assistance, Parks and Recreation Recycling, Pay-As-You-Throw Technical Assistance, Recycling Transfer Station, Waste Assessments/Audits, Recycling Grants and a Business and Industry Recycling Guide



Recycling Programs

The District offers numerous recycling collection programs designed to divert as much solid waste from landfills as possible: The programs include:

- 2 Curbside Recycling Program – **158 tons recycled**
- 3 Drop-off Recycling Programs – **132 tons recycled**
- **19 New drop-off sites to be sited in 2018**
- **New HHW collection program to be operated annually starting in 2018**
- 7 Yard Waste Management Operations – **8,899 tons recycled**
- Scrap Tire Recycling – **1,477 tons recycled**
- Commercial Recycling – **1,863 tons recycled**
- Industrial Recycling – **14,612 tons recycled**



Residential/Commercial/Industrial Grant Programs



- Ohio EPA Community Development Grants
- Ohio EPA Scrap Tire Grants
- Curbside Recycling Launch Grant
– **up to \$3,000 Budgeted in New Planning Period**
- Community Clean-up Grants
– **\$50,000 Budgeted in New Planning Period**

Residential/Commercial Education and Awareness Programs

- Numerous education presentations, promotions and events conducted.

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Solid Waste Disposal Capacity



This demonstration is one of the fundamental requirements of the solid waste plan. The District conducted a regional capacity analysis that has demonstrated that there is enough disposal capacity for all of the solid waste generated by residents and businesses for the entire planning period.



Goals

The District meets or exceeds all of the State Solid Waste Management Plan goals as required by Ohio EPA with the implementation of the new solid waste plan. The District will demonstrate that over 90% of the population the County has access to recycling such as curbside and drop-off programs.

Financing the Plan

The District currently funds plan programs and current operations through a Tiered Disposal fees collected at the landfills in the District. The disposal fees are \$2.00 per ton on every ton of solid waste generated in the District, \$4.00 per ton for solid waste accepted from out of the District but in the State of Ohio and \$2.00 per ton for out of state solid waste. The Commissioners recently approved and County Auditor certified an additional funding mechanism called rates and charges which applies a \$5.00 annual charge to all improved parcels in the District. The District is not projecting any increase in the disposal fees throughout the planning period (2018-2032).

Your Community's Responsibility



Each community in Ashtabula County will be asked to approve the solid waste plan starting in 2017 and into 2018. The process requires each community to:

- Review a copy of the plan
- Act on the plan within 90 days (October 16, 2017 – January 13, 2018) and
- Submit a copy of the resolution or legislation to the District.

Failure to act on the plan is considered by the State of Ohio to be a negative vote.

What if the Plan is Not Ratified?

If local ratification does not occur, the Director of Ohio EPA is required, by state statute, to prepare a plan for the District and order the District to implement the state's plan. This could negatively affect the District because local control of our plan would be relinquished to Ohio EPA.

The plan you will vote on was developed through a local planning process and contains the recommendations, programs and initiatives from the District's Policy Committee. These programs and initiatives will provide for a cost effective and environmentally safe solid waste system for the District and will expand recycling opportunities and increase recycling participation. The District urges communities to learn more about this plan in order to make an informed decision.

For more information, contact the District at (440) 576-3825 or visit online at www.ashtabulacounty.us/recycling